



NORTH BRUNSWICK'S REGINA MCKOY runs to third base while West's Yarbi Lemon (7) waits for a throw from the outfield. STAFF PHOTOS BY DOUG RUTTER

IN WACCAMAW SOFTBALL

North Brunswick Slams West Lady Trojans 17-3

BY DOUG RUTTER

North Brunswick's softball team sent a resounding message to the rest of the Waccamaw 2-A Conference last week—the Lady Scorpions are for real.

Tonya Edge had three hits, including a two-run home run, to lead North's girls to an impressive 17-3 win over defending league champion West Brunswick Friday in Shallotte.

Regina McKoy, Michelle Bennett, Wendy Ganey, Kim Ganey and Cindy Holt had two hits apiece for the Lady Scorpions, who recorded 20 hits in the six-inning game.

With the win, North Brunswick improved to 5-0 in the Waccamaw Conference and 10-1 overall. West's Lady Trojans fell to 3-1 in conference play and 5-2 overall.

Trailing 3-1, North Brunswick took the lead for good with five runs in the top of the third inning. The Lady Scorpions added another five-spot in the fourth and tallied six runs in the sixth.

In the third, North scored five runs on five hits. The big blows were a two-run double by Bennett and a two-run single by Wendy Ganey. Patricia Dunn also tripled and scored.

The Lady Scorpions picked up five more hits and took advantage of three West Brunswick errors to increase their lead to 11-3 in the bottom of the fourth.

Two runs scored on an outfield throwing error, and Edge followed with a two-run homer to left field.

After a scoreless fifth, North Brunswick exploded for six more runs in the sixth. After two ground outs, North pounded out seven straight hits capped by Holt's two-run home run.

West Brunswick held a 3-1 lead after two innings. Kaneka Grissett



LENA JANEDA takes a cut during West Brunswick's softball game Friday. Visiting North Brunswick won 17-3 to stay unbeaten in league play.

led off the second with a double and scored on Michelle Long's base hit. The Lady Trojans scored two runs in the first on Jenny Judah's triple to left field.

North Brunswick had scored one run in the top of the first. McKoy singled and hustled home from second base on a fly ball out to center field.

In Waccamaw Conference action last Wednesday, North Brunswick recorded a 9-8, extra-inning win over visiting Whiteville.

Ashley Burton's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth sent home

the winning run for the Lady Scorpions. Christy Register, Edge and Bennett had three hits apiece to pace North. Edge and McKoy each had a home run.

North Brunswick is scheduled to compete in the Hoggard High School Booster Club Tournament Friday and Saturday in Wilmington. The Lady Scorpions resume conference play next Tuesday against visiting South Robeson.

West Brunswick travels to Elizabethtown next Tuesday for a game with East Bladen. The Lady Trojans host South Brunswick next Friday.

COUGARS LOSE BIG

West, North Win Seashell Openers

West Brunswick and North Brunswick won their opening games Monday in the Seashell Invitational baseball tournament at Hardee Field in Wilmington.

The Trojans blew a four-run lead but defeated Hoggard 10-8 in 10 innings, while the Scorpions cruised to a 7-0 win over Jacksonville.

South Brunswick was 16-1 loser to Laney. In the final first-round game, New Hanover was a 5-3 winner over Marion, S.C.

West Brunswick was scheduled to face New Hanover's Wildcats Tuesday night in second-round action, while North Brunswick had a date with Laney.

South Brunswick and Jackson-

ville were expected to meet, and Hoggard was matched up against Marion in other Tuesday games. The Easter break tournament was expected to conclude Wednesday with afternoon games at 1, 4 and 7.

On Monday, West Brunswick's Bryan Fleming knocked in the winning run in the top of the 10th inning with a sacrifice fly.

Coach Mike Alderson's Trojans led 5-1 after four innings. But the 4-A Vikings rallied with three runs in the fifth and three more in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score at 7-7 and send the game into extra innings.

Both clubs scored one run in the ninth, and West Brunswick scored two in the 10th to post its seventh straight win.

In other first-round action, North Brunswick rode the arm of Casey McBride to a 7-0 win over 4-A Jacksonville.

The sophomore right-hander struck out 10 as he tossed his second straight one-hitter. McBride also one-hit East Bladen in a 7-0 win April 2.

Demetrius Bell was 3-for-4 with a triple and home run, and Jared McGee also went 3-for-4 with a double and triple. Paul Mintz belted a two-run home run for the Scorpions.

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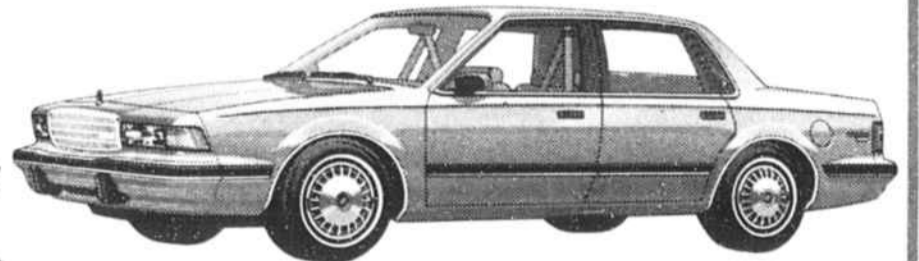
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