SPORTING SCENE

Trojans Open Grid Camp With High Expectations

The West Brunswick High School football team will begin summer practice next Monday with a lot of hope for the 1993 season but no chance to defend its state championship.

As a result of high school athletic realignment, West Brunswick will start competing as a 3A school this fall. Therefore, the Trojans will not have an opportunity to repeat as 2A champs.

Doug Rutter
Sports Editor

Nevertheless, many observers think West Brunswick has a chance to make its third straight trip to Chapel Hill this December for the state championship football games.

Of course, that's just speculation and wishful thinking among Trojan fans. Coach Jim Brett, for one, is reserving his judgment until he sees who shows up at the practice field Monday morning.

"I'm not sure yet if everybody's coming out. You never know," Brett said last week. "I think if all of our players come out and everybody is eligible we could be a pretty good team."

If everybody shows who is expected to show, West Brunswick should have an excellent team. Brett could see as many as six offensive starters and seven defensive starters back from last year's championship game lineup.

Coach Brett said some football players have been using the school weight room this summer, but not with much consistency. Transportation to the school has been a problem and summer jobs have interfered.

West Brunswick has put together what Brett calls an "awesome" football schedule for 1993. All five of the non-conference games will be against 4A schools: Conway, Purnell-Swett, Hoggard, Georgetown and Lumberton.

Brett says he likes playing a tough non-conference schedule to prepare his club for the conference games. "I always prefer playing people who, if you beat them, you feel like you've accomplished something rather than playing people you're supposed to beat."

West Brunswick opens the regular season Aug. 27 against the Conway Tigers, the team that handed the Trojans a bitter, season-opening loss one year ago.

Without question, that was the worst officiated high school football game I've ever seen. I think the Conway parents wore the zebra stripes that night. The Tigers visit Shallotte this year. Payback time!

Overall, the travel time doesn't look too bad for Trojan football fans this season. Besides Conway, West Brunswick will be visited by Purnell-Swett, South Columbus, Pender, East Columbus and Lumberton.

Start planning your road trips to Hoggard, Georgetown, Whiteville, West Columbus and South Brunswick. Those back-to-back September treks to Hoggard and Georgetown could be a bear.

West Brunswick is the only team in the Waccamaw Conference without an open date this season, which is probably good. Teams are typically sluggish coming off an open date.

Instead of an off week, the Trojans will host the Lumberton Pirates on Oct. 29 in an "endowment" game that won't count on either team's official record. The schools will keep half of the money raised at the game and the other half will go to the high school athletic association.

"To me that's better than an open week," Brett said. "I've just never had good experiences with open weeks."

West Brunswick is ranked fourth among the state's 3A schools in the *North Carolina Prep Football* 1993 magazine pre-season poll.

Brett doesn't understand why, since this will be West's first season as a 3A school. "I think the guy probably didn't know what he was talking about."

Trojan Tidbits: West Brunswick will carry a six-game winning streak into the 1993 season. Two North Carolina teams enter the year with 15-game win streaks—defending 1A champion Murphy and 4A champ East Forsyth.

Since its 21-6 loss to Thomasville in the 1991 state title game, West Brunswick has not allowed an opponent to score more than 20 points. The 14-game streak is tops in the state.

Speaking of streaks, Havelock has not been shut out in 96 consecutive games. West Brunswick hasn't been shut out in 30 straight games. East Bladen was the last team to blank the Trojans, Oct. 26, 1990.

The Waccamaw Conference played some of the best defense in North Carolina last year. West Brunswick, Whiteville, East Bladen and West Columbus were among the 20 teams that yielded the fewest points in 1992. The Trojans gave up 103 points in 14 games, just over seven per game. That was the fourth lowest average in the state.

Tennis Ladder As Of July 26

1. Robin Dale
2. Ray DeVries
3. Sal DiFazio
4. Jerry Small
5. Greg Bland
6. Rodney Gause
7. Teak Hemphill
8. Lynn Slimmer
9. Robby Davis
10. Bill Davis
11. Jim Fournier
12. Lewis Shaw
13. Jack Redmond
14. Percy Woodard
15. James Hardy
16. Doug Rutter
17. Billy Mims
18. Dave Minder
19. Michael Nelson
20. Brad Singletary
21. Doug Hayes
22. Randy Langston

*Play continues through Aug. 31. New members welcome. Call Jerry Small, 754-6712, to join and report match results.

West Teams Start Practicing Monday

The long, hot summer will start feeling longer and hotter for thousands of teenagers next Monday when high school teams across North Carolina start practicing for the 1993 fall season.

At West Brunswick High, the varsity football and soccer teams will be among those trying to get a jump on the competition. Both will begin workouts Monday morning.

Head Football Coach Jim Brett will open summer drills for the varsity squad Monday at 8 a.m. Prospective players need to drop by the school this Friday between 8 a.m. and noon to pick up equipment.

Brett said all rising sophomores who played varsity or junior varsity football last year should report with the varsity team. Junior varsity players will receive their equipment and begin practice Aug. 9.

Soccer Coach Teak Hemphill said tryouts for the 1993 Trojan squad will begin Monday at 9 a.m. at the Shallotte Middle School field. The first soccer match will be Aug. 23.

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This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, JULY 29

❑Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League continues its tournament at Waccamaw Township Park. Three games are scheduled starting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

❑Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League continues its tournament at Waccamaw Township Park. Three games are scheduled starting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

❑Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League continues its tournament at Waccamaw Township Park. Games start at 9 a.m.

❑Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League: Southport A vs. Jennies Branch, 7 p.m.; Southport B vs. Shell Point, 8 p.m.; Town Creek vs. Supply, 9 p.m., at Lockwood Folly Township Park. Oak Island-Bethel vs. Calvary, 7 p.m.; Faith vs. Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands, 8 p.m.; Mount Olive vs. Soldier Bay, 9 p.m., at Smithville Township Park.

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.

Local Student-Athletes Attend Summer Institute

Six Brunswick County high school athletes and four coaches recently returned from the Student Athlete Summer Institute (SASI) held July 11-16 at Mount Olive College.

Students attending were Madonna Gause, Felicia Morgan and Joel Gupton of West Brunswick; Patricia Dunn and Cindy Holt of North Brunswick; and Hilary Brinson of South Brunswick.

Area coaches at the institute were Martie Gillis and Brenda Council of West, Mike Dumas of North and Tom Farrah of South. This was the first year that South has participated in the program.

Goals of SASI are academics, athletics and leadership. The program is sponsored by the N.C. High School Athletic Association and funded by the Alcohol Drug Defense Council.

Highlights of the week-long camp included a ropes course, which features a 40-foot free fall and zip line. The course requires students to solve problems and trust one another.

The ropes course was a favorite activity among local students. "I liked the ropes course the best because it helped me overcome my fear of heights and it made me feel good," Brinson said.

"The camp was teaching us how to be a leader," added Holt. "It gave everyone the ability to be proud of themself."

Groups from each county developed their own action plan to promote a positive lifestyle for the next year. Brunswick's group will try to publish a newsletter in an effort to unify the three county high schools.

In the past, West Brunswick SASI action plans have led to the development of local chapters of Students Against Drunk Driving and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. An Environment Club was formed last year.

Students returned from the camp with skills for coping, a better understanding of themselves and a renewed commitment to be drug-free athletes.

Gil McGregor, former basketball player at Wake Forest University, was guest speaker at the institute banquet. He challenged the kids to set goals to surpass what their parents have achieved.

For the first time, SASI participants will have a reunion at Fort Caswell next January to discuss action plans and renew friendships.

County Organizing Fall Coed League

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is organizing a fall coed softball league that will begin play Aug. 23 at Town Creek Township Park.

An organizational meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at the parks and recreation office at the county government center in Belvia.

For more information, call county athletic coordinator Joe Rosselli at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

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Emanual Tops Mount Olive In Church Softball League

Emanual Outreach defeated Mount Olive 5-4 last week to win the regular-season championship in the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League.

Emanual Outreach won the South Division with a record of 18-4, and Mount Olive finished first in the North Division at 20-2. They played for the "traveling trophy" last Tuesday.

The league wrapped up regular-season play last week with three make-up games. Mount Olive beat Ocean View 12-4, Jennies Branch topped New Britton 13-6 and Letties Grove edged Old Shallotte 11-9.

Tournament play opened last Thursday and will continue through Saturday. Soldier Bay, Seaside Methodist, Dixon Chapel and Zion Baptist have been knocked out of the double-elimination tournament.

In games last Thursday and Friday, Friendship Baptist beat Soldier Bay 9-2, Ocean View stopped Seaside Methodist 11-8, Mount Olive crushed Zion Baptist 19-3, Emanual Outreach blanked Old Shallotte 10-0 and Jennies Branch blasted Dixon Chapel 22-0.

On Saturday, Calvary Baptist edged Letties Grove 7-6, Supply Baptist shut out Camp Methodist 9-0, Shallotte First Baptist bested New Britton 6-2, Mount Olive nipped Ocean View 3-2, Emanual Outreach beat Friendship Baptist 4-2 and Seaside Methodist bombed Zion Baptist 17-1.

In tournament games Monday night, Letties Grove beat Dixon Chapel 18-0, Camp Methodist was a 10-8 winner over New Britton, Friendship Baptist creamed Seaside Methodist 23-6, Jennies Branch defeated Calvary Baptist 12-3, Shallotte First dumped Supply Baptist 8-3 and Old Shallotte beat Soldier Bay 11-4.

Men's Church Softball
Final Regular Season Standings
SOUTH DIVISION

Team	Wins	Losses
Emanual Outreach	18	4
Ocean View	14	8
Friendship Baptist	14	8
Seaside Methodist	10	12
New Britton	8	14
Soldier Bay	7	15
Old Shallotte	4	18
Zion Baptist	1	21

NORTH DIVISION

Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	20	2
Jennies Branch	19	3
Supply Baptist	16	6
Shallotte First	14	8
Calvary Baptist	12	10
Letties Grove	10	12
Camp Methodist	6	16
Dixon Chapel	2	20

IN COED LEAGUE

Calvary, GCBI Share Lead

Calvary and Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands are tied for the Division 1 lead with two weeks left in the Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League regular season.

Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands improved its record to 11-3 and moved into the first-place tie Saturday with an 11-8 win over Mount Olive. Calvary, meanwhile, lost 14-3 to Faith to fall into the tie for first.

In other games Saturday night at Smithville Park in Southport, Supply defeated Oak Island-Bethel 12-6.

At Supply, Southport "A" beat Soldier Bay 12-6, Jennies Branch crushed Southport "B" 24-2 and Shell Point knocked off Town Creek 21-11.

Baptist Softball League
Standings As Of July 29
DIVISION 1

Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary	11	3
Gospel-Brunswick	11	3
Supply	8	5
Shell Point	7	7
Jennies Branch	5	9
Soldier Bay	2	12

DIVISION 2

Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	12	2
Town Creek	7	7
Faith	7	7
Oak Island-Bethel	6	8
Southport "A"	4	9
Southport "B"	2	12

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