



WEST BRUNSWICK HEAD COACH Jim Brett (bottom left) teaches linemen during the season's first practice Monday. Also pictured is assistant coach Joe Noble. STAFF PHOTOS BY DOUG RUTTER

**TROJANS LOOKING GOOD**

# Football Practice Underway At Brunswick County High Schools

BY DOUG RUTTER

West Brunswick High School's football practice field was buzzing with excitement Monday morning as the Trojans—coming off their finest season ever—sweated through the first summer practice of 1993.

Head Coach Jim Brett, who led West to its first state football championship in school history last year, said he was pleased with the turnout and attitude of the players.

"I think we're certainly at a higher level at this point in the summer than we were a year ago," Brett said. "There's still a lot to be done, but I was pleased for the first day."

Brett was particularly happy about the attitude of the players, who are apparently looking forward to another successful year. "I feel like we've just come miles and miles with attitude," Brett said.

West's coaching staff focused on fundamentals and basic plays Monday morning. Prospective running backs learned how to take handoffs while their large friends, the linemen, learned how to get down in a three-point stance.

Coach Brett expects to carry about 35 players on the varsity squad this year. He said 39 showed up for practice Monday morning but a few of them will play with the junior varsity.

"I was real pleased with the turnout," he said. "Two or three are not here yet for various reasons and a few that came out today will be going down to the JV."

Brett, who has a career coaching record of 179-64, said the Trojans will practice every morning this week before starting "two-a-day" workouts next week. The team will follow that schedule until school starts Aug. 30.

The 1993 season opener against Conway, S.C., is just over three weeks away. Before then, West has two scrimmages scheduled the week of Aug. 15.

The Trojans will host North Myrtle Beach on the 16th and travel to East Duplin on the 21st. Game times have not been decided.

North Brunswick  
North Brunswick Coach Gary



TROJAN QUARTERBACK Eric Johnson gets ready to pitch to a running back during Monday morning's workout.

Baldwin said 39 prospective football players showed up for the Scorpions' first practice Monday night. He expects another 10 to 12 before the season starts.

"Hopefully we're going to have at

least 50 to 55 kids out," said Baldwin, who is trying to re-establish the varsity football program at North after the Scorp sat out the 1992 season.

This year's team will include some of North's basketball and baseball players and some upperclassmen who didn't play last year.

Baldwin said he was "real pleased" with the first practice. "They hustled real well. They just seemed glad to be back."

North Brunswick didn't have enough upperclassmen last year to compete in the rugged Waccamaw 2A Conference. The school will compete in the new Three Rivers 1A/2A Conference this fall.

Despite 2A enrollment, North will play as a 1A school along with Red Springs, Tar Heel, Bladenboro and South Robeson. 2A schools are St. Pauls, East Bladen and Fairmont.

The Scorpions open the regular season Aug. 27 at Topsail. Scrimmages are scheduled Aug. 14 at East Columbus and Aug. 19 at Union.

**South Brunswick**

South Brunswick Coach Bill Hewett said the 1993 Cougars got off to a rocky start Monday, but the coach is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"It was the worst first day I've ever had," Hewett said after 38 players showed up for practice Monday night. The 38 included players from the varsity, junior varsity and ninth-grade teams.

Hewett said miscommunication caused some players to miss practice, while other kids are still working summer jobs.

"It's hard to get these beach kids out here," Hewett said. "The kids that got here worked hard, but it just was not a good day. I was a little disappointed."

Hewett thinks things will get better. "Our job is to improve on that situation. We're optimistic. We think we've got some good kids returning."

South Brunswick will scrimmage Hoggard's Vikings next Saturday, Aug. 14, at Cougar Field. Game time is 7 p.m. and admission will be \$2.

The Cougars also will compete in the UCB High School Football Jamboree Aug. 20 in Wilmington before opening the regular season Aug. 27 against visiting St. Pauls.



WEST ASSISTANT COACH David Arrowood (right) works with senior running back William Stanley.

## Trojan Boosters Meet Monday

The West Brunswick Athletic Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the 1993-94 school year Monday, Aug. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's multi-purpose room.

All members and anyone else interested in the booster club are encouraged to attend the meeting, said club treasurer Bobby Williamson.

Boosters are currently working on a project to erect a large sign at the

entrance to M.H. Rourk Stadium.

Williamson said the club plans to divide the sign into 30 squares and sell the squares for \$300 each. The names of donors will be painted on the sign.

"This is going to be a permanent sign," Williamson said. "It will be there for many years to come. It's an opportunity for businesses or individuals to show their support for the Trojans."

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