

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

- ☐ South Brunswick hosts North Brunswick in soccer, 4:30 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick hosts West Columbus in JV football, 7 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick hosts Bladenboro in JV football, 7 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick hosts Pender in JV football, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

- ☐ West Brunswick at West Columbus in varsity football, 7:30 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at Bladenboro in varsity football, 7:30 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick at Pender in varsity football, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

- ☐ North Brunswick at Lejeune in soccer, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- ☐ North Brunswick hosts West Brunswick in soccer, 4:30 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick at Flora McDonald in soccer, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- ☐ North Brunswick hosts Topsail in soccer, 4:30 p.m.
- ☐ The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will hold an organizational meeting for the men's basketball league, Planning Building, Brunswick County Government Center, Bolivia, 7 p.m.

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.



▲TOP FINISHERS in the One-Mile Fun Run were Donny Copeland of Wilmington and Sarah Hobbs of Raleigh. 5K WINNERS were Cheri Scharff of Spartanburg, S.C., and Richard Weeks of Nashville, Tenn. →



SPORTING SCENE

Tobacco-Drooling Hoods Are America's Last Hope

"Tomahawk Schmomahawk" read the home-made banner hanging from the upper deck of Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium.

"You betcha," I said to myself last week as I watched my Phillies finish off the Atlanta Braves to win the National League pennant.

The heavily-favored Braves proved to be no match for the Phils, who may be the grossest sports team ever allowed on national television.

America's Most Wanted has become America's last hope to bring the World Series championship back to the states where it belongs.

Win or lose against the Blue Jays, you gotta love these loose cannons. Call them overfed Chia Pets if you like. Call them tobacco-drooling hoods if you must. But these dudes can play ball.

Actually, the Phillies aren't nearly as disgusting as the beer-swilling, tobacco-spitting, frizzy-haired, unshaven bums they've been made out to be.

Take away the heavy-metal hairdos of John Kruk, Pete Incaviglia and Mitch Williams and they don't look half bad. Take away Lenny Dykstra's ever-present wad-o-bacca and this team is almost human.

The Phillies do have some perfectly normal-looking men on their team. Like uh...how about...um...well...Kevin Stocker! Yea, Kevin is the Phillies shortstop and a handsome man at that. He'd almost fit in with the Braves.

Granted, these Phillies aren't likely to be on the cover of GQ anytime soon, but they're not paid to look pretty.

They don't play in Hollywood. They play in Philly, home of the cheese steak and Rocky Balboa. It's more than a blue-collar town. It's a ring-around-the-collar town.

A guy who works at the Naval Yard all week long doesn't want to go to the ball park Saturday night and see someone like David Justice sitting in the dugout filing his press-on fingernails.

He wants to see a guy like John Kruk, who has a weight problem, greasy hair, a bad back and a mustard stain on his uniform. Philly relates to Kruk. He isn't pretty, but he gets the job done.

The Krukster, my favorite Phillie, was described by one writer as the "70-ply Michelin Man in the Beetlejuice wig" and by another writer as "the beer truck driver."

To me, he looks the ringer on a company softball team and the guy in charge of the keg at every Super Bowl party. He looks like the ornery guy who changed my oil that time in West Virginia.

Nevertheless, Kruk and Company are proven winners. Nobody gave the Phils a chance to win their division, let alone the National League pennant. The Phils were dead last in 1992 and hadn't had a winning record in six years.

They were 30-to-1 underdogs to win their own division, yet something magical happened.

CBS baseball analyst Tim McCarver didn't have a clue during the NLCS. He said Philly had no chance of winning in Atlanta (where they won two of three) and had no chance in close games (they won two in extra innings).

I'm not mad at Tim. He did his best. I couldn't expect much from a man who covered Mets games all summer? Tim obviously needs the wholesome nutrition of scrapple in his diet.

And by the way, I've never eaten scrapple in my life. But it can't be any worse than grits.

Doug Rutter
Sports Editor



Oyster Festival Races Draw 75 Runners

BY DOUG RUTTER

Turnout was excellent for the N.C. Oyster Festival Road Race at Holden Beach Saturday morning despite threatening skies and a forecast of rain.

Race coordinator Jimmy Marshall said 38 runners signed up race day to go along with the 37 who had pre-registered. There were 40 participants in the 5K race, 29 in the 10K and eight in the One-Mile Fun Run.

Top finishers in the 10K were Greg Sears of Fayetteville in the men's division and Rosamie Vuoso of Laurinburg in the women's class. Sears finished in a time of 35:10, while Vuoso clocked in at 40:45.

Both 10K winners defeated their closest competitors by more than two minutes, as did women's 5K winner Cheri Scharff of Spartanburg, S.C., who had a time of 18:53.

In the men's 5K, Richard Weeks of Nashville, Tenn., crossed the finish line a comfortable 27 seconds ahead of the first runner-up. Weeks posted a time of 15:54.

The top male and female finishers in the One-Mile Fun Run were Donny Copeland of Wilmington with a time of 5:19 and 10-year-old Sarah Hobbs of Raleigh in 7:26.

Runners-up in the men's 10K were Mark Johnson of Camp Lejeune with a time of 37:33, Robert Morrison of Greenville with 39:30 and Don Johnson of Wilmington with 39:56.

Finishing behind Vuoso in the women's division were Debbie Peters of Myrtle Beach, S.C., in 42:57, Michelle Jackson of Gibsonville in 44:42 and Natali West of Myrtle Beach in 45:05.

Other top male finishers in the 5K race included Stephen Saleeby of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., with a time of 16:21. He was followed by Mike Julian of Salisbury in 16:36 and Vince Hovis of Wilmington in 16:44.

Finishing behind Scharff in the women's 5K were Beth Trimberger of Charlotte with 21:06, Laura Herman of Salisbury with 21:11 and Liz Whelan of Raleigh with 23:36.

Other award winners in the mile run included Bruce McAfee of Holden Beach, 5:50; Jonathan Saleeby of North Myrtle Beach, 5:54; and Steven Johnson of Holden Beach, 6:09.

Female runners-up were Teresa Salmons of Supply with a time of 9:07 and Margie Smith of Spartanburg in 10:13.



FIRST PLACE in the 10K went to Rosamie Vuoso of Laurinburg and Greg Sears of Fayetteville.

West Girls Win Share Of Waccamaw Net Title

The West Brunswick girls' tennis team was scheduled to open the state 3A playoffs Tuesday after finishing the regular season last week as co-champions of the Waccamaw Conference.

The Lady Trojans were to host Hertford County in the first round of the state dual team playoffs after tying Whiteville for the league title. Both teams finished 11-1 in the conference.

West Brunswick, outright conference champs last year, closed out the 1993 regular season last week with a 9-0 win over Pender and a 7-2 victory over South Brunswick. The Lady Trojans were 12-4 overall.

"This title was really nice because we weren't expected to win it again after losing four of the top six players from last year," West Brunswick Coach Martie Gillis said.

"Also, with a slow start, the girls have worked really hard and deserve

the honor," she added.

Gillis said last week's South Brunswick match was "a very hard-fought match indicative of the traditional West versus South rivalry. South is by far the most improved team in the conference and will help move competition in the Waccamaw up another level next year."

Individual regional competition will be Friday and Saturday at N.C. State University in Raleigh. Two singles players and two doubles teams will represent West Brunswick.

West's top doubles team of Blair Milligan and Jessica Robertson are seeded second in the region, while the duo of Jennifer Simmons and JoAnna Barber are fifth. Yarbi Lemon and Allison Hardee will play singles.

"This year is a big question with us in a new region," Gillis said. "I have nothing to compare so we'll just have to go out and play through

the draw."

Pender Results

Singles: Simmons (WB) def. Eslinger, 7-5, 6-3; Barber (WB) def. E. Segovia, 6-3, 6-0; Robertson (WB) def. Traywick, 6-0, 6-2; Milligan (WB) def. Miko, 6-0, 6-1; Lemon (WB) def. Teal, 6-0, 6-4; Hardee (WB) def. Corbett, 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles: Milligan/Robertson (WB) def. Eslinger/E. Segovia, 8-1; Barber/Simmons (WB) def. Traywick/Miko, 8-1; Kirtley/Reeves (WB) def. P. Segovia/Hickey, 9-8 (7-

4).

South Brunswick Results

Singles: Simmons (WB) def. Hegler, 6-2, 6-3; Barber (WB) def. Porterfield, 6-1, 7-5; Wilmoth (SB) def. Robertson by default; Milligan (WB) def. Harrison, 6-1, 6-2; Lemon (WB) def. Brinson, 6-4, 6-3; Hardee (WB) def. Worley, 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Robertson/Milligan (WB) def. Hegler/Harrison, 8-2; Porterfield/Brinson (SB) def. Simmons/Barber, 9-7; Hardee/Kirtley (WB) def. Wilmoth/Worley, 8-1.

RECREATION BRIEFS

County Plans Fall Festival

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor an old-fashioned fall festival Saturday, Oct. 23, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Public Assembly Building in Bolivia.

Festival activities will include a cake walk, duck pond, go fish and other carnival games. A small fee will be charged to participate in the games. There also will be a used book sale and T-shirt sale.

For more information, contact Emma T. McGraw at the parks and recreation office at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

After School Arts

Local children age 13 and under are invited to participate in an upcoming after-school arts program that will be hosted by the county libraries.

Participants will be making bird feeders from 4 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. All materials will be provided by the county parks and recreation department.

The program will be offered Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Leland Library; Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Shallotte Library; and Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Southport Library.

For information, call Emma T. McGraw at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Swap Your Cookies

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation will hold a series of "cookie swaps" across the county during November.

Each participant will bring a dozen homemade cookies and their recipe to share with others. They also will decorate a variety of holiday goodies.

Cookie swaps will be held Nov. 3, 6 p.m., Town Creek Community Building; Nov. 9, 1 p.m., Lockwood Folly Community Building; Nov. 9, 6 p.m., Waccamaw Community Building; and Nov. 17, 6 p.m., Leland Community Building.

Pre-registration is required by Nov. 1. Call the recreation department at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

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