

LADY TROJANS DEFEATED

West Trojans Bounce Pender Patriots 56-45

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West Brunswick's trapping defense forced Pender to commit 27 turnovers Friday night as the Trojans rolled to a 56-45 win over the Patriots in a high school boys' basketball game in Shallotte.

Senior forward Anthony Moody scored 14 points, and guard Eric Johnson and center Derek Frink added 13 apiece as the Trojans improved to 2-0 in the Waccamaw Conference.

West Brunswick, off to its best start in the conference in three years, was 4-6 overall heading into this week. The Patriots fell to 0-2 in the league and 6-6 overall.

The Trojans started the season

slowly, partly because most of the team didn't stop playing football until mid-December. After losing five of its first six games, West Brunswick has won three of its last four.

"I think we're beginning to get in basketball shape," West Brunswick Coach Charlie Stevens said following Friday's win. "I'm just hoping and praying we keep it going."

West had two tough conference games on the schedule this week, including a Tuesday night tilt in Whiteville (2-0, 7-3). The Trojans will entertain once-beaten East Columbus on Friday night.

Against Pender, West Brunswick jumped out to a 14-4 lead just five

minutes into the game and led 16-8

WACCAMAW CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS Through Monday, Jan. 17

BOYS		
Team	League	Overall
Whiteville	2-0	7-3
West Brunswick	2-0	4-6
East Columbus	1-0	11-1
West Columbus	1-1	5-5
South Brunswick	0-1	3-7
Pender	0-2	6-6
South Columbus	0-2	4-8

GIRLS		
Team	League	Overall
Whiteville	2-0	10-1
South Brunswick	1-0	7-4
East Columbus	1-0	5-7
Pender	1-1	8-4
West Brunswick	1-1	3-7
South Columbus	0-2	6-6
West Columbus	0-2	2-9

after one quarter. Moody scored seven of his team-leading 14 points in the period.

Pender, which was led by Tyrone Jordan's 17 points, opened the second quarter with a 7-0 run to trim West's lead to 16-15.

But the Trojans used a 5-0 spurt to rebuild their lead to six points—a lead they maintained for the rest of the first half.

Leading 31-27 early in the third quarter, West scored eight unanswered points to grab a 39-27 lead with 3:30 left in the period. The Trojans carried a 10-point advantage into the fourth quarter.

A three-point play by Pender's Jerod Henry cut the lead to 43-36 early in the period, but the Trojans responded with a 6-0 run to put the lead at 49-46 with 4:07 remaining. Pender never got within 10 points the rest of the way.

Stevens, in his first year at West Brunswick, said the Trojans could

have won by more than 11 points, but he wasn't complaining.

"Pender is a well-coached team," Stevens said. "In the conference it's not the margin of victory that's important, it's the victory itself."

West Girls Lose

In the girls' game, Pender used an 8-0 run late in the fourth quarter to rally for a 49-41 win over the Lady Trojans.

Belinda Jacobs scored 14 points and Amy Rivenbark added 12 for the Lady Patriots, who improved to 1-1 in the Waccamaw Conference and 8-4 overall. Freshman Donicia Moody scored 12 to lead West Brunswick (1-1, 3-7).

The Lady Trojans opened the game strong, scoring nine unanswered points in the first quarter to lead 15-7 after one period. Moody scored six points in the second stanza to give West a 24-17 lead at halftime.

Pender opened the second half with an 8-0 run and took a 25-24 lead on Jacobs' 15-foot jumper with 5:51 left in the third quarter. West regained the lead momentarily, but Pender led 31-29 heading into the final period.

After the Lady Patriots took a 35-31 lead early in the quarter, the Lady Trojans scored five straight points and took a 36-35 lead on Amber Mercer's layup with 4:34 remaining.

Pender responded with the decisive 8-0 run and led 43-36 with 1:52 left to play. West Brunswick twice cut the deficit to six points, but couldn't get any closer.

The Lady Trojans were without the services of senior center Nicole Norris, who was out of town on a school trip.

BOYS GAME

Pender 8 17 8 12—45
West Brunswick 16 15 12 11—56

Pender scoring: Jordan, 17; Henry, 8; McKnight, 6; Hansley, 5; Nasrallah, 3; Barnhill, 2; James, 2;

Newkirk, 2.

West Brunswick scoring: Moody, 14; Johnson, 13; Frink, 13; Daniels, 9; T. Brown, 4; Holmes, 3.

GIRLS GAME

Pender 7 10 14 18—49
West Brunswick 15 9 5 12—41

Pender scoring: B. Jacobs, 14;

Rivenbark, 12; Jackson, 7; Kemp, 4; Baker, 4; Futrell, 4; T. Jacobs, 2; Messick, 2.

West Brunswick scoring: Moody,

12; Grissett, 9; Mercer, 7; Morgan, 6; Hill, 3; Hewett, 2; Moll, 2.



WEST BRUNSWICK'S ANTHONY MOODY drives past Pender's Jerod Henry during the Trojans' 56-45 win Friday. Moody scored 14 points to lead the Trojans.



FELICIA MORGAN (24) scored six points in West Brunswick's 49-41 conference loss to Pender Friday night.

Wilmington Hoggard Tops Trojans Again

The third time wasn't the charm for the West Brunswick High School boys' basketball team.

The Trojans lost to Wilmington Hoggard for the third time of the season last Wednesday in Shallotte, 52-44.

West Bruns. led 35-34 after three quarters, but the Vikings outscored the Trojans 18-9 in the final period for the non-conference victory.

John Gaddy scored 13 points and Alan Cox had 12 for Hoggard (8-3), which had posted earlier wins over West Brunswick by scores of 56-50 and 46-36.

Leading the Trojans (3-6) were

Anthony Moody with 14 points, Eric Johnson with 13 and Timothy Daniels with 10.

Hoggard also rallied in the fourth quarter to win the girls' game, 58-51. Catrice Horton scored 16 points for the Lady Vikings (9-2).

West Brunswick (3-6) was led by senior center Nicole Norris with 16 points and sophomore forward Felicia Morgan with 13.

Coach Brenda Council's Lady Trojans, who suffered an 87-33 loss last month at Hoggard, gave the Lady Vikings a scare last week.

West Brunswick led 31-24 at half-time and carried a 43-39 lead into

the fourth quarter. Hoggard outscored West 19-8 down the stretch for the win.

Hoggard's junior varsity was a 81-46 winner. Aljuan Burnette led the Vikings with 13 points, and Jeremie Varnum had 14 for the Trojans.

BOYS GAME

Hoggard 9 13 12 18—52
West Brunswick 13 8 14 9—44

Hoggard scoring: Gaddy, 13; Cox, 12; King, 7; Smith, 6; Pellom, 6; Lewis, 4; Johnson, 2; Alan, 2.

West Brunswick scoring: Moody, 14; Johnson, 13; Daniels, 10; Frink, 4; Williams, 3.

GIRLS GAME

Hoggard 11 13 15 19—58
West Brunswick 15 16 12 8—51

Hoggard scoring: Horton, 16; Wells, 9; Fields, 9; Malone, 7; Bua, 6; Wager, 6; Lee, 2; Auten, 2; McIntosh, 1.

West Brunswick scoring: Norris, 16; Morgan, 13; Moody, 8; Grissett, 7; Hewett, 3; Hill, 2.

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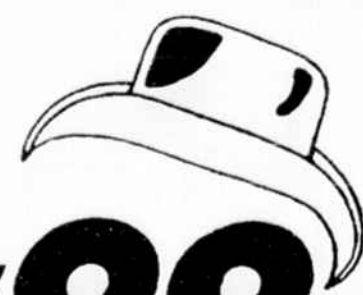
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