

TROJANS BEAT HERTFORD

# West Brunswick Girls Advance To State Tourney

## HEADING TO THE QUEEN CITY

**BY DOUG RUTTER**  
Last week was a good one for the West Brunswick girls' tennis team as the Lady Trojans won their first-round playoff match and qualified two doubles teams for the state championships to be held this weekend in Charlotte.

Heading to the Queen City for the individual 3A championships Friday and Saturday will be the doubles teams of Blair Milligan and Jessica Robertson, and Jennifer Simmons and Joanna Barber.

Both teams qualified for the state tournament by advancing to the semifinals in regional competition last weekend at N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Milligan and Robertson, a junior-sophomore combination that played number one doubles for West Brunswick this season, won their first-round match 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1), and won their quarterfinal match 7-5, 6-1.

The senior tandem of Simmons and Barber, seeded fifth in the region, won their first doubles match 6-4, 6-4, before upsetting the region's fourth seeded team 6-4, 6-0.

Both West Brunswick doubles teams lost semifinal matches to teams from Southern Durham High School.

Juniors Allison Hardee and Yarli Lemon represented West Brunswick in the regional singles competition at N.C. State. Hardee won her first-round match, while Lemon lost in the first round to the region's number two seed.

"Both played extremely well," West Brunswick Coach Martie Gillis said. "They all played their best tennis of the season."

The Lady Trojans opened the state dual team playoffs last Tuesday with a 5-4 win over visiting Hertford County. West Brunswick (13-4) was scheduled to host Wilson Fike this week in second-round action.

Against Hertford County, West Brunswick got wins from its bottom three singles players—Milligan, Lemon and Hardee—to tie the match at 3-3 going into doubles play.

Winning doubles matches were the teams of Simmons and Barber, and Hardee and freshman Tracey Kirtley.

"You normally depend on your

top singles players to win their matches, but this was one of those matches where we needed the whole team." Coach Gillis said.

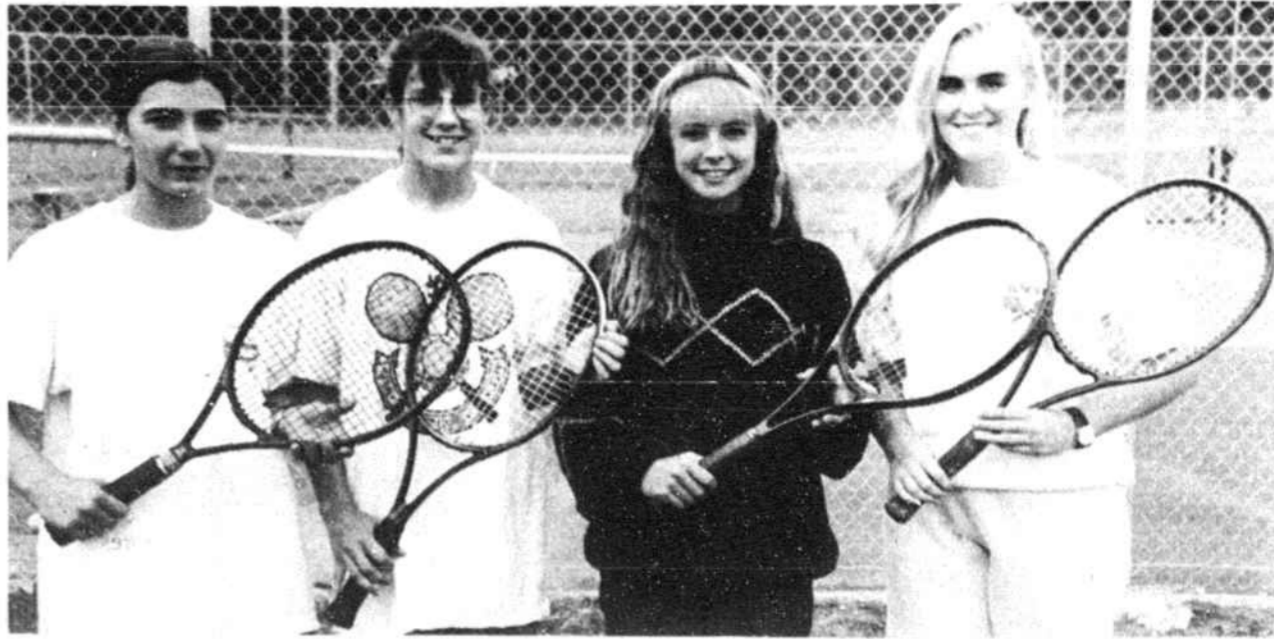
Gillis said she is proud of the team because it wasn't content with just winning a share of the Waccamaw Conference championship and qualifying for the playoffs.

"They've done more than anybody expected them to do," she said. "We lost all those seniors from last year and we had a rocky start. They worked hard all year and they were truly a team. They really stuck together."

**Hertford Results**

**Singles:** Hignite (HC) def. Simmons, 6-3, 6-2; Johnson (HC) def. Barber, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1; Von Loton (HC) def. Robertson, 6-1, 6-1; Milligan (WB) def. Mizell, 6-0, 6-1; Lemon (WB) def. Perry, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Hardee (WB) def. Cheng, 6-1, 6-4.

**Doubles:** Hignite/Johnson (HC) def. Milligan/Robertson, 8-3; Simmons/Barber (WB) def. Von Loton/Cheng, 8-3; Hardee/Kirtley (WB) def. Mizell/Perry, 8-2.



REPRESENTING WEST BRUNSWICK at the state girls' tennis championship this weekend in Charlotte will be the doubles teams of Joanna Barber and Jennifer Simmons (left) and Jessica Robertson and Blair Milligan.

STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER

**SPORTING SCENE**

## 'Home Cooking' Leaves Bitter Taste In The Mouth

Wide left? You gotta be kidding! I thought I knew what "home cooking" was until that West Brunswick-West Columbus football game Friday night in Cerro Gordo.

West Columbus led 7-6 late in the fourth quarter and the game came down to a 26-yard field goal attempt by Trojan kicker Derek Frink.

Derek—who has been outstanding lately on extra points, kickoffs and punts—had to be nervous as he lined up for his first field goal attempt of the season.

Nervous or not, the lanky sophomore did everything right as far as the West Brunswick players, coaches and fans are concerned. He kept his head down and booted the ball like an old pro. The kick was pretty—end over end, plenty of distance, perfect trajectory—right through the uprights.

That's the way most everybody in the stadium saw it. That's what West Brunswick's coaches and players saw.

The field goal also looked good to most of the fans, including the West Columbus fans who were standing behind the goal post at the time.

Only problem is, the two game officials who were standing under the uprights saw it differently. Derek's game-winning field goal was ruled no good. Wide left.

The call allowed West Columbus to hang on for the win and sent West Brunswick back home feeling frustrated and cheated to say the least. It was the Trojans' first loss in seven weeks and may have cost them the conference championship.

Any time a high school football team plays away from home, it expects the officials to make a few questionable calls that seem to favor the home team. It's known as "home cooking."

Over the past three years, I've seen the type of "home cooking" in places like Whiteville and East Bladen that really sticks to your ribs. I've seen the type of officiating that makes it almost impossible to win on the road.

West Brunswick's Trojans, who had won nine straight away from Rourk Stadium, ran into a Thanksgiving Day version of "home cooking" at West Columbus Friday night. The zebras stole a win from the Trojans. Period.

What makes it worse was the importance of that particular game. It meant a lot in terms of the Waccamaw Conference championship and the upcoming state playoffs.

With everything at stake, it was a shame the kids couldn't decide the outcome on the field.

Doug Rutter  
Sports Editor



## This Week In Brunswick Sports

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- West Brunswick at South Brunswick in soccer, 4:30 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Red Springs in JV football, 7 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts South Columbus in JV football, 7 p.m.
- The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will hold an organizational meeting for the coed volleyball league, Planning Building, Brunswick County Government Center, Bolivia, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

- West Brunswick hosts Lumberton in varsity football, 7:30 p.m.
- North Brunswick hosts Red Springs in varsity football, 7:30 p.m.
- South Brunswick at South Columbus in varsity football, 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

- North Brunswick at Southwest Onslow in soccer, 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.

## Cougars Rip Pender 20-0

South Brunswick's O.J. Morris rushed for 232 yards as the Cougars defeated Pender 20-0 Friday night and clinched their first state playoff berth in three years.

The road win lifted South Brunswick to 2-2 in the Waccamaw Conference and 5-3 overall, and assured the Cougars of a spot in the high school playoffs for the first time since 1990.

Coach Bill Hewett's club scored on its first two possessions as Morris ran for 167 yards in the first half alone. Fullback Terry Galloway scored on runs of 2 and 1 yard.

Morris, a quick junior tailback, added a 49-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Jamie Bruner's second extra point of the night gave South Brunswick a 20-0 lead at halftime.

Neither team scored in the final two quarters. South Brunswick's defense intercepted two Pender passes and recovered one fumble in record-

ing its second shutout of the season.

South Brunswick travels to South Columbus Friday night for a key Waccamaw Conference game. Pender (0-4 conference, 1-7 overall) will entertain East Columbus Friday night.

**THE YARDSTICK**

| South Bruns.                  | Pender |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| 14.....First Downs.....       | 2      |
| 44-284.....Rushing.....       | 24-76  |
| 0-1-0.....Passing.....        | 1-6-13 |
| 5-3.....Fumbles-Lost.....     | 3-1    |
| 0.....Ints. Thrown.....       | 2      |
| 0-0.....Punts(No-Avg).....    | 2-25   |
| 3-15.....Penalties-Yards..... | 2-10   |

**Score By Quarters**

|                |   |    |   |   |   |    |
|----------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| West Brunswick | 7 | 13 | 0 | 0 | — | 20 |
| Pender         | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | — | 0  |

**Scoring Summary**

(SB) Galloway, 2-yard-run (Bruner kick)  
(SB) Galloway, 1-yard run (kick failed)  
(SB) Morris, 49-yard run (Bruner kick)

**THREE RIVERS ROUNDUP**

## Bulldogs Dump Scorp 27-6

Bladenboro's Mario Jones rushed for 98 yards and two touchdowns as the Bulldogs defeated North Brunswick 27-6 Friday in a Three Rivers Conference high school football game.

The host Bulldogs, who led 14-0 at halftime, also scored on a 53-yard reverse by wide receiver Jason Hester and a 3-yard run by fullback Alphonzo Hall.

Bladenboro (5-3 overall) improved to 4-1 in the Three Rivers Conference and is one of three teams tied for the league lead with two weeks left in the regular season. St. Pauls and East Bladen also are 4-1 in the conference.

North Brunswick (0-5 conference, 0-8 overall) will play its final home game of the season Friday night against the Red Springs Red Devils.

In other Three Rivers Conference games this week, St. Pauls will host Fairmont, South Robeson entertains Bladenboro and East Bladen will

travel to Tar Heel.

**THREE RIVERS CONFERENCE**

| Team         | Conf. | O'all | PS  | PA  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| St. Pauls    | 4-1   | 7-1   | 182 | 74  |
| East Bladen  | 4-1   | 5-2-1 | 170 | 73  |
| Bladenboro   | 4-1   | 5-3   | 119 | 84  |
| South Rob.   | 3-2   | 5-3   | 149 | 100 |
| Red Springs  | 2-3   | 3-5   | 118 | 174 |
| Tar Heel     | 2-3   | 2-6   | 131 | 213 |
| Fairmont     | 1-4   | 2-6   | 97  | 207 |
| North Brun.. | 0-5   | 0-8   | 37  | 230 |

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**

- Bladenboro 27, North Brunswick 6
  - South Robeson 14, Red Springs 6
  - St. Pauls 19, East Bladen 2
  - Tar Heel 18, Fairmont 15
- FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES**  
 ■ Red Springs at North Brunswick  
 ■ Fairmont at St. Pauls  
 ■ Bladenboro at South Robeson  
 ■ East Bladen at Tar Heel  
 All games start at 7:30 p.m.

## Trojan JV Wins 22-18

West Brunswick's junior varsity football team improved its record to 3-4 with a 22-18 victory over West Columbus last Thursday in Shallotte.

O'Brian Gore scored two rushing touchdowns for the Trojans, and

Walt Gainey scored another on a pass from Joel Gupton.

The Trojans are off this week. They will play their final game of the season Nov. 4 against South Brunswick at Rourk Stadium. Game time is 7 p.m.

**RECREATION BRIEF**

### Kidnastics Meets At Union

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a "kidnastics" class at Union Primary School starting Thursday, Nov. 4.

The class is for boys and girls in kindergarten or who have completed kindergarten. Registration is Thursday (Oct. 28) from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the school gym.

Parents must accompany their children at registration, and the first month's fee of \$22 must be paid at that time. There also will be a \$6 recreational accident insurance fee which is good for one year.

The class will meet every Thursday except holidays. The beginners class will start at 4 p.m. and the intermediate class meets at 5 p.m.

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

**Tae Kwon Do Class**

The parks and recreation department is sponsoring a Tae Kwon Do class at the Waccamaw Community Building in Ash.

The class is open to anyone age 5 or older and will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The registration deadline is Nov. 5.

The cost will be \$20 per month. No special clothing or equipment will be required.

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

### Clemmons Bowls 257 Game

Marty Clemmons rolled a high game of 257 to lead the men in the Woodmen of the World Mixed Winter League last Friday at Brunswick County Bowling Center in Shallotte.

Other high scorers included Kevin Williams with a 245 game and 620 series and Chris Chappell with a 226 game and 620 series. Clemmons finished with a 582 series.

Also posting high numbers were Jimmy Pierce, 213, 596; Jerry Hagwood, 212, 590; Terry Decker, 205, 546; and Waddell Evans, 202, 533.

Top finishers among the women were Debbie Cumbee, 212, 544; Wanda Evans, 206, 480; Mona Lafontaine, 201, 477; Bonnie Decker, 199, 565; and Cathy Sibbett, 188, 520.

Women's high scorers on Oct. 15

included Cathy Sibbett, 215, 556; Bonnie Decker, 197, 560; Becky Rountree, 184, 523; Linda Chappell, 179, 433; Beverly Williams, 175, 509; and Karen Stanley, 175, 443.

Men's top finishers were Kevin Williams, 267, 631; Jimmy Pierce, 245, 658; Jim Ramsey, 226, 573; Roland Decker, 224, 591; Marty Clemmons, 220, 582; Tom Haley, 214, 605; Jimmy Robinson, 214, 532; Donald Robbins, 205, 535; Waddell Evans, 203, 510; Steve Harris, 203, 484; and Lee Harris, 200, 577.

Holden Beach Voters  
**ELECT**  
**Dwight Carroll**



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**Big Buck**

DeCarol Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach used a bow and arrow to bag this 200-pound buck Oct. 18 near Seaside. The 8-point buck scored 123% points on the Boone and Crockett scale. Williamson said it was one of the biggest deer ever killed in Brunswick County with a bow and arrow.

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