

SPORTING SCENE

West's Andreis Makes History On The Mat

Eric Andreis walked into the South Brunswick gym Saturday morning with one thing on his mind—making history.

For this West Brunswick High School senior, four years of sacrifice and strenuous practice had come down to one battle on the wrestling mat.

Andreis entered the gym a three-time county tournament champion and wanted something bad to exit as a four-time county champ. Make that the first four-time county champ in history.

While everyone else wrestled Saturday, Andreis waited and waited. He paced, stretched out, paced, warmed up, and finally his number came up. Number 152. As in 152 pounds.

Andreis was a highly-combustible package as he hustled on to the mat. As he shook hands with opponent Carnell Jones of South Brunswick, Andreis had the look of a caged animal that knew it was about to be turned loose.

One minute, 40 seconds later it was over. Another pin for Eric Andreis, but not just another pin. He sprang to his feet, looked to his teammates and flashed four fingers. As in four-time county champion.

"I really wanted to win today," Andreis said later. "Nobody has ever won four county championships, and I wanted to be the first one to do it." When you watch him at work, it's hard to believe that Andreis didn't take up wrestling until his freshman year at West Brunswick. That was the first year wrestling was offered at the school.

You could say Andreis discovered wrestling by accident. Coach Joe Noble needed a 125-pounder, and Andreis fit the bill. In four years, Andreis has not disappointed.

"I love wrestling. There's nothing like it in the world," he said Saturday. "I like the one on one. Just you and him on the mat. When the referee raises your hand, it's just a great feeling."

Andreis likes knowing that winning and losing is entirely in his hands.

"It's just you and somebody else on the mat. If you lose, it's your fault and you can't blame it on nobody else. If you win, you earned it and nobody can take that away from you."

Andreis says most people will never know the energy it takes to wrestle. A match can last up to six minutes, and there are no time-outs.

"There ain't nothing like six minutes on the mat," he said. "You use every muscle in your body. You use muscles you never used before. You use more energy in six minutes on the mat than you use in any other sport."

But there's more to it than conditioning. A lot more. Conditioning don't mean beans without wrestling smarts.

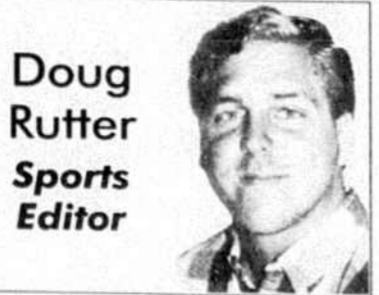
"If you don't know what you're doing out there, conditioning won't help you," Andreis says.

Make no mistake about it. Wrestlers are a breed apart. As John Madden would say, they're a little goofy. They eat vegetables. They don't drink Coke or Pepsi.

But in this age of trash-talking on the football field and trash-talking on the basketball court, wrestling remains a gentleman's sport.

Because of the total commitment involved in their craft, wrestlers have mutual respect for each other. It's like a fraternity. They are blood brothers of the mat.

"Everyone who comes out and wrestles has the respect of everyone else who wrestles," Andreis says. "I don't care if they're 0 and 30 or 30 and 0. I have respect for them because they're out there doing it."



Doug Rutter
Sports Editor

Daniels Scores 9 Points In First Start At State

West Brunswick High School alumnus Ricky Daniels scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds last Saturday in his first start for the North Carolina State basketball team.

Daniels had been seeing a lot of playing time as a reserve until getting his first start against Clemson. The Wolfpack suffered a 95-73 road loss to fall to 2-5 in the ACC and 6-11 overall.

Daniels, a 1992 graduate of West Brunswick and a two-year starter at Anderson (S.C.) Junior College, has shown steady improvement during his first season at N.C. State.

He has scored 63 points in his last five games for an average of 12.6 points per game.

The junior forward scored 11 points and also contributed seven re-

bounds and five assists in N.C. State's 84-78 upset of 21st-ranked Georgia Tech last Wednesday.

Other recent performances include a career-high 20 points against Florida State and a team-high 16 against Duke.

N.C. State will play five televised games over the next month. Below is a list of those games with the date, opponent, network and time:

- Saturday, Feb. 5, North Carolina, ACC-TV, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 9, Virginia, ESPN, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 20, at Duke, ABC, 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 26, at Georgia Tech, ACC-TV, noon.
- Saturday, March 5, Wake Forest, ACC-TV, 1:30 p.m.

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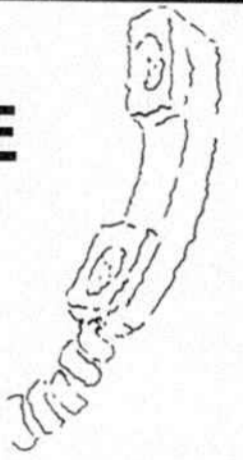
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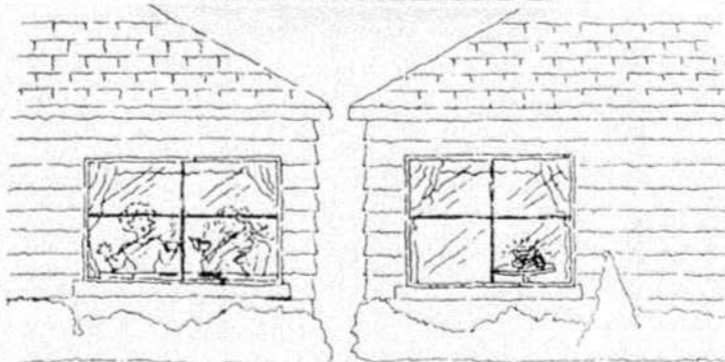
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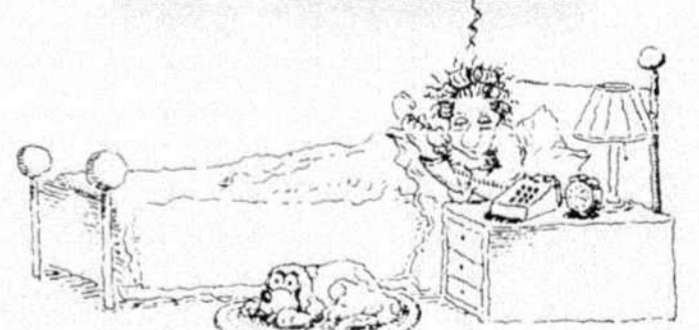
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CHURCH BALL

Shallotte Tops Letties Grove

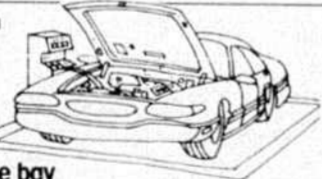
Shallotte First Baptist edged Letties Grove 50-49 last Tuesday in a battle of undefeated teams in the Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League.

In other games last Tuesday, the league's only other unbeaten, Calvary Baptist, remained in first place with a 85-64 win over Friendship Baptist. Camp Methodist also beat Dixon Chapel 52-39.

On Friday, Ocean View knocked off Supply Baptist 41-33. Jennies Branch topped Mount Olive 44-31. New Britton creamed Shallotte Presbyterian 75-50 and Zion Baptist stopped Seaside Methodist 28-23.

Brunswick County Church Basketball League Standings Through Jan. 31		
Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary Baptist	7	0
Shallotte First	6	0
Letties Grove	6	1
New Britton	4	2
Jennies Branch	4	2
Camp Methodist	4	2
Zion Baptist	4	3
Seaside Methodist	3	4
Friendship Baptist	2	4
Supply Baptist	2	5
Shal. Presbyterian	1	5
Mount Olive	1	5
Ocean View	1	5
Dixon Chapel	0	7

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