

This Week In Brunswick Sports

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

West Brunswick hosts Reidsville in third round of state 3A football playoffs, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

West Brunswick, North Brunswick and South Brunswick will compete in a high school wrestling tournament at Wilmington Laney, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

South Brunswick hosts Topsail in basketball, 5 p.m.
West Brunswick at Wilmington Hoggard in wrestling, 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.

SPORTING SCENE

College Football Bogus Without Playoff System

College football is one of the most exciting sports to watch, but if there's one thing that keeps me from becoming a serious fan it's the way the champion is crowned.

Each year, more than 100 Division I-A college football teams across the nation take the field with one thing in mind, winning the national championship. It's the ultimate goal.

My problem with college football is the method by which the national championship is decided. It's not decided on the football field. It's decided in the press box.

It's decided by a panel of sportswriters who vote each week on the teams that they think are the best in the nation. The problem is, these writers only see a handful of teams during the course of a season.

It's ridiculous to think that a sportswriter can vote intelligently about a team he or she has never seen play.

It's absurd to rank a team like Florida State, which has one loss, ahead of a team like West Virginia, which is undefeated. Unless these two teams play head-to-head, there's no way to know which one is superior.

That's why polls are useless. Until big-time college football rids itself of the politics and establishes a playoff system, it will always be a Mickey Mouse sport in my mind.

Just think if college basketball used a poll to crown its champion, N.C. State never would have beaten Houston. Villanova never would have beaten Georgetown. And North Carolina never would have beaten Michigan.

By the way, the 1993 Tar Heels sit atop everybody's pre-season basketball poll. Like I said, polls are useless. But given my recent history with UNC fans, I'll reserve my judgment until March.

Winning Off The Field

It's been another incredible football season for the West Brunswick Trojans. So incredible, in fact, that it's easy to lose sight of what's really important about high school.

It's easy to forget that these kids—some of whom are twice the size of adults—have math homework and biology tests and English papers and the other responsibilities of high school students.

Under those helmets and big pads, it's easy to forget they're just kids who like to hang out at Burger King and watch MTV.

It's easy to forget that most of these kids will never play organized football after they leave West Brunswick. Most of them will never block, score a touchdown or make a tackle again.

For the rest of their lives, though, they will all need to add and read and write. They'll all need to balance their checkbooks and read bedtime stories to their children.

Kids need to learn early that winning football games is great, but it's not nearly as important as winning in the classroom. The sooner they learn that lesson the better.

Doug Rutter Sports Editor



RECREATION BRIEFS

After-School Arts Program Continues

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is continuing its After-School Arts Program for children 6-13 years old.

The activity will be holiday crafts. All materials will be provided, and participants will meet in these locations:

- Tuesday, Nov. 30, Shallotte Library;
 - Wednesday, Dec. 1, Southport Library;
 - Thursday, Dec. 2, Leland Library.
- All sessions will be from 4-4:45 p.m.

Santa's Workshop

A Santa's Workshop will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Public Assembly Building of the Brunswick County Government Complex, Bolivia.

"Santa's elves" will be available to help children ages 12 and under make holiday crafts. While the children are busy in the Santa's Workshop, parents will be entertained with holiday music.

Santa Calling

The parks and recreation departments of Brunswick County, Southport and Long Beach will sponsor a "Santa Calling" program.

Forms will be distributed through county school in grades K-3 and will also be available at recreation departments and county libraries.

For more information, call Emma T. McGraw at Brunswick County Parks and Recreation, 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790; Joe Medlin at Southport Recreation, 457-7922; or Woody Woodward at Long Beach Recreation, 278-5518.

Ski Trips

Space is still available on two downhill ski trips sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Cost is approximately \$275 per person to Seven Springs, Pa., Feb. 6-9; or \$217 per person to go to Snowshoe, W.Va., March 4-7.

Ski rental is an additional fee. The cost for both trips includes three nights' lodging, two days of skiing, transportation and eight meals.

Participants must be at least 21 years old.

Contact the parks department for registration or more information.

Fitness Programs

A variety of fitness programs are available through the parks department in county community buildings and schools.

A taekwon do martial arts class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. at the Waccamaw Community Building. There is a \$20 per month participation fee. The class is open to anyone 5 or older. Registration is on location, and Ray Smith is instructor.

"Kidnastics" classes are available to kindergarten through fifth grade and are held in the following areas: Mondays at Lincoln Primary, Wednesdays at Southport Primary and Thursdays at Union Primary. There is a \$22 per month participation fee. Loris Lucas is instructor. Contact the parks department for class schedules and availability.

Step aerobics classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Public Assembly Building of the County Government Complex from 5:15-6:15 p.m., and at the Leland Community Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$15 per month fee or a \$3 drop-in fee. Participants must supply their own step.

Low-impact aerobics are held in the following locations:

- Town Creek Community Building, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. Fee is \$3 to drop in or \$20 per month;
- Lockwood Folly Community Building, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee is \$15 per month or \$3 to drop in.

Registration for both classes is on location.

Spring Rafting

A double dose of whitewater rafting has been scheduled for Sat. May 14 through Tuesday, May 17, 1994.

The group will camp out three nights and raft two days.

One day of rafting on the Cheat River near Albright, W.Va., offers Class III-V rapids. The second day is scheduled on the Upper Youghogheny River near McHenry and Oakland, Md. The Upper Youghogheny is rated as a world-class river, and experience is necessary.

Total trip cost—including two days of rafting, three nights camping, transportation and six meals—is \$219.54 per person.

For more information about any of these programs, call Emma T. McGraw at Brunswick County Parks and Recreation, 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

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