

Trojans Finally Tame Cougars; Snap Four-Year Losing Streak

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The West Brunswick boys' basketball team ended four years of frustration at the hands of the South Brunswick Cougars by playing well for 16 minutes Saturday night.

The Trojans poured in 20 points in the first quarter and 21 points in the third period en route to a 56-45 win in Boiling Spring Lakes. The victory snapped West's seven-game losing streak to South dating back to 1990.

"I'm tickled to death we won the game, especially over here," first-year West Brunswick Coach Charlie Stevens said. "I thought our kids played real well. I'm tickled pink."

Junior guard Eric Johnson scored 14 points to lead four West Brunswick starters in double figures. Anthony Moody scored 12 and Derek Frink and Timothy Daniels added 11 each.

Scouter Moore scored 12 points and Lewis Vaught had 10 to lead the Cougars, who did everything they could to slow down the tempo against the athletic Trojans.

Moore, who scored all of his points after coming off the bench in the second half, saw his first significant playing time since re-joining the Cougars last week. He was academically ineligible last semester.

"They outplayed us," South Brunswick Coach Gene Doane said following the game. "Charlie out-coached me. He did a heck of a job."

"We had our opportunities but we couldn't overcome them," Doane added. "Every time we challenged them they fought us off. They were road warriors. We won the one mile, but they won the marathon."

South Brunswick's only lead, 2-0, came before the game really started. Mike Clark made two free throws after West Brunswick was whistled for a technical foul for dunking during pre-game warmups.

The Trojans scored the next six points, including two on a legal slam dunk by Moody just 56 seconds into the first quarter, and West Brunswick was off and running.

Frink and Jonathan Williams both hit three-pointers in the opening period as West raced out to a 20-12 lead.

South Brunswick did a good job of slowing the pace in the second quarter and held the Trojans to no field goals and just three free throws. West led 23-17 at halftime.

Moore's first basket of the season



WEST BRUNSWICK'S DEREK FRINK blows past South Brunswick's Lewis Vaught during Saturday night's clash of county rivals.

early in the third quarter cut West Brunswick's lead to 23-19 before the Trojans went on a 7-0 run to build their advantage to 11 points.

West Brunswick used a 12-0 spurt

WACCAMAW CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS Through Monday, Jan. 31

| BOYS | | |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Team | League | Overall |
| Whiteville | 5-0 | 12-3 |
| East Columbus | 4-1 | 14-2 |
| West Brunswick | 4-2 | 6-9 |
| Pender | 2-3 | 8-8 |
| West Columbus | 2-3 | 6-7 |
| South Columbus | 1-5 | 5-11 |
| South Brunswick | 1-5 | 4-11 |

| GIRLS | | |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Team | League | Overall |
| Whiteville | 4-1 | 14-2 |
| South Brunswick | 4-2 | 10-6 |
| West Brunswick | 4-2 | 6-9 |
| South Columbus | 3-3 | 9-6 |
| East Columbus | 2-3 | 6-10 |
| Pender | 1-4 | 8-8 |
| West Columbus | 1-4 | 3-11 |

later in the period to take a 42-23 lead with 1:57 left in the quarter. Johnson scored 10 of his game-high 14 points during the third quarter.

The Trojans led 45-27 early in the fourth quarter before the Cougars mounted a final charge.

South's inside duo of Moore and Tyrell Hewett combined for nine points during a 12-2 run that slashed West Brunswick's lead to 47-39 with 2:42 remaining.

However, the Trojans regained momentum with a three-point play by Moody with 1:56 left. Moody scored eight points in the final period as West held off the Cougars.

Several times, West seemed to be on the verge of pulling away from South Brunswick but couldn't make the Cougars go away. Coach Stevens said he wasn't disappointed with the final score.

"The sign of a good team is you can't blow them out," Stevens said of South Brunswick.

"You shouldn't be able to run

right by a well-coached team," he said. "If you blow out a team, it's either because they are not a good team or they are not well-coached."

With the victory, West Brunswick improved to 4-2 in the Waccamaw Conference and 6-9 overall. South Brunswick fell to 1-5 in the conference and 4-11 overall.

The Trojans were scheduled to host North Brunswick on Tuesday, travel to South Columbus Friday and host North Myrtle Beach on Saturday.

South Brunswick will travel to Wilmington Hoggard for a non-conference game Friday. The Cougars return to Waccamaw Conference action next Tuesday with a home game against West Columbus.

Score By Quarters

West Brunswick 20 3 21 12 —56
South Brunswick 12 5 10 18 —45

West Brunswick scoring: Johnson, 14; Moody, 12; Frink, 11; Daniels, 11; Williams, 6; T. Brown, 2.

South Brunswick scoring: Moore, 12; Vaught, 10; Johnson, 7; Hewett, 7; Clark, 4; Champion, 3; Pelham, 2.

Trojan JV Grabs First League Win

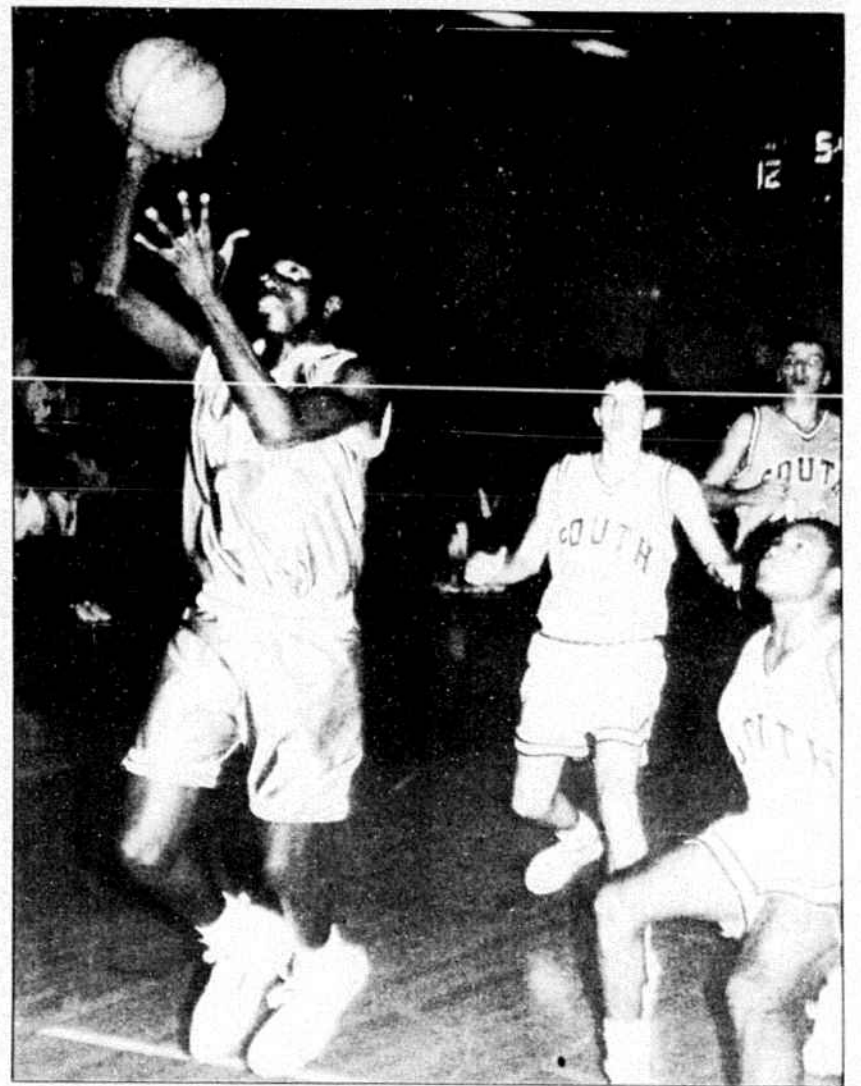
Ricky Hill scored 28 points to lead the West Brunswick junior varsity basketball team to its first Waccamaw Conference win of the year last Tuesday, a 79-72 victory over visiting West Columbus.

Corey Hill scored 16 points, Jamal Stanley added 15 and Juan Bellamy chipped in 11 for the Trojans.

In more recent action, South Brunswick defeated West 60-38 Saturday in Boiling Spring Lakes. Devon Johnson led the Cougars with 19 points, while Bellamy scored 10 and Stanley had nine for the Trojans.

The Trojans dropped an 87-58 decision last Thursday at Wilmington Laney. Bellamy scored 22 points and Stanley had 11 to lead West Brunswick. Aubrey Baham scored 21 points to pace the Buccaneers.

West Brunswick entered this week's play with a 1-6 record in the Waccamaw Conference and an overall mark of 2-9.



TROJAN GUARD JONATHAN WILLIAMS scored six points in West Brunswick's 56-45 win. The victory ended a seven-game losing streak to South Brunswick.

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Laney Buccaneers Sweep West

Wilmington Laney swept visiting West Brunswick in non-conference boys' and girls' high school basketball action last Thursday.

Derek McSwain scored 19 points and Adrian McCrae added 15 to lead the Laney boys to an 86-50 blowout of the Trojans. Laney's girls won 37-25 behind Tericka Grady's 10 points.

In the boys' game, the Buccaneers jumped out to a 24-7 lead after one quarter and never looked back. The Bucs made nine three-pointers in the contest, led by McCrae's three.

Anthony Moody scored 10 points and Jonathan Williams added nine to lead West Brunswick, which fell to 5-9 overall. Laney improved to 8-7.

The Laney girls (12-3) also jumped on West Brunswick quickly and took a 16-6 lead after one quarter. Senior center Nicole Norris led West Brunswick (5-9) with 19 points.

BOYS GAME
West Brunswick 7 13 16 14—50

Laney 24 11 25 26—86

West Brunswick scoring: Moody, 10; Williams, 9; Frink, 8; T. Brown, 6; Johnson, 5; Hewett, 4; Daniels, 4; Hill, 2; Morgan, 2.


Laney scoring: McSwain, 19; McCrae, 15; Johnson, 11; Brinson, 8; Keen, 8; Murphy, 5; Dombrowski, 5; Breeding, 5; Broadfoot, 4; T.

Jones, 2; L. Jones, 1.

GIRLS GAME
West Brunswick 6 9 6 4—25
Laney 16 10 9 2—37

West Brunswick scoring: Norris, 19; Morgan, 2; Moody, 2; Moll, 2.

Laney scoring: Grady, 10; Lane, 8; White, 6; Goggin, 6; Jacobs, 3; Williams, 2; McCoy, 2.



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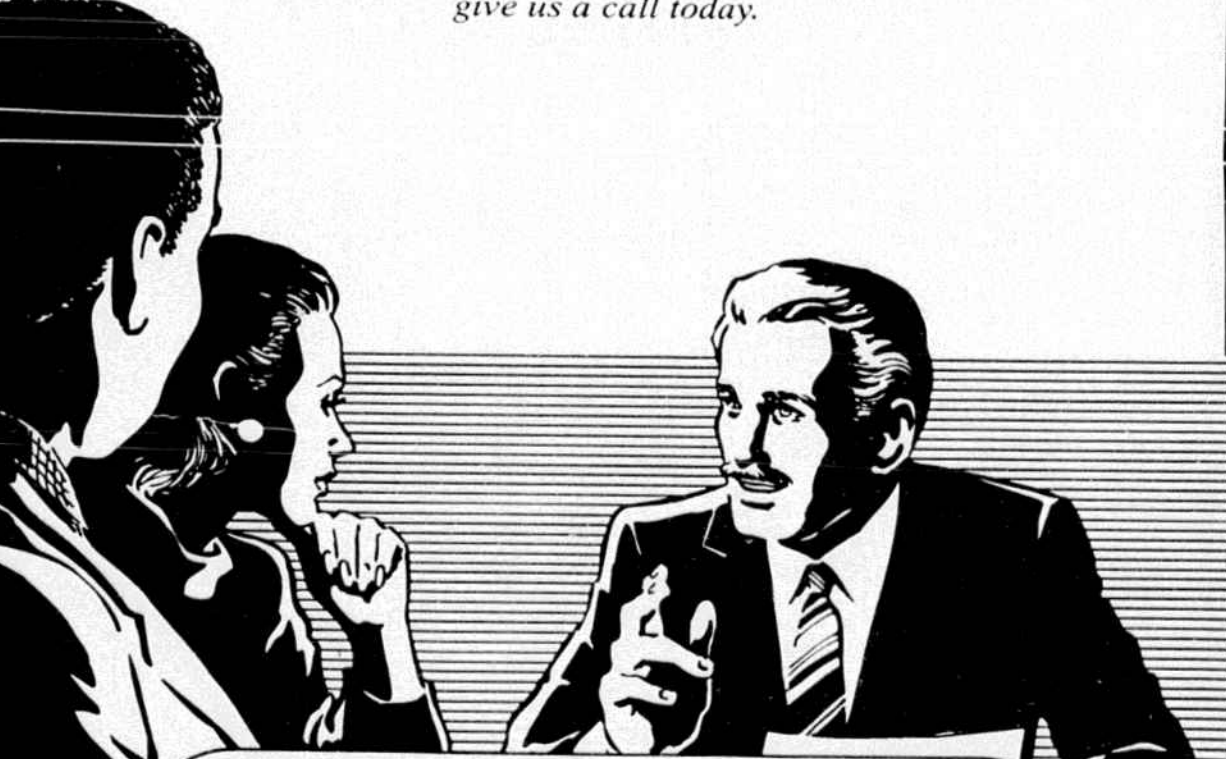
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