

# This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, MAY 13

- North Brunswick hosts West Brunswick in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick at Fairmont in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Lockwood Folly Township Park: Letties Grove vs. New Britton, 7 p.m.; Supply Baptist vs. Emanuel Outreach, 8 p.m.; Camp Methodist vs. Soldier Bay, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

- Regional high school boys tennis championships will be today and Saturday at UNC-Wilmington.
- North Brunswick hosts West Brunswick in softball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts Fairmont in softball doubleheader, 5 p.m.
- West Brunswick hosts North Brunswick in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts Fairmont in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Township Park: Ocean View vs. Shallotte First, 7 p.m.; Friendship Baptist vs. Supply Baptist, 8 p.m.; Seaside Methodist vs. Jennies Branch, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

- Regional high school track and field championships will be held today at Whiteville High School.
- Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League: Shell Point vs. Supply, 7 p.m.; Calvary vs. Soldier Bay, 8 p.m.; Jennies Branch vs. Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands, 9 p.m., at Lockwood Folly Township Park. Faith vs. Mount Olive, 7 p.m.; Southport A vs. Town Creek, 8 p.m.; Oak Island-Bethel vs. Southport B, 9 p.m., at Smithville Township Park.

MONDAY, MAY 17

- West Brunswick hosts East Bladen in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick at South Robeson in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick at Whiteville in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Township Park: Emanuel Outreach vs. Calvary Baptist, 7 p.m.; Old Shallotte vs. Dixon Chapel, 8 p.m.; New Britton vs. Mount Olive, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

- West Brunswick hosts East Bladen in softball, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick at South Robeson in softball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick at Whiteville in softball, 5 p.m.
- West Brunswick at East Bladen in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- North Brunswick hosts South Robeson in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts Whiteville in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Lockwood Folly Township Park: Letties Grove vs. Zion Baptist, 7 p.m.; Jennies Branch vs. Soldier Bay, 8 p.m.; Dixon Chapel vs. Ocean View, 9 p.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list a sporting activity call 754-6890 or write to Doug Rutter, *The Brunswick Beacon*, P.O. Box 2558, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

## Mount Olive Grabs First In Men's Softball League

Mount Olive slammed Camp Methodist 28-2 last Thursday to take over sole possession of first place in the north division of the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League.

North division co-leader Jennies Branch suffered an 11-6 loss to Supply Baptist Thursday to fall into second place. Jennies Branch rebounded Monday night with a 25-10 win over Old Shallotte.

In the south division, first-place Emanuel Outreach was idle last week. Ocean View pulled to within a half game of first with an 11-6 victory over Camp Methodist Monday and a 17-2 victory over Zion Baptist Friday.

Seaside Methodist also won twice last week to even its record at 3-3. Seaside defeated Friendship Baptist 9-8 Friday, three days after pounding Old Shallotte 25-8.

Shallotte First has won three games in the past week to improve to 4-4 on the season. Shallotte First

beat Soldier Bay 7-2, creamed Dixon Chapel 20-4 and thumped Letties Grove 16-1.

In the only other game last week, Calvary Baptist was a 14-3 winner over Dixon Chapel.

### Men's Church Softball Standings Through May 10

SOUTH DIVISION			
Team	Wins	Losses	
Emanuel Outreach	7	0	
Ocean View	7	1	
Friendship Baptist	4	3	
Seaside Methodist	3	3	
New Britton	2	4	
Soldier Bay	2	5	
Zion Baptist	0	3	
Old Shallotte	0	7	
NORTH DIVISION			
Team	Wins	Losses	
Mount Olive	6	1	
Jennies Branch	6	2	
Supply Baptist	5	2	
Calvary Baptist	4	3	
Shallotte First	4	4	
Letties Grove	3	4	
Camp Methodist	2	6	
Dixon Chapel	0	7	



THE COASTAL CLIPPERS include (kneeling, from left) Anthony Moody, Brandon Hill, (first row, from left) Derek Frink, Chase Inman, Ricky Hill, Tony Hewett, (back row, from left) Darrell Elmore, Jamal Stanley, Timothy Daniels, Ty Brown and assistant coach Mike Stanley. The team is coached by Rahn Adams.

## Area Hoops Team Competes In Cary Tourney

The Coastal Clippers of Shallotte participated in the Cary Knights All-Star Basketball Shootout Friday and Saturday in Cary.

Sanctioned by Youth Basketball of America (YBOA), the round-robin tournament for players age 17 and under showcased 16 teams from as far away as Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Augusta, Ga.

Other entries included all-star YBOA squads from the Raleigh, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville and Myrtle Beach, S.C., areas. More than 50 games were played Friday through Sunday at Cary Senior High School and East Cary Middle School.

Coached by Rahn Adams of Ocean Isle Beach, the Coastal Clippers consisted of West

Brunswick High School students Anthony Moody, Timothy Daniels, Ty Brown, Tony Hewett, Brandon Hill, Darrell Elmore, Derek Frink, Ricky Hill, Jamal Stanley and Chase Inman.

The Clippers were eliminated from the tournament Saturday afternoon in a 74-72 overtime loss to the Charlotte Royals.

Against Charlotte, the Clippers erased a 10-point deficit in the first half and went on to lead by as many as six points in the fourth quarter before the Royals rallied to tie the score at 70 in the final minute of regulation.

The Clippers fell short in overtime as front-court standouts Daniels and Brown both were sidelined by leg cramps.

"I'm extremely proud of the whole team's ef-

forts all weekend," Adams said after the tournament. "Even though we were out-matched in size and experience, our young men improved with each game and played solid team ball, especially against a fine Charlotte team."

In other tournament games, the Clippers lost to Jacksonville Beach, 107-65, Friday night, then fell to Walnut Cove (Winston-Salem), 61-54, Saturday morning.

Daniels led the Clippers with a 21.6-point average for the three games, including a 28-point effort against Charlotte, followed by Moody with a 16-point average.

Other three-game scoring averages included Brown, 9; Frink, 6.3; Hewett, 5.6; R. Hill, 2.6; B. Hill, 1.3; Elmore, 1; Stanley, 0.3; Inman, 0.

## West Brunswick Basketball Coach Fired

BY DOUG RUTTER

West Brunswick boys' basketball coach Billy Mims was fired last week following a second straight losing season and the third in his five years at the high school.

Principal Ed Lemon confirmed the firing Monday. Lemon hopes to find an experienced, successful coach to restore the once-strong basketball tradition at West Brunswick.

"The feeling is the basketball program is pretty down and doesn't seem to be moving at all and it might be appropriate to change leadership," Lemon said Monday afternoon.

Mims said he's leaving the coaching position with his head high and his mind set on achieving other goals. "Nothing lasts forever. I did the very best I could possibly do with what I had."

West Brunswick was 7-7 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference and 8-16 overall last season. In five years at West, Mims' coaching record was 55-66. The Trojans were 6-16, 16-9, 21-6, 4-19 and 8-16 under Mims.

Lemon met with Mims and junior varsity basketball coach Chris Sanders last Wednesday. "The decision was we should start over with new leadership in the basketball department," Lemon said.

Mims said Lemon's decision caught him off guard. "I'm not bitter. I'm disappointed, but I'm not bitter. I was honored to serve this community as basketball coach as long as I have."

Mims said he's thankful for the opportunity he had as coach. "I feel good about some of the things I've accomplished. I'm not going to hang my head low because I know I've done a good job."

For now, Mims plans to remain at West Brunswick as a health and physical education

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teacher. He is not ruling out moving to another school in the future to coach basketball.

"Right now my plan is to become teacher of the year at West Brunswick High School," he said. "I will put the same amount of energy into teaching as I did into coaching."

"I'm not dying to leave just because I'm not coaching," he added. "There are a lot of good people here in Brunswick County."

Mims said he will leave West if a good coaching job opens up elsewhere. "I'm going to coach somewhere else. I'm an outstanding coach and I know I am."

At West Brunswick, Mims established mandatory study halls for players, arranged pre-game meals, organized a youth league, and took kids to team camps and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) tournaments in the off season.

"I'm going out with my head high. I think the positive things I've done have far outweighed the negative," Mims said.

West Brunswick's best seasons under Mims were the 1989-90 and 1990-91 campaigns—the junior and senior seasons of superstar Ricky Daniels. The Trojans were 37-15 those two years.

Without Daniels, who will play at N.C. State University next year, West Brunswick was 12-35 the last two years. "We haven't been very competitive other than when Ricky was playing," Lemon said.

Mims said West Brunswick's success in football hurt the basketball program the last two years because several key players missed a lot of pre-season practice.

Lemon said Monday he doesn't have new basketball coach in mind and doesn't know when one will be named.

"That takes a little bit of time, like it did last summer," Lemon said, referring to the hiring of Jim Brett as athletic director and head football coach. "We would like to find an experienced and successful mentor."

Lemon said he hasn't been contacted by any coaches interested in taking the job. "When your program hasn't been very competitive you don't get a whole lot of that. We've had none of that."

Lemon said he thinks coaches will be attracted to the area, but might not jump at the job because of West Brunswick's record in recent years.

The principal hopes to hire a new coach who can improve a basketball program that has had back-to-back losing seasons for only the second time in school history.

West Brunswick High opened in 1972 and had 13 straight winning seasons, including a state championship season in 1975. The school has enjoyed only three winning seasons since 1985.

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