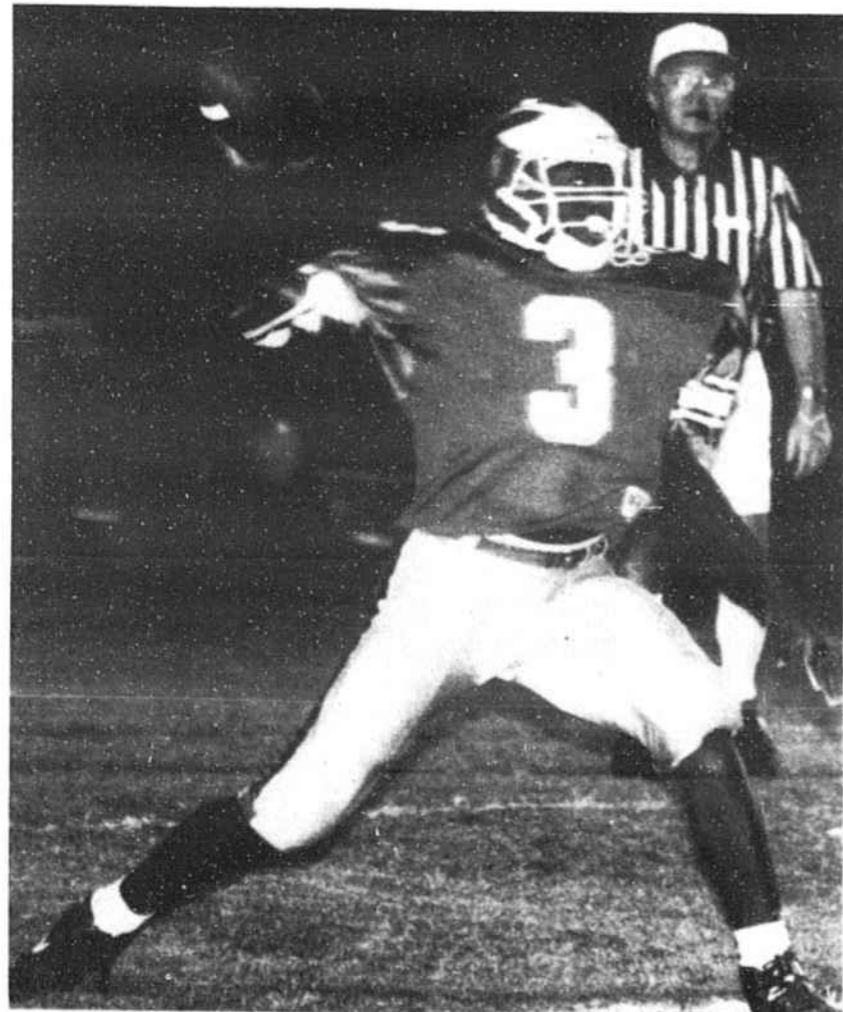
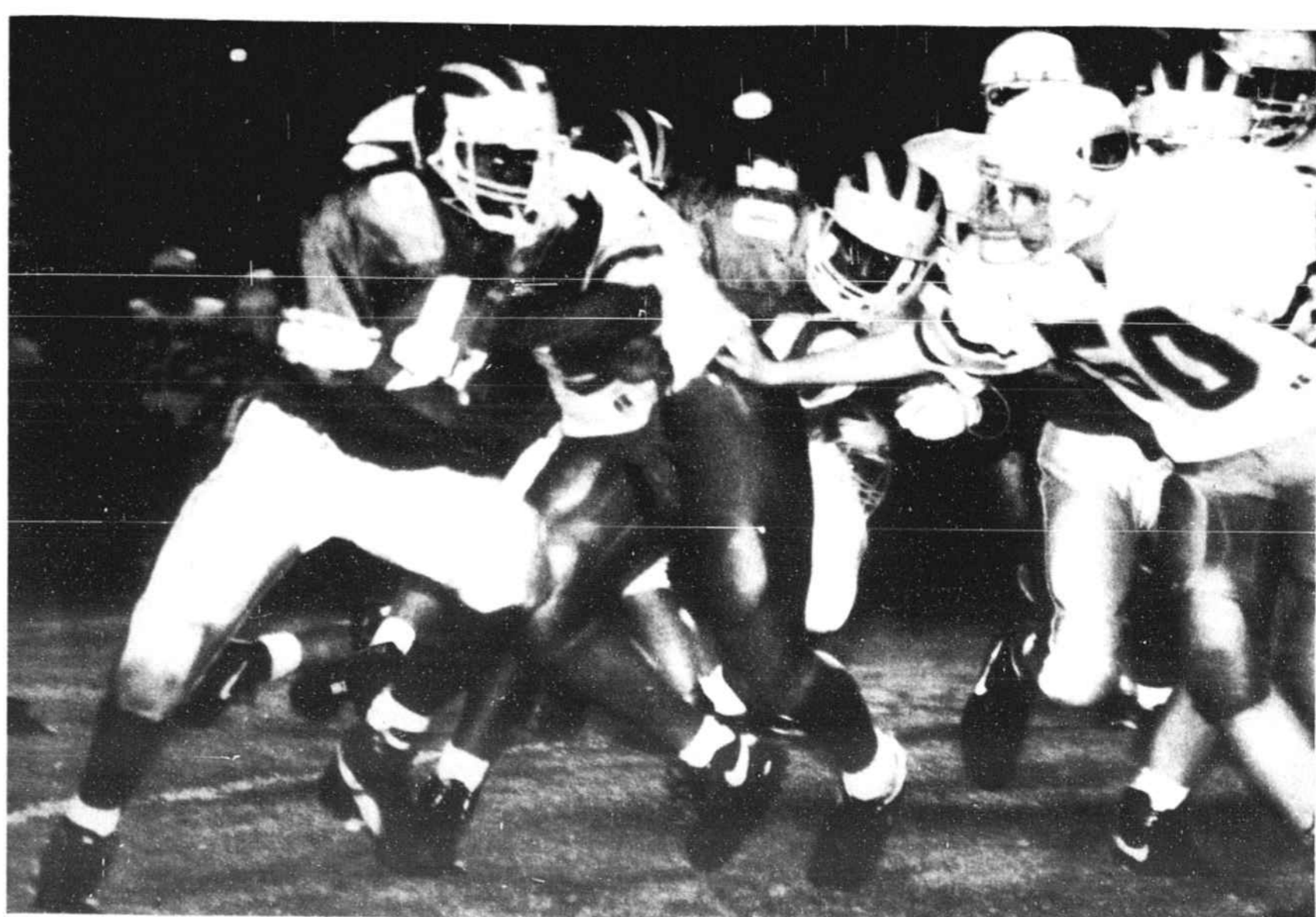


SALLY SCHUTTE (left) was crowned West Brunswick Homecoming Queen at halftime. Also pictured is 1992 queen Suzanne Jones.



WEST QUARTERBACK ERIC JOHNSON threw three touchdown passes Friday to lead the Trojan offense.



TROJAN HALFBACK JAMES MORGAN (left) battles for yards during West Brunswick's 41-12 win over East Columbus Friday night.

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# Johnson Throws 3 TDs As Trojans Skin Gators

BY DOUG RUTTER

West Brunswick and East Columbus had barely played 16 minutes Friday night when East ball boy John King looked up at the scoreboard and sighed, "I got a feeling we're gonna get beat."

Little John's team trailed 28-0 at that point and never got closer as powerful West Brunswick rolled to a 41-12 Waccamaw Conference high school football victory in Shallotte.

West junior quarterback Eric Johnson had his most productive game of the season, passing for three touchdowns to complement a potent running attack that gained 304 yards on the overmatched Gators.

Senior halfback Steve Holmes led the Trojan ground game with 122 yards on 11 carries. Tight end Timmy "Salt" Daniels caught two of Johnson's three TD passes.

West's biggest home crowd of the season saw the Trojans clinch a spot in the state 3A playoffs and their seventh straight winning season and cheered as Sally Schutte was crowned homecoming queen at halftime.

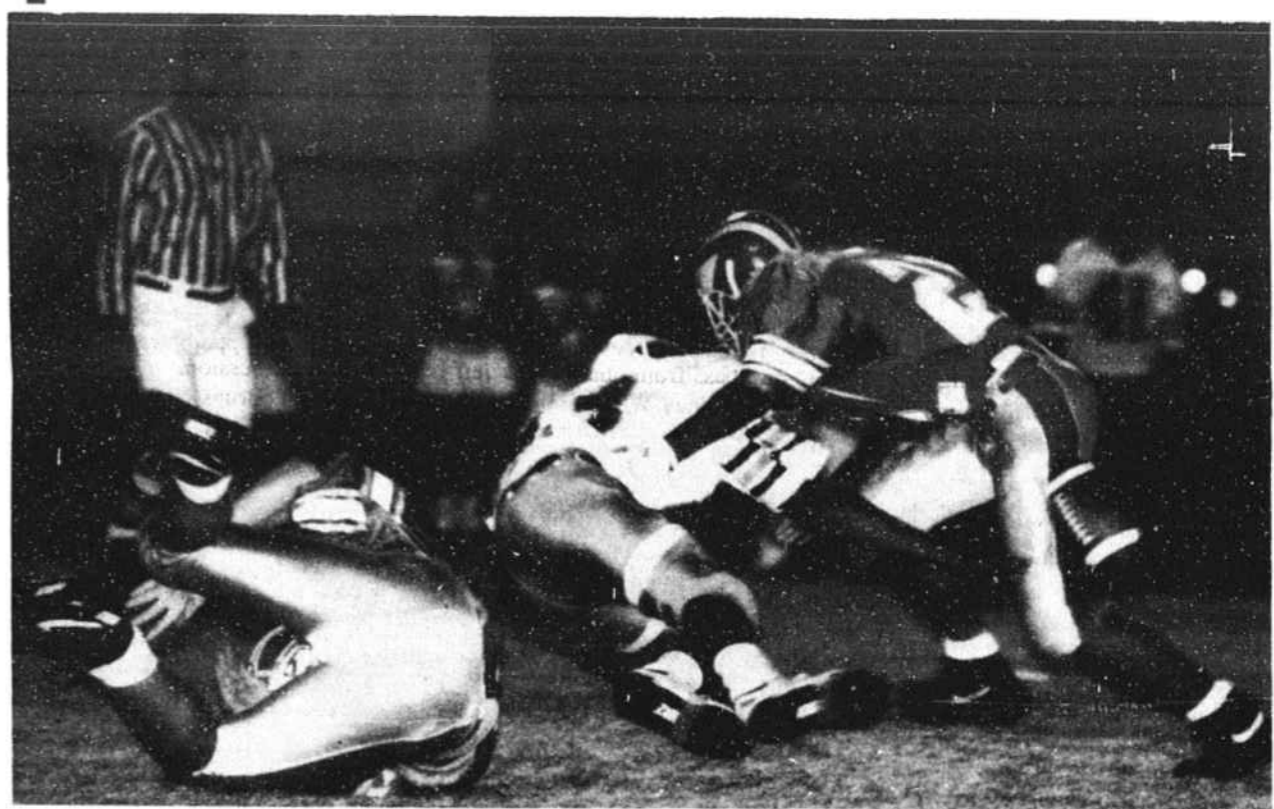
West Brunswick improved to 4-0 in the Waccamaw 2A/3A Conference and 6-2 overall. East Columbus, which committed four turnovers, fell to 0-3 in the league and 1-6 overall.

"We played a good first half. I thought we lost some intensity in the second half," West Brunswick Head Coach Jim Brett said following his team's sixth straight win.

The Trojans scored on their first four possessions to build a 28-0 halftime lead. Coach Dean Saffos' Gators played the Trojans even in the second half, when each team scored twice.

"If we can ever put a whole game together I think we'll be a much better football team," Brett said. "We haven't put it together on both sides of the ball for a whole game this year."

The Trojans were clicking on all



WEST'S DEXTER BASS (right) knocks the ball loose from East Columbus kick returner Travis Brown. Eric Andreis recovered for the Trojans.

cylinders in the first half, taking the opening kickoff and driving 65 yards in just three plays.

Senior fullback Michael Lance rumbled 20 yards up the middle on the first play from scrimmage, and Johnson fired a 45-yard touchdown pass to Daniels two plays later.

Sophomore kicker Derek Frink, who converted five out of six extra point attempts, added the PAT to give the Trojans a 7-0 lead two minutes into the contest.

Following an East Columbus punt, West took over at its own 40 and drove 60 yards in 14 plays. Johnson scrambled 16 yards on third-and-25 and came back on fourth down to fire a 10-yard strike to Ty Brown in the end zone.

On the ensuing kickoff, West's Dexter Bass forced an East Colum-

bus fumble and Eric Andreis pounced on the loose ball to give the Trojan offense a first down at the 29-yard line.

Halfback William Stanley scored eight plays later on a 1-yard dive, and the Trojans led 21-0 with 9:12 remaining in the first half.

Another East Columbus turnover on its next possession led to West's final score of the half. Holmes intercepted a John Junious pass and scored on the next play with a 24-yard run.

The Gators drove 61 yards to the West Brunswick 17-yard line late in the first half before sophomore line-backer Kwabena Green picked off a Junious pass to kill the drive.

West Brunswick opened the third quarter with a 10-play, 68-yard drive that ended just short of the end zone when Johnson fumbled on first-and-goal at the 6.

The Trojans got the ball right back, however, when East Columbus running back Myron Lloyd fumbled a pitch on the next play. Michael Lance recovered for West and then scored on the next play with a 3-yard run.

The Gators got on the scoreboard with 1:36 left in the third quarter on a smooth, 24-yard touchdown run by Demetrius McLauren, who spun away from several West defenders on his way to the end zone.

The Trojans responded with a 55-yard scoring drive. On third-and-13, Johnson rolled right and fired over the middle to Daniels, who fell across the goal line for a 15-yard touchdown.

East Columbus added a late touchdown on a 15-yard pass from Junious to Travis Brown, who had four catches in the game for 38 yards.

West's Johnson completed three of five passes for 70 yards, and also rushed four times for 43 yards. He has thrown for 416 yards and seven TDs this season.

"Eric Johnson gets better every game," Brett said. "I'm real happy

with the way he's been playing."

West Brunswick, which scored 40-plus points for the fifth time in its last six games, will play at West Columbus this week. East Columbus hosts South Columbus.

### THE YARDSTICK

| West Bruns. | East Columbus                 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 19          | .....First Downs.....14       |
| 46-304      | .....Rushing.....29-174       |
| 3-6-70      | .....Passing.....4-11-38      |
| 2-1         | .....Fumbles-Lost.....3-2     |
| 0           | .....Ints. Thrown.....2       |
| 0-0         | .....Punts(No-Avg).....2-39   |
| 10-80       | .....Penalties-Yards.....6-50 |

### Score By Quarters

|                |    |    |   |   |   |    |
|----------------|----|----|---|---|---|----|
| West Brunswick | 14 | 14 | 7 | 6 | — | 41 |
| Georgetown     | 0  | 0  | 6 | 6 | — | 12 |

### Scoring Summary

- (WB) Daniels, 45-yard pass from Johnson (Frink kick)
- (WB) Brown, 10-yard pass from Johnson (Frink kick)
- (WB) Stanley, 1-yard run (Frink kick)
- (WB) Holmes, 24-yard run (Frink kick)
- (WB) Lance, 3-yard run (Frink kick)
- (EC) McLauren, 24-yard run (kick blocked)
- (WB) Daniels, 15-yard pass from Johnson (Frink failed)
- (EC) Brown, 15-yard pass from Junious (run failed)

### Individual Rushing

- West Brunswick: Holmes, 11-122; Lance, 12-56; E. Johnson, 4-43; Morgan, 5-41; Stanley, 9-28; Gause, 2-9; Warren, 2-6; Brown, 1-minus 2.
- East Columbus: McLauren, 6-79; Lloyd, 12-45; Junious, 4-37; Rouse, 3-15; Pierce, 2-2; Hazel, 2-minus 4.

### Individual Passing

- West Brunswick: E. Johnson, 3-5-70; M. Johnson, 0-1-0.
- East Columbus: Junious, 4-11-38.

### Individual Receiving

- West Brunswick: Daniels, 2-60; T. Brown, 1-10.
- East Columbus: Brown, 4-38.

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