

Second-Quarter Spurt Propels West Trojans Past NMB Chiefs

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West Brunswick opened the second quarter with 11 unanswered points and held on for a 64-59 win over visiting North Myrtle Beach in non-conference high school boys' basketball action Saturday.

Senior Anthony Moody and backup forward Brandon Hill, who recently moved up from the junior varsity squad, scored four points apiece during the run, which included four jump shots and three free throws.

"I thought that was real important," West Brunswick Coach Charlie Stevens said. "We got a little run there and got a little distance. That might have been the difference."

West Brunswick trailed 16-15 after the first quarter but took a 26-16 lead with 4:03 left in the half when Moody sank a pair of free throws to end the spurt. The Trojans bumped their lead to 11 points, 33-22, by halftime.

Coach David Small's Chiefs trimmed West's advantage to six points, 40-34, with 3:07 left in the third quarter.

West Brunswick then put together a 10-0 run spanning two quarters to take its biggest lead of the game, 50-34, with 7:14 left in the fourth period.

The Trojans led 59-47 with 2:30 remaining, but North Myrtle Beach scored seven consecutive points. James Hudson's three-pointer from the left wing with 1:11 remaining

WACCAMAW CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Through Monday, Feb. 7

BOYS		
Team	League	Overall
East Columbus	6-1	16-2
Whiteville	6-1	13-4
West Brunswick	4-3	8-10
Pender	3-4	9-9
West Columbus	2-5	6-9
South Columbus	2-5	6-11
South Brunswick	1-5	5-11

GIRLS		
Team	League	Overall
Whiteville	5-2	15-3
South Brunswick	4-2	10-7
South Columbus	4-3	10-6
West Brunswick	4-3	7-11
East Columbus	4-3	7-11
West Columbus	2-5	4-12
Pender	1-6	8-10

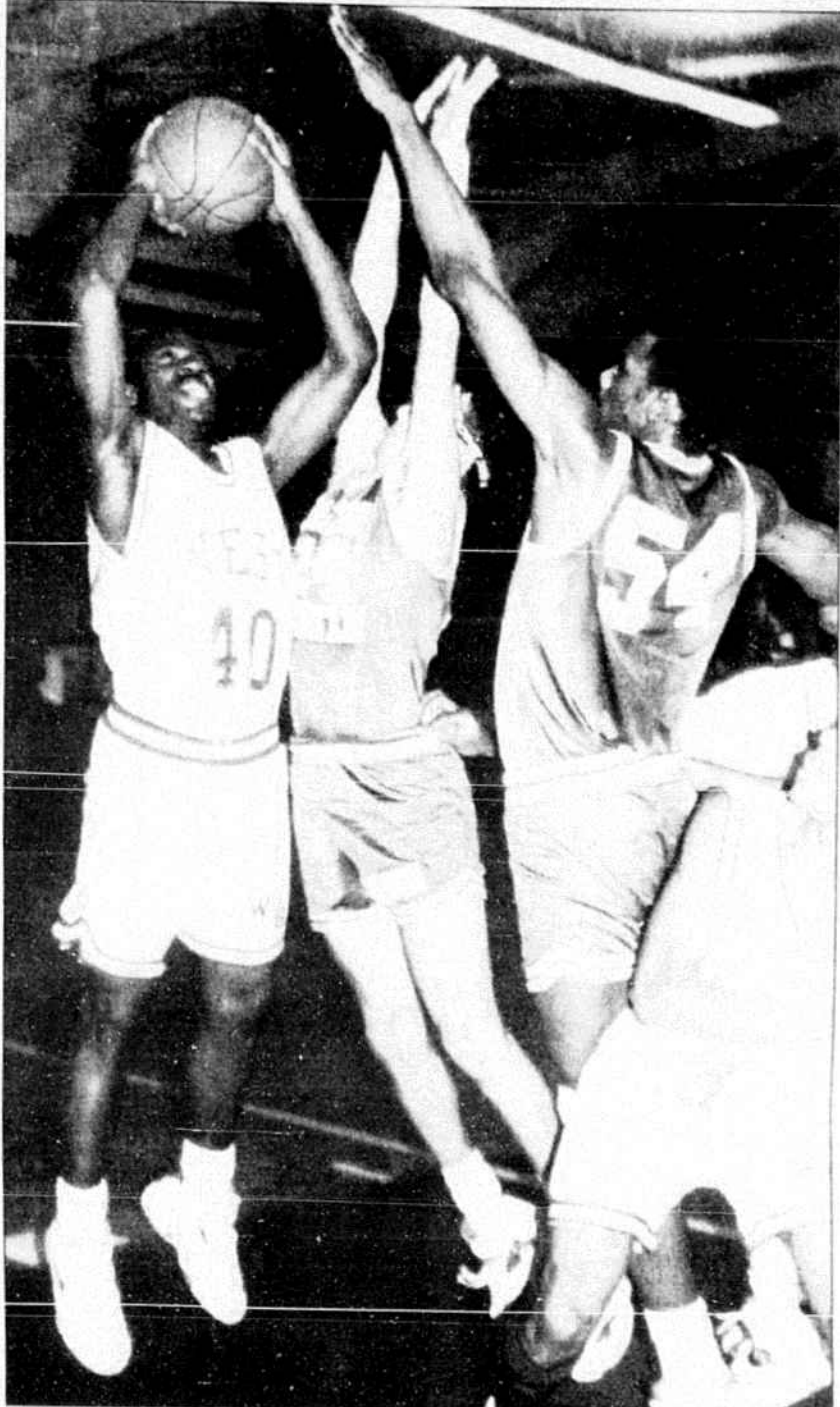
cut West's lead to 59-54. Following a West Brunswick turnover, the Chiefs had a chance to pull to within two or three points but lost the ball out of bounds with 46 seconds left. Jerel Gore disputed the call and was whistled for a technical foul.

West's Derek Frink converted both free throws to give the Trojans a 61-54 lead, and the Chiefs never threatened again.

Eric Johnson scored 18 points and Timothy Daniels added 17 to lead the Trojans, who improved their



WEST BRUNSWICK COACH CHARLIE STEVENS shouts instruction to his team during Saturday night's 64-59 win.



WEST BRUNSWICK'S TY BROWN (40) drives for two points. Defending for North Myrtle Beach are Garrett Spencer (24) and Quentin Gore.

Trojans Scorch North Brunswick

The West Brunswick boys' and girls' basketball teams clinched at least a share of the county championships last Tuesday with blowout wins over visiting North Brunswick.

Eric Johnson scored 21 points to lead West Brunswick to an 84-38 victory in the boys' game, while Nicole Norris scored 13 to pace the Lady Trojans in a 63-11 rout.

West's boys led 11-8 after one quarter and started to pull away in the second period, when they outscored the Scorpions 23-7 to take a 34-15 halftime lead.

Coach Charlie Stevens' troops continued to build their lead in the second half and outscored North Brunswick 36-14 in the fourth quarter. The 36 points was the most the Trojans have scored in any period this year.

Johnson's 21 points led all scorers. Also scoring in double figures for West were Timothy Daniels and Jonathan Williams with 11 points each and Anthony Moody with 10.

Brandon Hill, who recently moved up from the junior varsity team, added nine points as West's record improved to 7-9.

Chris Knox scored 12 points and Anthony Williams chipped in 10 for North Brunswick, which suffered its fifth straight defeat and saw its season record fall to 6-9.

West Brunswick's girls had no trouble with the visiting Lady Scorpions, grabbing a 21-2 lead in the first quarter. The Lady Trojans led 36-2 at halftime.

Along with Norris' 13 points, Jackie Moll scored 10 points and Felicia Morgan added eight to lead West Brunswick (7-9).

Several West Brunswick reserves also had good nights. Backup center Amber Mercer scored seven points, Annie Williams had five and Amelia Hewett and Tiffany Lance scored four points apiece.

Crysta Corbett and Petra Ludd

scored four points each for North, which lost its tenth straight game and fell to 1-14 overall.

With last week's win, West Brunswick's girls are 3-0 against county foes while the boys are 2-1. Both squads can win county championships outright with victories Feb. 25 against visiting South Brunswick.

BOYS GAME

North Brunswick 8 7 9 14—38

West Brunswick 11 23 14 36—84

North Brunswick scoring: Knox, 12; Williams, 10; Mosley, 5; Ballard, 4; Brew, 2; Bryant, 2; Hough, 2.

West Brunswick scoring: Johnson, 21; Daniels, 11; Williams, 11; Moody, 10; B. Hill, 9; Holmes, 8; Frink, 7; Morgan, 4; R. Hill, 2; Brown, 1.

GIRLS GAME

North Brunswick 2 0 3 6—11

West Brunswick 21 15 17 10—63

North Brunswick scoring: Corbett, 4; Ludd, 4; Willis, 2; Jones, 1.

West Brunswick scoring: Norris, 13; Moll, 10; Morgan, 8; Mercer, 7; Williams, 5; Grissett, 4; Hewett, 4; Moody, 4; Lance, 4; Hill, 2; Blue, 2.



TROJAN FORWARD ANTHONY MOODY guards Randy Woodard of North Myrtle Beach.

overall record to 8-10. Moody finished with 11 points.

Quentin Gore scored 20 points to lead four players in double figures for North Myrtle Beach. Jerel Gore added 14, Randy Woodard had 12 and Hudson scored 11 for the Chiefs (7-14).

West Brunswick was coming off a disappointing 58-57 Waccamaw Conference loss the night before at South Columbus.

"I was real pleased with the way our guys responded tonight," Stevens said. "We didn't play too great last night against a very good South Columbus team. That's a compliment to the guys to come back the way they did tonight."

Stevens also praised the play of North Myrtle Beach's Jerel Gore, Quentin Gore and Woodard, who combined to score 46 of the Chiefs'

59 points. "I don't know another team that can put as many good athletes on the floor as North Myrtle Beach," Stevens said. "I wouldn't mind having some of those players here."

West Brunswick was slated to resume Waccamaw Conference action Tuesday night with a key game at Pender. The Trojans will entertain league foe Whiteville on Friday night.

Score By Quarters

NMB	16	6	12	25	59
West Bruns.	15	18	13	18	64

North Myrtle Beach scoring: Q. Gore, 20; J. Gore, 14; Woodard, 12; Hudson, 11; McCray, 2.
West Brunswick scoring: Johnson, 18; Daniels, 17; Moody, 11; Frink, 6; Williams, 4; Hill, 4; Morgan, 2; T. Brown, 2.

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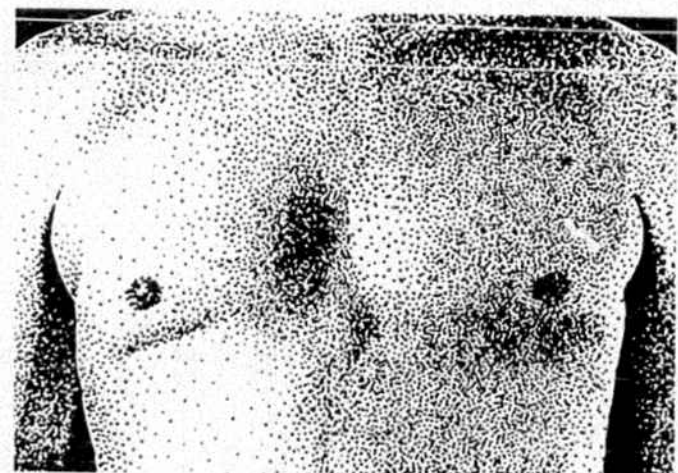
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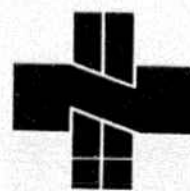
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