

FRIDAY NIGHT PREVIEW

Trojans Look To Rebound Against Lumberton Pirates

BY DOUG RUTTER

West Brunswick's football team, coming off its first loss in seven weeks, looks to get back on the winning track Friday night with a non-conference game against the visiting Lumberton Pirates.

The Trojans suffered a 7-6 loss to Waccamaw Conference foe West Columbus last week, a loss that may have cost them a chance at winning the conference championship.

"It was a tough loss for us but we have the character to get up for this Lumberton game," West Brunswick Coach Jim Brett said Monday. "We'll get over it."

This week's contest will not count in the official standings because it is an endowment game, a scrimmage that teams are allowed to play in lieu of the open date in their schedules.

Endowment games also help raise funds for the N.C. High School Athletic Association. Half of the money collected at the game goes to the high school league, and the schools share the rest.

Although the game won't count on either team's record, Brett said he doesn't plan to approach it differently than any other game.

The game is still important for West Brunswick as it tries to rebound from the disappointing loss at West Columbus and prepare for the final regular-season game Nov. 5 at South Brunswick.

The Trojans are 4-1 in the Waccamaw 2A/3A Conference and 6-3 overall. Lumberton, which lost 21-13 to Pinecrest last week, is 1-4 in the Southeastern 4A Conference and 2-7 overall.

Lumberton's only wins this season have come against Anson County (20-17) and Fayetteville Pine Forest (26-12).

Besides Pinecrest, the Pirates have lost to Whiteville (27-13), South View (31-0), Scotland County (46-22), Richmond County (38-0), Hoke County (26-12) and Fayetteville Terry Sanford (41-13).

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tough schedule," Brett said. "They haven't had a lot of wins but they had a coaching change about three or four weeks into the season and they're getting better."

The Pirates are the final 4A team that the 3A Trojans will face this year. West Brunswick split its first four non-conference games against 4A schools, falling to Conway and Purnell-Swett before beating Hogard and Georgetown.

West Brunswick has scored an average of 30 points per game this season behind an offense that has rushed for 2,480 yards (275 per

game) and passed for 467 (52 per game).

Senior halfback Steve Holmes leads the running attack with 790 yards and 12 touchdowns. William Stanley has rushed for 500 yards and scored seven touchdowns, and Michael Lance has rushed for 480 yards with eight TDs.

Junior quarterback Eric Johnson has completed 23 of 51 pass attempts for 449 yards and seven touchdowns. He also has rushed for 186 yards and scored one TD.

The Trojan defense has held opponents to an average of 13 points

per game and forced 23 turnovers this season.

Friday will be "Senior Night" at West Brunswick High School, where 13 seniors will play their final regular-season home game.

They are Wayne Branch, Steve Holmes, William Stanley, Greg Gause, Michael Lance, Chris Brown, Blake Hobbs, Kip Young, Phillip Johnson, Steve Brooks, Charlie Peele, Heath Inman and Eric Andreis.

While West Brunswick takes a night off from Waccamaw Conference play, the rest of the league will be busy knocking heads.

The marquee matchup will be at Whiteville's Legion Stadium, where the host Wolfpack and West Columbus Vikings will battle for a berth in the state 2A playoffs.

In other league games Friday night, South Brunswick will travel to Tabor City for a game with the South Columbus Stallions. Pender will host East Columbus.

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FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	O'all	PS	PA
W. Colum.	4-0	7-1	225	71
W. Bruns.	4-1	6-3	271	115
Whiteville	3-1	5-2-1	196	102
S. Bruns.	2-2	5-3	173	127
S. Colum.	2-3	5-4	163	178
E. Colum.	0-4	1-7	130	226
Pend. Cty	0-4	1-7	52	149

- LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**
- West Columbus 7, West Brunswick 6
 - South Brunswick 20, Pender 0
 - S. Columbus 34, East Columbus 6
- FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES**
- Lumberton at West Brunswick
 - South Brunswick at S. Columbus
 - East Columbus at Pender
 - West Columbus at Whiteville
- All games start at 7:30 p.m.

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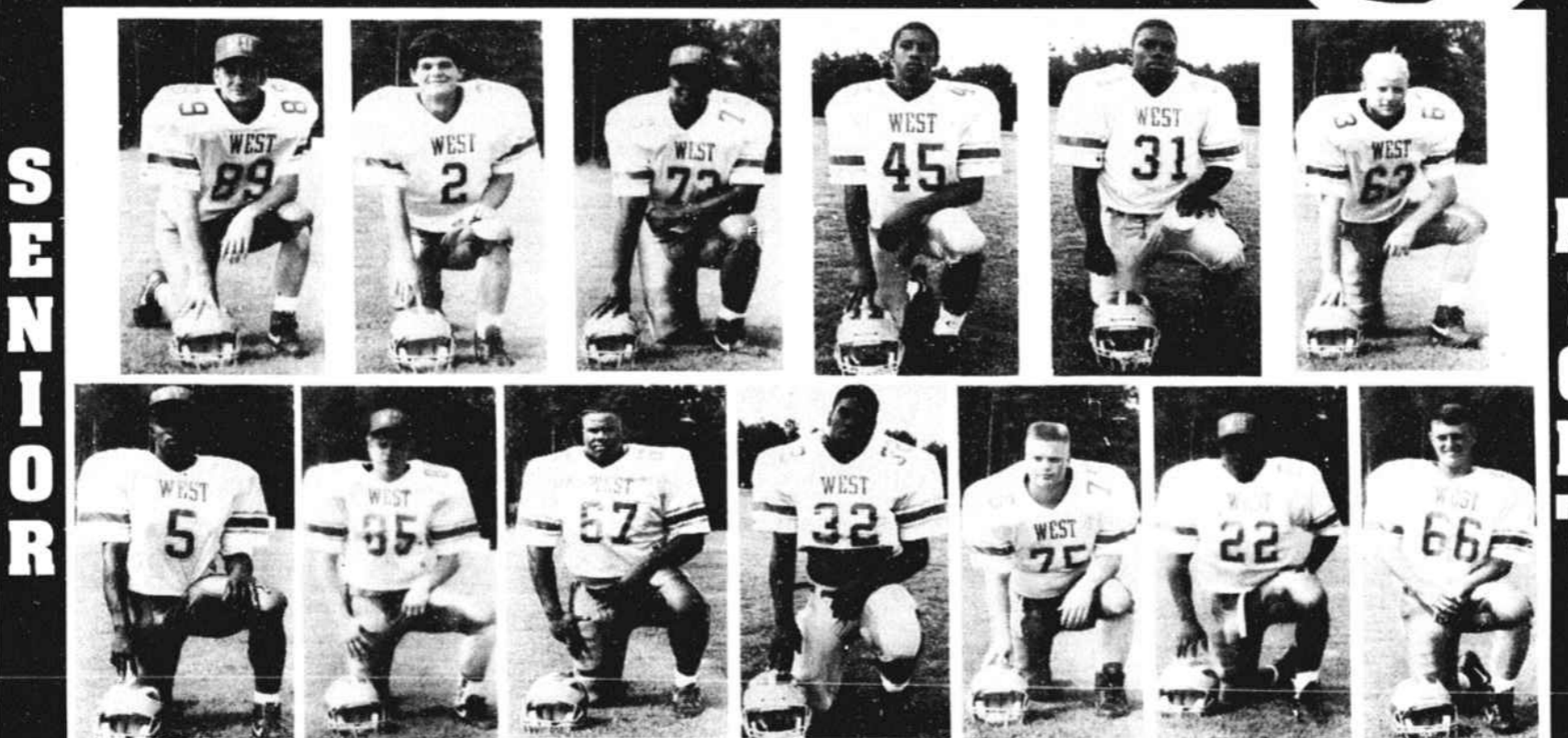
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Trojan Seniors (Alphabetical Order) 89-Eric Andreis, 2-Wayne Branch, 73-Steve Brooks, 45-Chris Brown, 31-Greg Gause, 63-Blake Hobbs, 5-Steve Holmes, 85-Heath Inman, 67-Phillip Johnson, 32-Michael Lance, 75-Charlie Peele, 22-William Stanley, 66-Kip Young

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