

Scorpion Softball Team 3-0 In Conference

BY DOUG RUTTER
North Brunswick's softball team continued its winning ways last week, picking up a pair of victories to improve its record to 8-1 overall and 3-0 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference.

The Lady Scorpions pounded East Bladen 18-3 in conference action last Thursday in Elizabethtown. North Brunswick was a 10-4 winner over visiting South Brunswick last Tuesday.

At East Bladen, North Brunswick's Tonya Edge powered the offense with a 3-for-4 day at the plate and a home run.

Winning pitcher Cindy Holt also went 3-for-4, while Kim Ganey was 2-for-3 and Ashley Burton hit a home run.

In the South Brunswick game, Regina McKoy, Christy Register and Edge were each 2-for-3 to lead the Lady Scorpions past the county rival Lady Cougars.

McKoy and Burton each had home runs for North Brunswick. Holt was the winning pitcher.

North Brunswick's girls were scheduled to host Whiteville Tuesday before traveling to Shallotte Thursday for a game with county and conference foe West Brunswick.

The Lady Scorpions will compete in the Hoggard High School Boosters Club Tournament April 16 and 17 in Wilmington.

The Lady Scorpions opened Waccamaw Conference play March 29 with a 9-5 victory over visiting West Columbus. Holt, Register and Wendy Ganey had two hits apiece to lead North.

North Brunswick's 3-0 start in the Waccamaw Conference came on the heels of a successful non-conference campaign for the Lady Scorpions. Two weeks ago, North split a non-conference doubleheader at Hoggard after beating New Hanover in Leland.

The Lady Scorpions won the first game of the doubleheader 9-8, getting three hits each from McKoy and Register. Burton also had two hits, including the game-winning RBI.

In the nightcap, the 4-A Lady Vikings posted a 12-4 victory to hand North its only defeat of the season. Melissa Raymer had three hits, and Helen Burney and Brandi Wiggins had two RBI each to lead the hosts.



NORTH BRUNSWICK'S CINDY HOLT has pitched the Lady Scorpions to a 3-0 start in the Waccamaw Conference and an 8-1 record overall.

On March 23, North's Holt pitched the Lady Scorpions to a 12-3 win over visiting New Hanover. Edge had two hits, including a home run, and Patricia Dunn also added two hits for North.



SOUTH BRUNSWICK'S DUSTY HOLLAND takes a cut during last Tuesday's 10-4 loss at North Brunswick. Catching for the Lady Scorpions is Wendy Ganey.

North's Bell Rattles Cougars In Baseball Conference Opener

BY DOUG RUTTER
North Brunswick's Demetrius Bell pitched 6 1/3 no-hit innings and had two hits to lead the Scorpions to a 3-2 win over South Brunswick last Tuesday in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference baseball opener for both clubs.

Although wild at times, the senior left-hander recorded seven strike outs before being relieved by Jared McGee, who picked up the last two outs to help the Scorpions to their first win of the season.

North Brunswick improved to 1-2 with the combined no-hitter, while South Brunswick fell to 0-5. It was a frustrating game for the Cougars, who had three runners picked off and left six men on base.

Scorpion Coach Wes Coward was happy with his team's effort. "I think our bats are starting to wake up. I was pleased since this was our first conference game after seven or eight days off."

Coward had planned to let Bell pitch six innings before bringing in a reliever. But the first-year coach let his lefty take the mound to start the seventh inning since he was working on a no-hitter.

"I know Bell pitched good for us last year in high school and Legion ball. I wasn't expecting him to go as far as he did," Coward said. "I was impressed with his tenacity. I was ecstatic he went as far as he did."

South Brunswick took a 1-0 lead in the third inning after Bell walked the first two batters and was later called for a balk to give the Cougars runners at second and third with no outs.

Following an infield fly, South third baseman Steve Zakzeski scored from third on a fielder's choice. However, Jason Bracey was gunned out running from second to third to end the inning.

The Scorpions tied the score in the fourth. McGee reached base on a fielder's choice, stole second and scored on a two-out single by center fielder Adrian Black.

North added two more runs with a two-out rally in the fifth inning. Bell tripled to the right-field fence and second baseman Jeremy Child followed with an RBI double to right-center.

Child scored on McGee's drive to deep center field that was dropped by South Brunswick's Lewis Vaught. North Brunswick's 3-1 lead held up until the final inning.

South's Eric McMahan walked to lead off the bottom of the seventh, advanced to second base on a wayward pickoff attempt and later scored on an infield throwing error.

With one out and runners at first and second, North's McGee moved from shortstop to pitcher and picked up the save with a strike out and ground ball back to the mound.

Coach Coward was confident McGee would hold the lead. "Jared's forte is to come in in the late innings in tight situations. That's what he likes. Jared did like I thought he would. He shut them down."

South Brunswick, which suffered its third one-run loss of the season, had every chance to win the game.

Bell walked the leadoff hitter in the last five innings and issued nine walks in the game. South responded with lackluster hitting and base-running blunders.

"When you get three runners picked off first base what can you do?" Cougar Coach Jack Brown asked.

"We just beat ourselves," he added. "If we get a couple of hits it's a different ball game. Two or three innings we had it in the palm of our hand and couldn't capitalize."

Brown praised the effort of South Brunswick pitcher Brett Tabor, who went the distance for the Cougars. The right-hander yielded six hits while striking out nine Scorpion batters.

Seniors Dwaine Betts and Gary Wright were among four people killed in an accident early Friday morning on U.S. 74 in Robeson County.

West Brunswick's varsity baseball and softball games against West Columbus scheduled for Tuesday also were canceled. They will be made up later in the season.

Betts was a standout on the West Columbus basketball team last season, when the Vikings advanced to the state playoffs for the first time since 1986.

TORNADOES BLOWN AWAY Lady Trojans Dodge South Robeson Bullets

BY DOUG RUTTER
West Brunswick's softball team dodged several bullets and managed to hang on a 7-5 win over visiting South Robeson last Friday in Waccamaw 2-A Conference action.

South Robeson threatened to snap the Lady Trojans' four-game winning streak, but missed several great chances to score while West's girls did just enough to win.

The Lady Mustangs left the bases loaded in the third, lost a run on an appeal play in the fifth and failed to score in the sixth after having runners on second and third with no outs.

"Thank God for small favors," West Brunswick Coach Tracey James said following the game. "We were fortunate to get out with a win."

South Robeson jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but West responded with two runs on three hits in the bottom of the first.

After getting out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the third, West took the lead for good in the bottom half of the inning. Michelle Long slapped a leadoff triple to right field and scored on Yarbi Lemon's sacrifice fly.

The Lady Trojans bumped their lead to 4-2 in the fourth on three straight singles by Madonna Gause, Patti Clemmons and Kaneka Grissett. Gause scored on Grissett's base hit.

South Robeson got one run back in the top of the fifth inning, but the potential tying run was wiped out when a Mustang runner left third base too soon on a fly ball to center field.

The runner crossed home plate, but West Brunswick appealed the play at third base and the run was disallowed.

West Brunswick added to its 4-3 lead in the bottom of the fifth, scoring two runs when a ground ball rolled through the South Robeson shortstop's legs into left field.

The Lady Mustangs trimmed the lead to 6-4 in the sixth, but missed a golden opportunity for more runs. With one run in, South Robeson had runners on second and third with no outs.

West Brunswick pitcher Jenny Judah got out of the jam with a ground out to catcher Emily Gore, pop fly to first baseman Lena Janeda and another fly ball to third baseman Jessica Winfree.

The Lady Trojans added an insurance run in the home half of the sixth. Gause reached base on an error, moved to third on Clemmons' base hit and scored on another Mustang error.

South Robeson scored once in the seventh and got a runner to third base before Winfree snagged a line drive for the game's final out.

Coach James said the Lady Trojans aren't playing consistent, but that's to be expected because of their youth and inexperience.

"We were not ready to play today," James said. "When we get mentally tough it'll all fall together. When you can win them like this you've got something going."

West Brunswick (2-0, 5-1) was scheduled to play Tuesday at West Columbus. The Lady Trojans host North Brunswick (3-0, 8-1) Thursday in an intra-county contest between two teams off to fast starts.

West Beats Fairmont
West Brunswick opened Waccamaw Conference softball play last Tuesday with a 17-5 home win over Fairmont's Golden Tornadoes.

"We had 20 hits in five innings and we hit the ball as good as I've seen us hit it," Coach James said. "Everybody had a base hit and we played excellent defense."

Catherine Bell, Gore, Judah and Clemmons each went 3-for-3 and accounted for 12 of West's 17 runs. Bell had two home runs, while Judah and Clemmons hit one homer each.

"It's always good to open the conference with a win," James added. "Fairmont just never was in the ball game. We took them out of it early and they never got back in it."

West Brunswick's game with league foe Whiteville was rained out for the second time last Wednesday. The game at Whiteville has been re-scheduled for April 27.

"Thank God for small favors. We were fortunate to get out with a win."

—Coach Tracey James

SCORPS WIN AGAIN McBride Tosses One-Hitter

North Brunswick's Casey McBride tossed a one-hitter to lead the Scorpions to a 7-0 victory over East Bladen Friday in Waccamaw 2-A Conference baseball action in Leland.

Robert Hewett was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI as the Scorpions improved to 2-0 in the Waccamaw Conference and 2-2 overall.

Jared McGee was 2-for-4 with two doubles and a pair of RBI, and Demetrius Bell hit a home run for

North Brunswick. Coach Wes Coward's Scorpions scored four runs in the second inning and added three more in the sixth.

North Brunswick finished with nine hits, and committed no errors on defense to back up McBride's fine pitching performance.

North Brunswick was scheduled to continue conference play Tuesday at Whiteville. The Scorpions will compete in the Sea Shell Invitational high school baseball tournament next week in Wilmington.

Dairy Queen

WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF "DAIRY QUEEN"™

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

Banana Split \$2.39
Regular Price \$2.95
(Expires April 14)

Serving real ice cream and fresh fruit topping since 1950.
Shallotte Plaza • Shallotte • 754-2545

ROBINSON'S FLEA MARKET and ROBINSON'S SEAFOOD MARKET

ARE NOW OPEN EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8 A.M. UNTIL...

SPACES FOR RENT

2 COVERED BUILDINGS • 40 TABLES • 5 ENCLOSED SPACES

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY

CALL 842-5361 OR 842-2080 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Under the Holden Beach Bridge

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION HOME OWNERS

FHA Title 1/Loan Program has set aside up to \$25,000 for homeowners in this area. This money is available to qualified homeowners for all types of home improvements and remodeling. There are NO equity requirements for you to qualify for this program. This FHA Program WILL NOT affect your current mortgage.

HURRY! CALL TODAY FOR DETAILS!

1-800-847-0296

Call this toll free number today for your complimentary estimate. Why wait any longer? Get your home remodeling done now and enjoy it for years to come with an affordable F.H.A. Title 1 Loan. These loans require small monthly payments.

Quality Work • Quality Materials • No Down Payment
Roofing, siding, insulation, central heating & air, windows, room additions, kitchen & bath remodeling, any type of home improvement.

SOUTH BRUNSWICK MEDICAL GROUP

Gary D. Ross, M.D. (Internal Medicine)
Samuel W. Kirtley, M.D. (Family Practice)

For Complete Outpatient Medical Care
Routine Health Maintenance
Adult Medical Concerns/Pediatrics
Women's Concerns
(Pap Smears/Contraception)
Laboratory & X-Ray Facilities
For Complete Minor Emergency Care

Express CARE

Located off Hwy. 17 at Union School Road
Open Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M. to 6 P.M., Sat. 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
579-9955 or 579-0800

©1992 THE BRUNSWICK BEACON