

THREE RIVERS ROUNDUP

# Bulldogs Run Past Scorpions 31-9

St. Pauls scored 24 unanswered points in the second half en route to a 31-9 victory over North Brunswick Friday in a Three Rivers 1A/2A Conference high school football game.

Coach Gary Baldwin's Scorpions trailed 7-0 at halftime but came back to tie the score in the third quarter on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Brew to Torrance Shaw.

North Brunswick took a 9-7 lead when the Bulldogs lined up to punt deep in their own territory and the snap sailed through the end zone for a Scorpion safety.

St. Pauls fullback Tony Robinson gave the Bulldogs a 13-9 lead late in the third period with a 45-yard touchdown run. St. Pauls added three more TDs for the final margin.

North Brunswick's record fell to 0-4 in the Three Rivers Conference and 0-7 overall. The Scorpions will play at Bladenboro Friday night.

St. Pauls (3-1, 6-1) travels to Elizabethtown this week for a key game against East Bladen (4-0, 5-1-1). The Cougars defeated Bladenboro 28-14 last Friday to move into sole possession of first place in the conference.

In other Three Rivers Conference games this week, Red Springs hosts South Robeson and Fairmont plays at Tar Heel.

THREE RIVERS CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	O'all	PS	PA
East Bladen	4-0	5-1-1	168	54
Bladenboro	3-1	4-3	92	78
St. Pauls	3-1	6-1	163	72
South Rob.	2-2	4-3	135	94
Red Springs	2-2	3-4	112	160
Fairmont	1-3	2-5	82	189
Tar Heel	1-3	1-6	113	198
North Brun.	0-4	0-7	31	203

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

- St. Pauls 31, North Brunswick 9
  - East Bladen 28, Bladenboro 14
  - Red Springs 33, Fairmont 12
  - South Robeson 42, Tar Heel 6
- FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES**
- North Brunswick at Bladenboro
  - South Robeson at Red Springs
  - St. Pauls at East Bladen
  - Fairmont at Tar Heel
- All games start at 7:30 p.m.

# Trojans Prepare For 'Title Game' At West Columbus

BY DOUG RUTTER

West Brunswick High School football fans who thought the Trojans played their biggest conference game of the season two weeks ago at Whiteville better think again.

The Trojans, who escaped the Wolfpack's den with a 28-25 win, return to the heart of Columbus County Friday night for another big game against the West Columbus Vikings.

First place in the Waccamaw Conference will be up for grabs when the Trojans and Vikes clash at Cerro Gordo. West Brunswick enters the game 4-0 in the league, while West Columbus checks in at 3-0.

"The way we look at it, this game is for the conference championship," West Brunswick Head Coach Jim Brett said Monday.

"If we want to accomplish our goal of winning the conference championship we need to win this game," he said. "It would also wrap up the first playoff spot for us, so it's a very big game."

West Brunswick is riding a six-game winning streak, while the Vikings have won five straight. Another West Brunswick win Friday would give the Trojans their first league football title since 1988.

The Trojans (6-2 overall) are

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coming off a 41-12 thrashing of East Columbus, while the Vikings (6-1) struggled against county rival South Columbus last Friday before emerging with a 14-7 win.

West Brunswick has already clinched one of the Waccamaw Conference's two state 3A playoff berths, while West Columbus is battling Whiteville for the league's only 2A playoff slot.

In addition last week's win at South Columbus, the Vikings have posted wins this year over East Columbus (34-8), East Montgomery (36-6), Fairmont (47-0) and Wilmington Laney (49-0).

The 7-0 Clinton Dark Horses, ranked third in the state in last week's 2A high school football poll, handed West Columbus its only loss of the season, 21-12, back on Sept. 3.

Fans are likely to see a lot of points scored Friday night. The Trojans average 33.1 points per game while West Columbus scores an average of 31.1 points per outing.

West Brunswick will have to be wary of West Columbus' Magellan Powell, a three-year starter at quarterback and defensive back. Other standouts for the Vikes include running backs Marvin Edge and Howard McCollum.

The Vikings are similar to the Trojans in that one of their greatest strengths is team speed. West Columbus' football team includes several boys who have helped the school win back-to-back state track championships.

West Brunswick didn't use many players both ways last week against East Columbus, but Brett plans to start seven players on both sides of the football at West Columbus.

"We'll need to play a lot of people both ways because they are a real good football team," he said. "It's got to be full speed with the best we've got. We should be ready to handle that."

Expected to play both ways are Eric Johnson (QB/DB), Michael Lance (FB/LB), Steve Holmes

(HB/LB), Phillip Johnson (OT/DE), Steve Brooks (OT/DT) Charlie Peele (C/DT) and Timmy Daniels (TE/DB).

Brett said Monday he wants to continue getting quarterback Eric Johnson more involved in the offense. Johnson threw three touchdown passes last week and rushed for 43 yards.

West Brunswick, which has won nine consecutive road games dating back to last season, will have history on its side Friday night. The Trojans have won the last seven games against West Columbus.

This will be the 21st football game between the schools, which have played every year since West Brunswick opened in 1972.

The Trojans have won 14 of the 21 contests and have won the last seven by a combined score of 211-41. The wins include a 21-0 shutout in 1987, 27-0 victory in 1988 and 33-0 blowout last year.

West Brunswick and West Columbus each won seven of the first 14 games in the series. The Trojans won the first four from 1972 to 1976 before the Vikings reeled off four straight wins starting in 1977.

West Brunswick victories in the early years included a 64-6 beating in 1975 and a 38-36 double overtime win in 1984. The Vikings hand-

ed the Trojans their worst loss in school history, 78-0, in 1979.

In other Waccamaw Conference games this week, South Brunswick travels to Pender for a key game. The Cougars and Patriots are battling for the league's one remaining state 3A playoff spot.

South Columbus travels to East Columbus Friday night, while the Whiteville Wolfpack is idle.

WACCAMAW CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	O'all	PS	PA
W. Bruns.	4-0	6-2	265	108
W. Colum.	3-0	6-1	218	65
Whiteville	3-1	5-2-1	196	102
S. Bruns.	1-2	4-3	153	127
S. Colum.	1-3	4-4	129	172
E. Colum.	0-3	1-6	124	192
Pend. Cty	0-3	1-6	52	129

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

- West Brunswick 41, East Columbus 12
- Whiteville 14, South Brunswick 7
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FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

- West Brunswick at West Columbus
  - South Brunswick at Pender
  - South Columbus at East Columbus
  - Whiteville idle
- All games start at 7:30 p.m.

# Whiteville Downs Cougars 14-7

Anthony Southern ran 32 yards for a touchdown with 5:06 left in the game to lift visiting Whiteville to a 14-7 high school football win over South Brunswick Friday.

The host Cougars held a 7-0 half-time lead but could not contain Southern in the second half. Whiteville's senior tailback rushed for two scores and finished with 170 yards rushing on 25 carries.

Whiteville improved to 3-1 in the Waccamaw Conference and 5-2-1 overall. South Brunswick lost for the third time in its last four games to fall to 1-2 in the conference and 4-3 overall.

The Cougars opened the scoring in the first quarter on a 5-yard touchdown run by junior running back O.J. Morris.

The score was set up by a 41-yard run by fullback Terry Galloway and a 30-yard pass from quarterback Jeff Simon to Rodney Willoughby.

Jamie Brunner's extra point gave South Brunswick a 7-0 lead with

7:08 remaining in the first period.

Coach Bill Hewett's Cougars held the Wolfpack scoreless until midway through the third quarter when a Simon pass was intercepted near midfield.

Whiteville drove 46 yards behind seven straight running plays and Southern scored from 5 yards out at the 7:48 mark. Matt Fox's kick tied the score at 7-7.

The game was still even when Whiteville took over possession at the South 42-yard line with 6:55 remaining.

On fourth-and-1 at the 32, South Brunswick stacked its defense at the line. Southern took the handoff, bounced outside and outran the Cougar defense to the end zone.

Fox's PAT gave the Wolfpack a 14-7 lead, and South Brunswick's offense was stopped near midfield on its final possession.

For South Brunswick, Galloway finished with 47 yards rushing and Morris ran for 52 yards. Receiver

Lewis Vaught caught three passes for 43 yards.

Whiteville, which was only penalized three times, had two touchdowns negated because of penalties, including a 71-yard pass from Jablonski Moore to Thadeus Lewis on the first play of the game.

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THE YARDSTICK

South Bruns.	Whiteville
8	.....First Downs.....10
31-77	.....Rushing.....36-210
7-16-87	.....Passing.....1-11-24
1-0	.....Fumbles-Lost.....2-1
2	.....Ints. Thrown.....0
4-29	.....Punts(No-Avg).....5-29
7-75	.....Penalties-Yards.....3-52
<b>Score By Quarters</b>	
Whiteville	0 0 7 7—14
South Brunswick	7 0 0 0—7

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