

SPORTING SCENE

**Here Comes Big Phil;
Move The Fences Back**

West Brunswick High made a very good showing in the Waccamaw Conference track and field championships last Wednesday in Shallotte.

There was no doubt that Whiteville and West Columbus were going to battle for the league title. They have more participation in track than the other conference schools and some very good athletes to boot.

But the home team did well, placing third in the girls' competition and fourth in the boys' and winning a total of nine events.

West Brunswick senior Irene Johnson was by far the class of the girls' field, winning the long jump, triple jump and 200-meter run. She also ran a leg on West's winning 800-meter relay team.

Other stars for the West girls were Catherine Bell and Christy Thorpe, who tied for first in the discus event. Bell later burned everyone in the 100-meter dash.

Among the highlights for the Trojan boys was a stunning, come-from-behind victory in the 3200-meter relay. Calvin Reeves continued his recent dominance in the triple jump, easily beating the pack by 26 inches.

But perhaps the most memorable moment from last week's meet was Philip Johnson's final toss in the discus competition.

An awesome sight with or without a discus in hand, Big Phil created quite a stir when his discus hit the top of the fence surrounding the track and field area.

The official distance was 156 feet, 10 inches. But everyone who witnessed the toss knows it would have gone 165 or 170 feet if that fence hadn't been in the way.

No matter, Philip still won the event with plenty of room to spare. That sturdy, chain link fence had probably contained just about every discus ever thrown at West Brunswick before Philip came along.

Philip, Irene and a few other West Brunswick track and field athletes have a good shot at placing high at the regional and state championships over the next two weeks. Stay tuned to see how they do.

Doug Rutter
Sports Editor



CATHERINE BELL (center) won the 100-meter dash to help carry West Brunswick's girls to a third-place finish in last week's Waccamaw Conference track and field championships. STAFF PHOTOS BY DOUG RUTTER

TWO WEST ATHLETES HONORED

Whiteville Sweeps Conference Track Meet

BY DOUG RUTTER

The Whiteville boys and girls track teams held off strong challenges from West Columbus to win Waccamaw 2-A Conference championships last Wednesday at the West Brunswick track.

Whiteville's boys edged the defending state champion West Columbus Vikings 175 to 167. In the girls' competition, Whiteville got past West Columbus 120.5 to 107.

Host West Brunswick finished third in the girls and fourth in the boys. Leading the Trojans were Philip Johnson and Irene Johnson, who were recognized as the most outstanding male and female athletes in the field events.

Irene Johnson placed first in the long jump, triple jump and 200-meter dash and was a member of West's winning 800-meter relay team. Philip Johnson won the discus and finished third in the shot put.

Honored as most outstanding in the running events were Whiteville's Anthony Southern and Fairmont's Angela Abrams. Southern won the 100-meter dash and took second in the 200. Abrams won the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs.

Finishing behind Whiteville and West Columbus in the boys' standings were North Brunswick with 63 points, West Brunswick with 61, South Brunswick with 50, East Bladen with 23 and Fairmont with 12. South Robeson did not score.

West Brunswick's girls had 90 points to place third. They were followed by South Brunswick with 76.5, Fairmont with 47, and North Brunswick and East Bladen with 38 each. South Robeson didn't enter the girls' competition.

Besides Irene Johnson, other female winners for West Brunswick were Catherine Bell and Christy Thorpe, who tied for first in the discus. Bell also won the 100-meter dash and placed third in the 200-meter run. Elizabeth Detrie finished second in the 3200-meter run.

Philip Johnson's win in the discus was one of one of three wins posted by the West Brunswick boys. Senior Calvin Reeves won the triple jump, placed fourth in the long jump and sixth in the high jump.



CHRIS BROWN ran the anchor leg for West Brunswick's winning 3200-meter relay team. Other members were Timmy Vaught, Bobby Barnes and Greg Hewett.

The Trojans also won the 3200-meter relay, edging county rival South Brunswick in 9:02.22. The relay team was comprised of Timmy Vaught, Bobby Barnes, Greg Hewett and Chris Brown.

Steve Holmes placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.32, just .13 seconds behind Southern's winning time. Vaught

was second in the 1600-meter run. North Brunswick's boys, recent winners of a third straight county track title, picked up just one win in the conference meet. North's girls also won one event. South's girls won two events and the Cougar boys won one.

Whiteville High will host the regional track and field championships this Saturday. State championships will be May 21 for the girls and May 22 for the boys in Chapel Hill.

BOYS RESULTS

Shot put: Simpson (EB), 48-4 3/4; Discus: Johnson (WB), 156-10; Long jump: Mack (WC), 21-9 1/2; Triple jump: Reeves (WB), 44-6; High jump: Frink (WC), 6-6; Pole vault: Crowder (NB), 10-6; 400-meter run: Mack (WC), 51.22; 110-meter hurdles: Ward (WC), 15.31; 100-meter dash: Southern (W), 11.19; 300-meter hurdles: Ward (WC), 41.09; 1600-meter run: Britt (W), 5:00.10; 800-meter run: Young (WC), 2:12.94; 200-meter run: Mack (WC), 22.94; 3200-meter run: Stone (SB), 11:19.55; 3200-meter relay: WB, 9:02.22; 800-meter relay: W, 1:34.97; 400-meter relay: W, 45.47; 1600-meter relay: WC, 3:40.12.

GIRLS RESULTS

Shot put: Godfrey (EB), 31-10 1/4; Discus: Bell (WB) and Thorpe (WB), 103-10; Long jump: Johnson (WB), 15-10; Triple jump: Johnson (WB), 34-3; High jump: Campbell (W), 4-8; 400-meter run: Singletary (W), 1:10.93; 100-meter hurdles: Adams (WC), 19.25; 100-meter dash: Bell (WB), 12.91; 300-meter hurdles: Adams (WC), 53.03; 1600-meter run: Abrams (F), 6:01.38; 800-meter run: Knight (SB), 2:45.29; 200-meter run: Johnson (WB), 28.75; 3200-meter run: Abrams (F), 13:19.46; 3200-meter relay: F, 12:07.53; 800-meter relay: WB, 1:59.66; 400-meter relay: NB, 55.56; 1600-meter relay: SB, 4:47.5.

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