

**FOOTBALL BANNER RAISED**

# Whiteville Wolfpack Whips West Brunswick 78-49

BY DOUG RUTTER

How bad did things get for the West Brunswick boys' basketball team last Friday night in its 78-49 loss to Whiteville?

So bad that Wolfpack bench-warmer James Smith entered the game

in the fourth quarter and scored his first four points of the season.

Whiteville dominated the Waccamaw Conference contest from the start, scoring the first 12 points of the game and taking a 19-4 lead into the second quarter.

The Trojans trailed 39-13 at half-time, and things didn't get any better for the home team in the second half. Whiteville extended its lead to 54-23 at the end of the third quarter.

"They just came in here better prepared and ready to play and they stuck it to us," West Brunswick Coach Charlie Stevens said.

Terry McCray and Curtis Norton scored 10 points apiece to lead a balanced Whiteville attack. Every Wolfpack player scored at least two points.

Brandon Hill scored 11 points and Eric Johnson had 10 to pace West Brunswick, which suffered its third straight Waccamaw Conference loss.

Whiteville's players seemed to be one step ahead of the Trojans all night long. West Brunswick had trouble beating the Wolfpack's full-court press. When the Trojans did get the ball across half-court, they didn't get many good looks at the basket.

"Tonight we were not a well-coached team. A well-coached team does not get blown out," Stevens said.

"I think all the blame should be put on me. I'm the head basketball coach and I'm responsible for this team. Mentally, I did not have them ready to play tonight."

Whiteville's biggest lead of the game, 34 points, came with 6:10 left in the fourth quarter when Andre McCullum snatched a perfect alley-oop pass from Jablonski Moore and dunked for a 60-26 advantage.

For West Brunswick fans, the game's only bright spot came at halftime when members of the football team raised their state 3A championship banner in the gym.

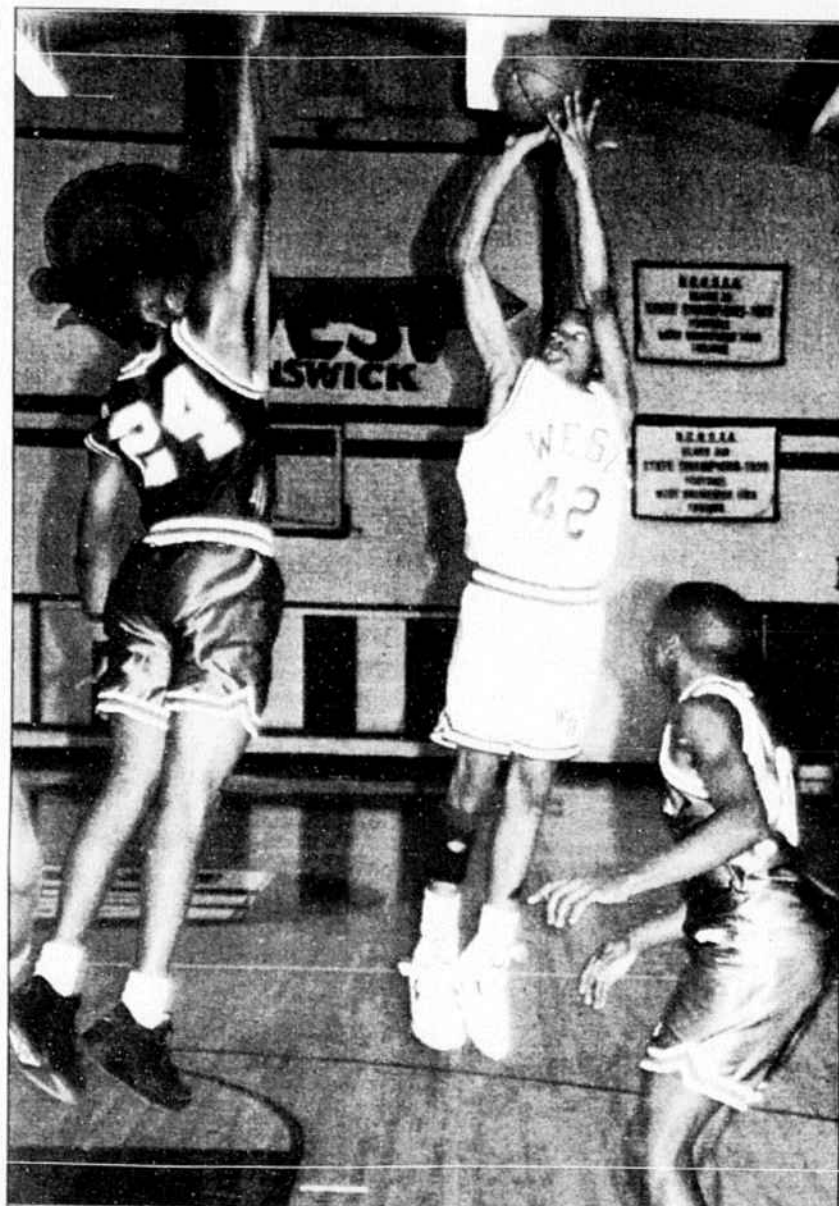
The ceremony did not inspire the Trojan basketball team, which includes seven members of the football team. If anything, raising the

## WACCAMAW CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Through Monday, Feb. 14

BOYS		
Team	League	Overall
Whiteville	8-1	15-4
East Columbus	7-1	18-2
Pender	4-5	10-10
West Brunswick	4-5	8-12
West Columbus	3-5	7-9
South Columbus	3-6	7-12
South Brunswick	1-7	5-13

GIRLS		
Team	League	Overall
South Brunswick	6-2	12-7
Whiteville	6-3	16-4
West Brunswick	5-4	8-12
East Columbus	4-4	8-12
South Columbus	4-5	10-8
Pender	3-6	10-10
West Columbus	2-6	4-13



BRANDON HILL of West Brunswick (42) shoots over Whiteville's Jablonski Moore. Hill led the Trojans with 11 points.

9; McCullum, 8; Southern, 6; Soles, Williams, 6; Moody, 4; C. Brown, 2; 6; A. Moore, 6; Thurman, 5; Smith, Morgan, 2. 4; George, 3; Hardie, 2. **Score By Quarters** Whiteville 19 20 15 24—78 West Brunswick 4 9 10 26—49



WEST BRUNSWICK'S ANTHONY MOODY drives past Whiteville's Curtis Norton during Friday night's 78-49 Wolfpack win.

## WEST GIRLS FALL

# Jordan Leads Pender Past Trojans

A basketball player by the name of Jordan led the Pender Patriots to a 50-45 win over West Brunswick in a key Waccamaw Conference boys' basketball game last Tuesday.

Tyrone Jordan, a cousin of retired-basketball-legend/budding-baseball-star Michael Jordan, scored 22 points to pace the Patriots in a battle of two clubs vying for state playoff berths.

The win left Pender and West Brunswick tied for third place in the league with records of 4-4. The Patriots improved to 10-9 overall, and the Trojans fell to 8-11.

Jerod Henry chipped in 13 points for Pender, which has won four of its last six Waccamaw Conference games.

Derek Frink scored 11 points to lead West Brunswick, which suffered its second straight conference loss. Eric Johnson and Brandon Hill added 10 points apiece for the Trojans.

Pender held West to five first-quarter points and led by eight after the opening period. The Trojans outscored the Patriots 15-6 in the second quarter to take a 20-18 lead at the break.

Pender carried a 32-30 lead into

the fourth quarter and held on for the win.

Each team made five three-pointers. Henry drained three and Jordan two for the Patriots, while Johnson and Hill had two apiece for West Brunswick.

On the girls' side, West Brunswick suffered its third straight loss as Pender posted a 46-33 victory. Amy Rivenbark scored 10 points to lead the Lady Patriots. Donicia Moody scored 11 and Nicole Norris added 10 for West Brunswick.

Pender led 20-12 at halftime and outscored West Brunswick 15-8 in the third quarter to pull away. West Brunswick's girls, battling Pender and South Brunswick for the league's two state 3A playoff berths, fell to 4-4 in the Waccamaw and 7-12 overall.

The Lady Patriots improved to 2-6 in the league and 9-10 overall. Pender's only two Waccamaw Conference wins to date have come against West Brunswick.

**BOYS GAME**  
West Brunswick 5 15 10 15 —45  
Pender 12 6 14 18 —50

West Brunswick scoring: Frink, 11; Johnson, 10; Hill, 10; Moody, 9; Daniels, 3; Brown, 2.

Pender scoring: Jordan, 22; Henry, 13; Newkirk, 9; Williams, 4; Hansley, 2.

### GIRLS GAME

West Brunswick 7 5 8 13 —33  
Pender 10 10 15 11 —46

West Brunswick scoring: Moody, 11; Norris, 10; Grissett, 9; Moll, 3.

Pender scoring: Rivenbark, 10; Baker, 9; Jackson, 6; T. Jacobs, 4; Messick, 3; B. Jacobs, 2; Fedoranko, 2; Kemp, 2; Lee, 2.

## Whiteville Beats West JV 80-69

Whiteville defeated West Brunswick 80-69 Friday night in a high school junior varsity basketball game in Shallotte.

Nathan Greene scored 35 points to lead the Wolfpack. Terrell Thomas scored 17 and Jamal Stanley and Juan Bellamy had 16 each for West Brunswick, which fell to 2-7 in the conference and 3-12 overall.

In junior varsity action last Tuesday, West Brunswick defeated host Pender 52-47. Bellamy scored 17, and Darrell Eimore added 10 points for the Trojans.

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