

PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL

South Brunswick Bests Hoggard In 'Quagmire'

BY DOUG RUTTER

South Brunswick kept a tight grip on the rain-slick pigskin Saturday while Hoggard coughed up seven fumbles in a pre-season high school football scrimmage in Boiling Spring Lakes.

As a result, South's Cougars scored three touchdowns and yielded just one in their first contest of the year. The Cougars get their final pre-season tuneup Friday night at the UCB Football Jamboree in Wilmington.

"It was like a quagmire out there," South Brunswick Head Coach Bill Hewett said following Saturday's scrimmage with the 4A Vikings.

"I was impressed with the way our boys held the ball," Hewett added. "We probably moved the ball better than I thought we would."

South Brunswick moved the ball almost exclusively on the ground behind the running of O.J. Morris, Terry Galloway and Kevin Smith. The Cougars completed just one pass, but it helped set up the final touchdown.

"We didn't throw the ball tonight but we can throw it," said Hewett, who will use a triple-option offense this season. "People aren't going to be able to load up on us like last year."

Hewett said he has added a "few wrinkles" to the wishbone attack the Cougars used in 1992. "We're going to make people play us honest," he said, alluding to an improved passing game.

The coach said he was impressed with his defense, which has a lot of players back from last season. "We've got 11 hitters out there. We've got decent speed, decent size. Defense is going to carry us."

The Cougars recovered seven fumbles Saturday as Hoggard's running backs had trouble handling the slippery ball. South lost one fumble.

Hoggard scored its lone touchdown in the first half. In the second half, the Cougars engineered three nice drives that ultimately led to scores. South had two 11-play drives and one 15-play drive in the second half.

Playing conditions Saturday night

were far from ideal as it rained most of the game. Earlier in the day, rain forced West Brunswick to cancel its scrimmage with North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Trojan Coach Jim Brett and his assistants, anticipating a Nov. 5 showdown at South Brunswick, scouted the Cougars Saturday. Many of West Brunswick's players also attended the scrimmage.

"I think there was more green out here tonight than blue," Hewett said, referring to the colors of the rival schools.

The Cougars will take on the New Hanover Wildcats Friday in the seventh annual UCB Jamboree at Legion Stadium. The six-team scrimmage starts at 7 p.m., and South Brunswick will take the field first.

Hoggard will play Whiteville and Laney will play Wallace-Rose Hill later in the evening. A cheerleading competition among the six participating schools will begin at 6 p.m.

Jamboree tickets will cost \$4 at the gate or \$3 in advance at United Carolina Bank branches in Southport, Wilmington and Whiteville.



SOUTH BRUNSWICK'S O.J. Morris carries the football during Saturday night's scrimmage against Hoggard. The Cougars outscored the Vikings behind a strong running game.

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TROJANS HIT THE ROAD

West Brunswick Gridders Face Back-To-Back Scrimmages

BY DOUG RUTTER

The West Brunswick football team will probably be a tired and aching bunch come Friday morning.

The Trojans, who didn't get to play their scheduled scrimmage against North Myrtle Beach, S.C., had back-to-back road trips planned Wednesday and Thursday night.

West Brunswick was scheduled to scrimmage at Mullins, S.C., Wednesday at 6 p.m. and East Duplin Thursday at 7 p.m. Both schools are about a two-hour bus ride away.

"North Myrtle Beach canceling on us really put us in a bind," Trojan Coach Jim Brett said Tuesday. "But we feel one scrimmage isn't enough when Conway is going to play five scrimmages."

West Brunswick will open the regular season next Friday night at home against the Conway (S.C.) Tigers. Before then, the Trojans had some serious traveling to do this week.

West's scrimmage with North Myrtle Beach was rained out Saturday morning. The game was re-scheduled for Monday night in Charlotte, but the Chiefs called Sunday to cancel.

"Their coach told me that their JV coach could not come to practice on Monday and that they would have

to stay there with the junior varsity," Brett said. "It sounds to me like they didn't want to come and scrimmage."

Since North Carolina high schools are limited to two pre-season games and most teams already have their scrimmages slated, Brett had to scramble to come up with a replacement for the Chiefs.

The coach said he called around until midnight Sunday to line up the contest at Mullins, where the Trojans were expected to play in a three-way scrimmage with the host Auctioneers and Lake City, S.C.

"I feel fortunate that we got into that scrimmage at Mullins," Brett said. "They really bailed us out."

Brett said playing the two scrimmage games are an important part of the pre-season and vital to evaluating the team.

"We just want to see where we're at and play some other people," he said. "You have no idea scrimmaging yourself where you're at. We just hope to find out what we need to work on for Conway."

At this point in the summer, Brett said he thinks the Trojans are better than they were last year.

"I feel like we're ahead of last year, but exactly how far ahead I'm not sure," he said. "That's what the scrimmages are for, to see where we stand."

Scorps Tangle With Gators

North Brunswick Football Coach Gary Baldwin said he saw some good things and some not-so-good things Saturday night when his Scorps battled host East Columbus in a pre-season high school scrimmage.

"It didn't go bad," Baldwin said Monday. "I saw some things that I liked and I saw some things where we need improvement."

The head coach said the Scorpion defense looked pretty solid, despite the absence of four to six potential starters who missed the scrimmage because of summer family vacations.

North Brunswick gave up two touchdowns, Baldwin said, on a reverse and a pass play. "The bright spot was we had a lot of guys coming up to make good contact," he said.

"Offensively we didn't look very sharp," Baldwin said. "It was raining and the ball was wet and we couldn't throw it, plus we have

some new guys on the line who are still learning the position."

"Not being able to throw the ball hurt us because we do plan to throw it," he added. "That limited what we could do."

North Brunswick is scheduled to scrimmage at Union High School

Thursday at 6 p.m.

"We're going to do pretty much the same thing we did Saturday," Baldwin said. "I hope some of those guys on vacation will be back this week and I hope it's dry."

North Brunswick opens the regular season Aug. 27 at Topsail.

WCCA Radio To Broadcast Tar Heel Football Games

Shallotte radio station WCCA-FM (106.3) will carry play-by-play coverage of University of North Carolina football games each week this season as part of the Tar Heel Sports Network.

Coverage will begin Aug. 29 when the Tar Heels take on the University of Southern California Trojans in the Pigskin Classic in Anaheim, Calif.

Weekly coverage will begin 40

minutes before kickoff with "The ACC Today," featuring reports from every Atlantic Coast Conference game, interviews with UNC Coach Mack Brown, Tar Heel players and opposing coaches.

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