

Lady Scorpions Close In On WC Softball Title

North Brunswick clinched at least a share of the Waccamaw 2-A Conference softball championship last week with a pair of victories over Whiteville and West Brunswick.

The Lady Scorpions also have clinched a state playoff berth. At 10-1 in the Waccamaw and 17-3 overall, they're in a good position to win the league title outright this week.

North had three games scheduled this week, starting with a trip to South Robeson on Tuesday. The Lady Scorpions will end the regular season Friday at home with a doubleheader against Fairmont.

North needs just one win in the final three games to win the conference. Whiteville entered the week in second place at 8-4. West Brunswick and West Columbus were tied for third at 7-5.

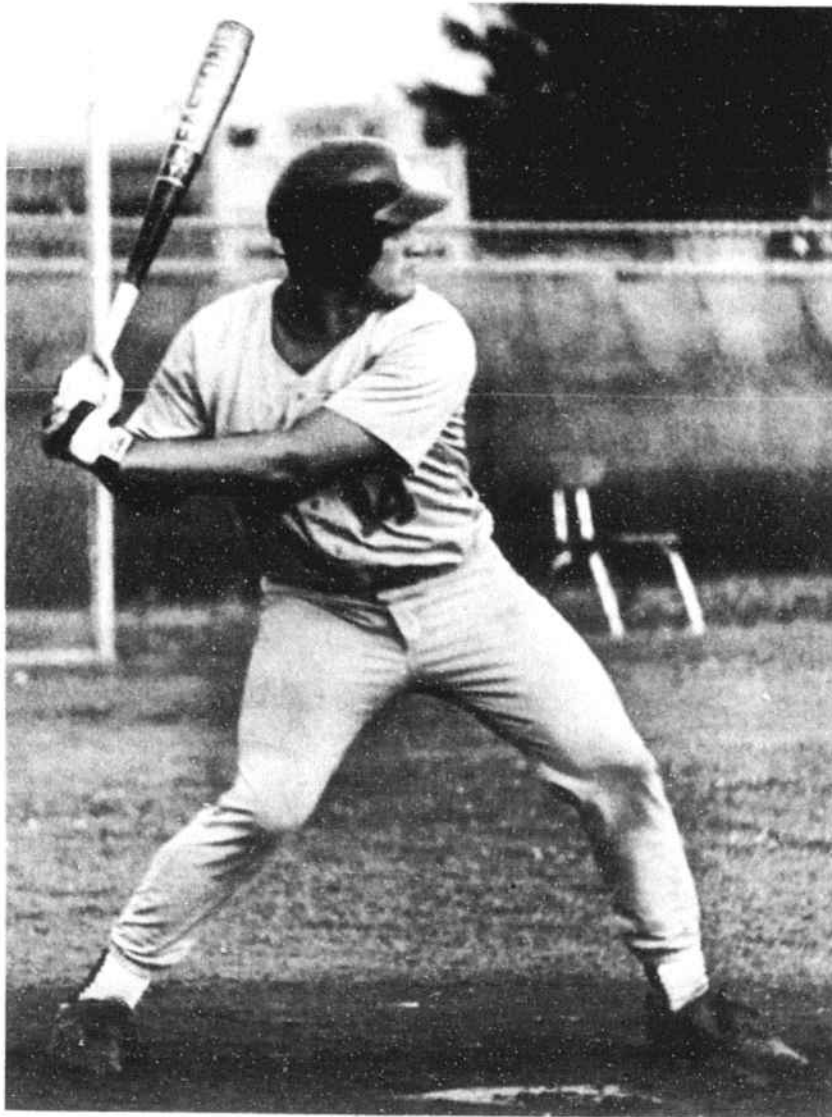
Last Friday, Regina McKoy had

four hits and Wendy Ganey knocked in four runs to lead North Brunswick to a 7-5 win over visiting West Brunswick. Jenny Judah had a single and triple for West, which outhit North 14-8.

The Lady Scorpions scored four first-inning runs on a pair of hits and four errors. "We played real well after the first inning, well enough to win," West Brunswick Coach Tracey James said.

Last Tuesday at Whiteville, Michelle Bennett went 3-for-3 with a solo home run to lead the Lady Scorpions to an impressive 14-1 win over the Lady Wolfpack. Tonya Edge also had three hits for North.

State softball playoffs begin next Tuesday, May 25. If North Brunswick wins the conference title, it will host the third-place finisher from the Capital Area Conference in the first round.



WEST BRUNSWICK SENIOR BRYAN FLEMING will play baseball next year at UNC-Greensboro.

West's Fleming Inks With UNC-Greensboro

West Brunswick senior Bryan Fleming has terrorized opposing pitchers and gunned down potential base-stealers for the last four years as a starter on the Trojan baseball team.

The powerful catcher will take his sweet swing and defensive talents to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the fall and play ball for the Spartans next spring.

"They just acted like they really cared about me," Fleming said after visiting the school last week and signing a grant-in-aid Tuesday at the high school coaches office.

"We're real fortunate to have Bryan in the program," UNC-G Assistant Baseball Coach Jim Knight said. Fleming had been contacted by at least two other colleges and has drawn the interest of pro scouts.

The son of Bob and Helen Fleming, Bryan has played varsity baseball since his freshman year and is a three-time selection to the All-Brunswick County high school baseball team.

Fleming and teammate Scott Gore were named Co-Brunswick County Players of the Year in 1992 after

leading the Trojans to a 17-7 season and the North Carolina Eastern 2-A Finals.

This season, Fleming has led West Brunswick to a 12-8 record with one week remaining in the regular season.

Going into last Friday's game against North Brunswick, Fleming was second on the team with a .315 batting average and a team-high five home runs and 24 RBI. He also had seven doubles.

Fleming led the Trojans in every major offensive category last year with a .354 average, five home runs and 23 RBI. He also has played American Legion baseball for Brunswick Shores Post 445.

Bryan's dream is to play pro baseball. "It just depends on what happens. If I do that's great. That's one reason I picked UNC-Greensboro so I can have an education if that doesn't work out."

Fleming said he also considered offers from Western Carolina University and UNC-Asheville before settling on UNC-G, where he plans to study exercise and sports science.

Trojans Sweep Softball Twin Bill

West Brunswick's softball team kept its state playoff hopes alive last week with an important doubleheader sweep of West Columbus in Waccamaw 2-A Conference play.

The Lady Trojans won the opener 9-7 and posted a 15-12 victory over the Lady Vikings in the nightcap last Tuesday in Shallotte.

Jenny Judah and Chasity Hinesley both hit home runs as the Trojans pounded out 14 hits in the first game. West Brunswick recorded 19 hits in the second game, getting home runs from Judah, Hinesley and Emily Gore.

"We hit the ball," West Brunswick Coach Tracey James said. "When you hit the ball in this game you can win and we did."

Despite a loss Friday at North Brunswick, the doubleheader sweep lifted West Brunswick into a third place tie with West Columbus going into the final week of the regular season.

Both teams were 7-5 going into Tuesday's action, but West Brunswick would win a tiebreaker because of the doubleheader sweep. The top three teams from the league will qualify for the state 2-A playoffs, which begin next Tuesday.

"That was a must win for us as far as the conference was concerned," James said of the twin bill. "After that one we're still in the picture as far as the playoffs are concerned."

The Lady Trojans were scheduled

to host East Bladen Tuesday and travel to South Brunswick Thursday to close out the regular season.

James was optimistic his Lady Trojans could win their final two games and make the state playoffs. "If we hot the ball like we did last week we'll win two this week," he said.



SMITH EVANS
Alicia Smith Wins Billiards Tourney

Alicia Smith of Shallotte took first place and Tonya Evans of Civitown was second in the recent Mother-Daughter Eight Ball Pool Tournament at Idle Hour Game Room in Civitown.

Smith is a 16-year-old junior at West Brunswick High School and has been shooting pool for only five months. She is the daughter of Elroy and Vicky Smith.

Evans, 14, is a seventh grader at Shallotte Middle School.

IN COED LEAGUE Mt. Olive Defeats Faith

Mount Olive defeated Faith 13-9 Saturday night at Southport in a battle of unbeaten teams in the Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League.

Mount Olive improved its record to 5-0 in Division 2 and is the league's only undefeated team. Faith's record fell to 4-1.

In other Division 2 games Saturday at Smithville Park, Town Creek pounded Southport "B" 20-6, and Oak Island-Bethel beat Southport "A" 19-16.

In Division 1 action at Lockwood Folly Park, Calvary improved its first-place record to 4-1 with a 17-5 victory over Soldier Bay.

Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands edged Jennies Branch 9-8, and Shell Point knocked off Supply 15-12.

Baptist Softball League

Standings As Of May 20

DIVISION 1

Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary	4	1
Gospel-Brunswick	3	2
Shell Point	3	2
Jennies Branch	2	3
Supply	2	3
Soldier Bay	1	4

DIVISION 2

Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	5	0
Faith	4	1
Town Creek	3	2
Oak Island-Bethel	2	3
Southport "B"	1	4
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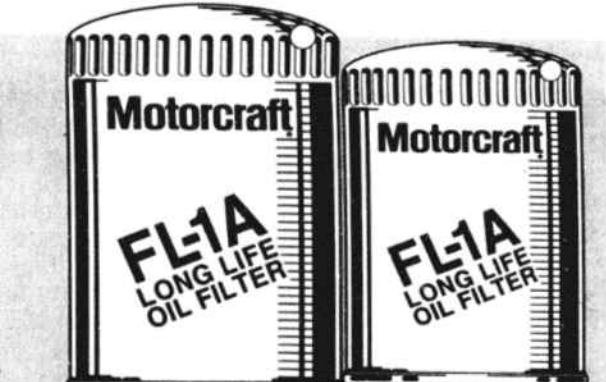
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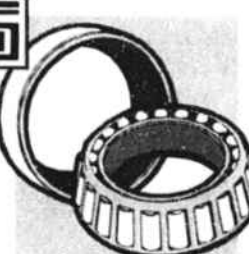
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