

# South Wins Third Consecutive Quiz Bowl Against North Brunswick Challenge

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North Brunswick High School emerged from the loser's bracket Saturday morning to challenge South Brunswick High School's bid for a third consecutive Brunswick County Quiz Bowl championship.

South retained its county title, racking up 110 points to North's 40 in the fifth and final round of double-elimination competition, after losing to North on a tense tie-breaker in Game 4.

West Brunswick, who finished third in the competition, had a bye for the first game.

Quiz Bowl is the annual general knowledge competition sponsored by the North Carolina Public Library, the Brunswick County Library and the Brunswick County Public Schools. It was held Saturday morning before an audience of less than 50 people in the Student Center at Brunswick Community College.

Formatted similarly to the former College Bowl television game, teams square off to answer questions about current events, history, science, math, literature, English, languages and geography against time clock.

Students take turns answering questions of increasing difficulty in the first two rounds of each game,

for 10 points and then 20 points, then get to confer before answering 30-point questions in Round 3. Anytime one team misses an answer or doesn't answer in time, the other team gets a chance to answer the question for half-credit before the game continues.

South Brunswick won the first match, against North, 120 to 45, then defeated West 120 to 60. In the loser's bracket, North posted a 105 point to 30 point win over West, setting the stage for Game 4.

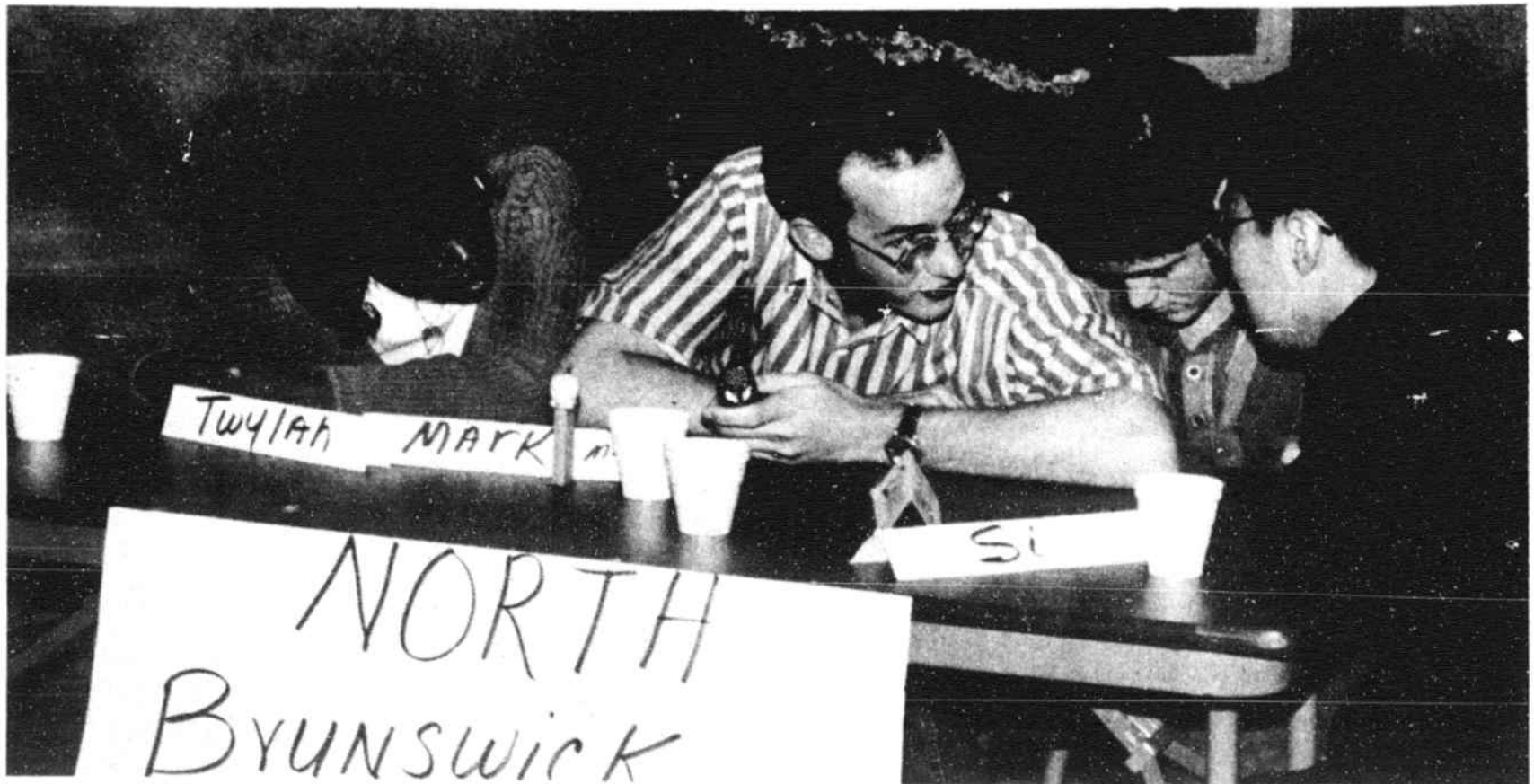
North and South tied three times in Game 4, at 25 points, 75 points and then 90 points, leading to a sudden-death tie-breaker.

Both teams were given the same tie-breaker question to answer in writing within a time limit, with the winner being the first team to be the only one to answer a question correctly.

Both teams missed questions about the Dutch artist Jan Vermeer and soda ash.

North won on the third question, correctly identifying the Lockheed Blackbird as the airplane holding the record for the fastest speed on a straight course, and forcing a fifth game.

Early in Game 5, South Bruns-



NORTH BRUNSWICK teammates (from left) Twylah Jenkins, Mark Mitchell, Zachary Miller and Si Lee confer before answering a 30-point question.

wick challenged a judges' decision to accept North Brunswick's answer to the 10-point question "Name the hormone that supplies blood sugar to the muscles, liver and fat tissue." North Brunswick first answered "pancreas," then "insulin." Judges first accepted the answer, saying it had been given in the time allotted. Several minutes later, after the game had resumed and the teams were tied at 20 points each, the judges reversed their decision when

Quiz Bowl Coordinator Felicia Hardy pointed out the competition rule that requires judges to accept the first response given to be a team's final answer.

The question at issue was thrown out and North Brunswick given a new question, "Who wrote 'The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner?'" missed by both teams. That left the score still 20 to 10 in South's favor, where it remained until the 30-point round.

To win with 115 points, South correctly answered 30-point questions about thermodynamics, North Carolina's turn-of-the-century "education governor" Charles B. Aycock and the Angel Gabriel giving the Koran to Mohammed.

For its final 30 points, North correctly identified Thursday as the day of the week named after Jupiter.

Competing for South Brunswick, coached by Mabel Calloway, were Damon Jones, Mandy Adams, Mary Osborne, Jeff Shew, Leslie Myrie, Joey Walls, Forrest Whitesides, and brothers John and Joey Walls, seniors playing for their third consecutive team championship.

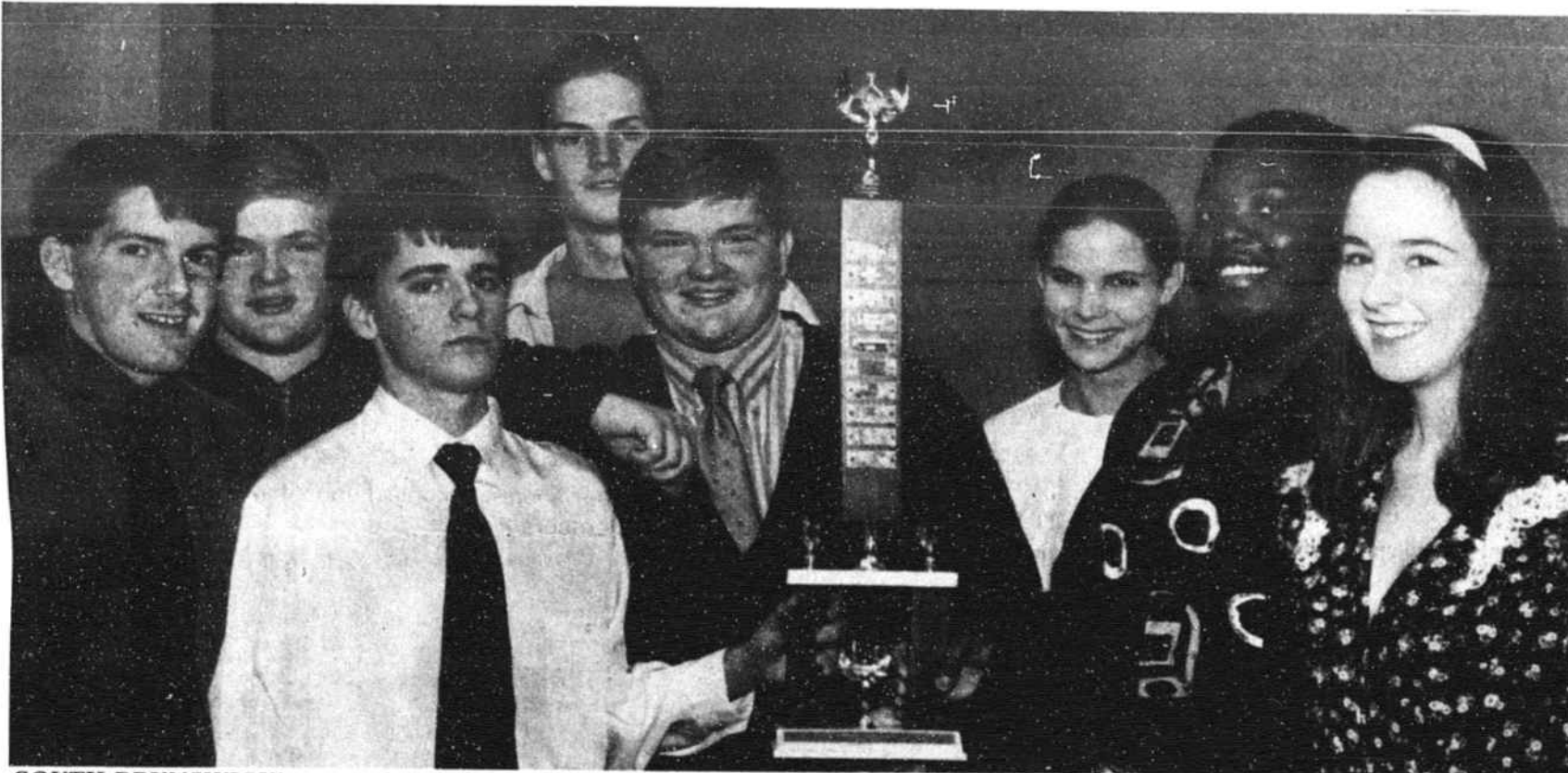
Playing for runner-up North Brunswick were Kimberly Batson, Angela Brown, Will Carter, Twylah Jenkins, Si Lee, Jennifer Loftu, Zachary Miller and Mark Mitchell. They were coached by Michael

Hooks and Dawn Norton.

Finishing third was West Brunswick's team, coached by Jim Price. Team members are Mark Causey, James Kolm, Matt Ruff, Jennifer Smith, Joey Davis, Melissa Robinson, Chad Smith, Rachael Swain and alternates James Cook, Marietta Heustess and Lisa Kolm.

The event was coordinated by Felicia Hardy, West Brunswick branch librarian, assisted by library staff members and Friends of the Library. Marybeth Bianchi, feature editor of *The State Port Pilot* in Southport, was moderator. Judges were Doris Wilson, a Brunswick County Public Schools teacher, Robert Quinn, a retired U.S. Army officer, and Judith Toole, a freelance writer.

South Brunswick will advance to district competition, at a date and location to be announced.



SOUTH BRUNSWICK's team advances to the District Quiz Bowl for the third consecutive year. From the left are Damon Jones, John Wall, Forrest Whitesides, Jeff Shew, Joey Walls, Mary Osborne, Leslie Myrie and Mandy Adams. Not pictured are Amy Sawyer and alternate Hilary Brinson.

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