

SOUTH BRUNSWICK'S ERIKA BRYANT scored 24 points and grabbed 15 rebounds Friday night to lead the Lady Cougars to a 49-25 win over county rival West Brunswick. Defending for the Lady Trojans is Nicole Norris.

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Cougars Bounce West Brunswick; Earn Share Of Championship

BY DOUG RUTTER

South Brunswick High wrapped up a share of its third straight Waccamaw Conference girls' basketball championship Friday night with a 49-25 win over host West Brunswick.

The Lady Cougars finished the regular season 9-3 in the conference and tied for first place with Whiteville, which beat East Columbus 59-48 on Friday to earn a piece of the league title.

The conference title came as somewhat of a surprise to South Brunswick Coach Mike Isenberg, who was unsure of his team at the start of the season with just two experienced players back from last year's 26-1 squad.

"Needless to say I'm tickled to death with what we've done after losing our whole lineup last year," Isenberg said following Friday night's win.

South, which has won two straight conference tournaments, entered this week's tourney with an overall record of 15-8. The Lady Cougars will receive the Waccamaw's number one 3A seed in the upcoming state playoffs.

Last Friday's win at West Brunswick avenged a 69-67 triple overtime loss to the Lady Trojans earlier this season in Boiling Spring Lakes.

The Lady Cougars held a 12-point halftime lead in that game on Jan. 29, and led by the same margin last Friday at West.

"When we had that 12-point lead at halftime all I had to tell them was how many points we were ahead in

the last game," Isenberg said. "I stressed to them how important the third quarter was."

South Brunswick turned a 26-14 halftime lead into a 40-21 lead at the end of the third quarter. The Lady Cougars never let up in the second half, and held their largest lead as the final horn sounded.

Senior center Erika Bryant turned in a monster game for South Brunswick, pouring in 24 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. Freshman Sheba Fullwood added 10 points for the Lady Cougars.

West Brunswick, which slipped to 5-7 in the Waccamaw Conference and 8-15 overall, was led by Nicole Norris with 10 points and Felecia Morgan with eight.

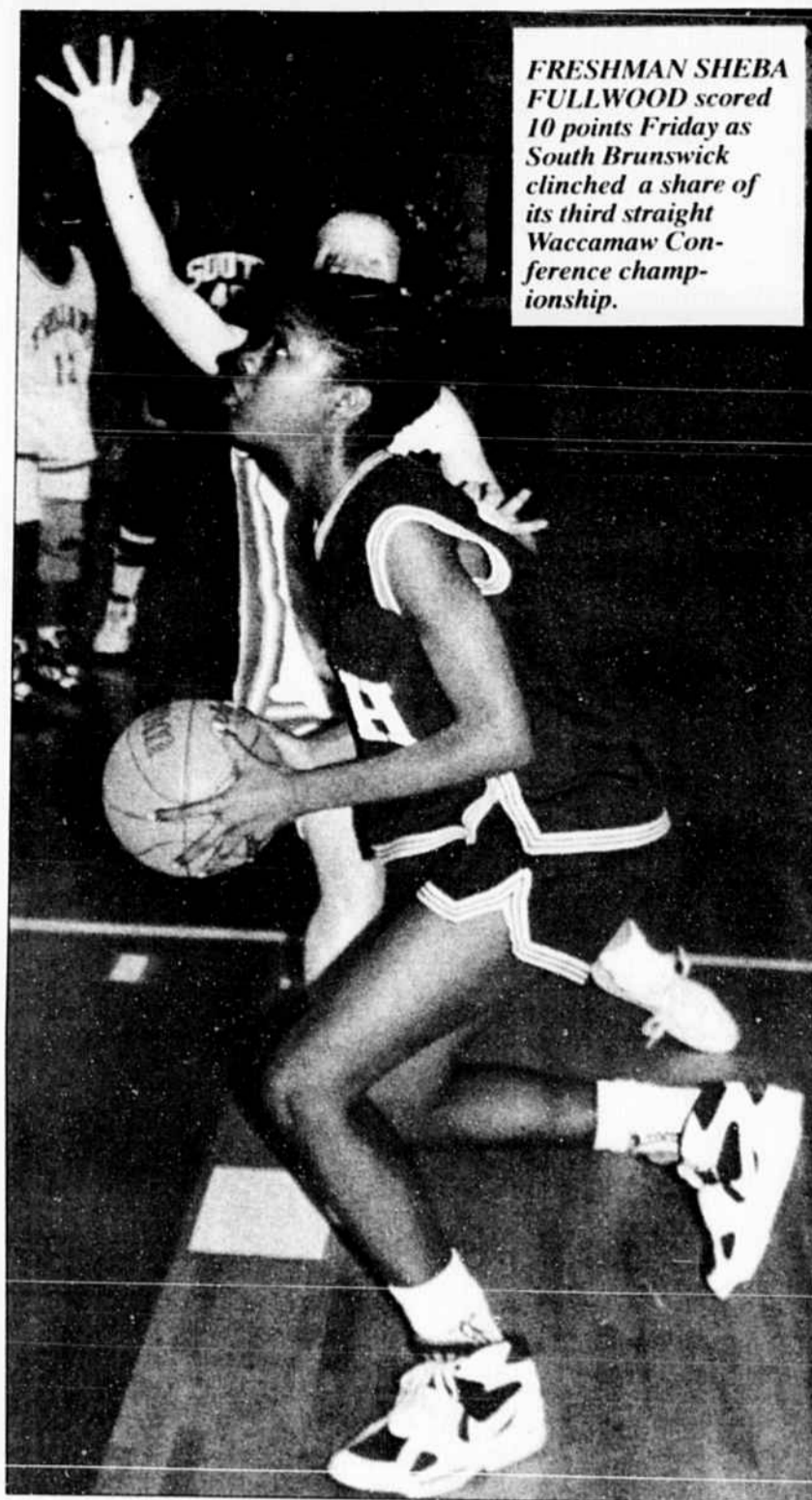
The Lady Trojans, who lost six of their last seven regular-season games, finished tied with South Columbus for fourth place in the conference. West will receive the Waccamaw's second state 3A playoff seed unless Pender wins the league tournament.

With Bryant leading the way, South Brunswick dominated in the paint. Natalie Smith also helped inside with nine points while playing outstanding defense.

The Lady Cougars led 10-8 late in the first quarter before pulling away with a 7-0 run that ended when Bryant rebounded a missed free throw and made the shot for a 17-8 lead.

A three-point play by Fullwood helped South Brunswick close the first half with a 9-4 spurt and carry a 26-14 lead into the locker room.

South Brunswick put the Lady Trojans away in the third quarter,



FRESHMAN SHEBA FULLWOOD scored 10 points Friday as South Brunswick clinched a share of its third straight Waccamaw Conference championship.

when Bryant scored 10 points.

The Lady Cougars took a 40-21 lead into the fourth quarter and closed the game with a 9-2 run to crush any remaining hopes of a West Brunswick comeback. The 25 points for the game matched a season-low for the Lady Trojans.

Score By Quarters

South Brunswick	12	14	14	9	—49
West Brunswick	8	6	7	4	—25

South Brunswick scoring: Bryant, 24; Fullwood, 10; N. Smith, 9; Tam Davis, 6.
West Brunswick scoring: Norris, 10; Morgan, 8; Moody, 5; Grissett, 2

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

- Brunswick County Coed Volleyball League at Supply Elementary School: Gene's Auto Body vs. Kari's Bar, 7 p.m.; Richard Jones Construction vs. Sherri's Grill, 7:45 p.m.; Roberto's Pizza vs. Sub Jammers, 8:30 p.m.; Brunswick Community College vs. J.M. Parkers, 9:15 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League at Waccamaw Elementary School: Zion Baptist vs. Shallotte Presbyterian, 7 p.m.; Shallotte First vs. Mount Olive, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

- Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League at Waccamaw Elementary School: Letties Grove vs. Friendship Baptist, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- Shallotte Babe Ruth League will hold registration today for T-Ball, baseball and softball from 9 a.m. until noon at the Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad building on N.C. 179. All children must bring their birth certificate and the \$20 registration fee.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

- West Brunswick girls' basketball team hosts third-place team from Triangle Conference in first round of state 3A playoffs, 7 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School: Panthers vs. Turntables, 7 p.m.; UC3 vs. Nets, 8:15 p.m.
- Brunswick County Over 30 Men's Basketball League at Supply Elementary School: Has Beens vs. Wannabes, 7 p.m.; Top Guns vs. Galloways Gang, 8:15 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League begins tournament play at Waccamaw Elementary School. Games start at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- West Brunswick boys' basketball team hosts third-place team from Triangle Conference in first round of state 3A playoffs, 7 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League continues tournament play at Waccamaw Elementary School. Games start at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- South Brunswick girls' basketball team competes in second round of state 3A playoffs, Campbell University, 8:30 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School: Young Guns vs. Rockets, 7 p.m.; Lakers vs. Great Whites, 8:15 p.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list a sporting activity call 754-6890 or write to Doug Rutter, *The Brunswick Beacon*, P.O. Box 2558, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

SOUTH GIRLS ADVANCE

Cougars Bump Trojans From Waccamaw Tourney

South Brunswick's boys basketball team beat West Brunswick for the second time in four days Monday, knocking the Trojans out of the Waccamaw Conference Tournament and prolonging the Cougars' playoff hopes.

Antoine Johnson scored 11 points to lead the fifth-seeded Cougars to a 36-27 win over the fourth-seeded Trojans. South Brunswick beat West Brunswick 50-42 last Friday in the regular-season finale.

On Monday, West Brunswick led 25-22 going into the fourth quarter. The Cougars outscored the Trojans 14-2 in the final period for their fourth straight win.

Sophomore center Derek Frink led West Brunswick (9-15) with 12 points, and Anthony Moody had eight.

South Brunswick (9-14) was scheduled to play tournament host and regular-season conference champion Whiteville in the semifinals Wednesday night.

The Cougars must win the conference tournament to qualify for the

state 3A playoffs. West Brunswick will make the playoffs unless South Brunswick wins the tournament.


In girls' action Monday night, regular-season co-champion South Brunswick got a scare from last-place West Columbus before winning 39-34. Natalie Smith led the Lady Cougars (16-8) with 10 points and nine rebounds.

South Brunswick will play East Columbus in one tournament semifinal Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The Lady Gators defeated Pender 49-44 on Monday night.

West Brunswick's girls were scheduled to open tournament play Tuesday night against South Columbus. The teams split their two regular-season games.

Boys' games scheduled Tuesday were Pender versus South Columbus and East Columbus against West Columbus.

Boys' and girls' semifinal games were scheduled Wednesday and Thursday. The girls' championship game will be Friday at 6:30 p.m., followed by the boys' title game at 8 p.m.



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Gene's Auto Leading Volleyball League

Gene's Auto Body remained in first place in the Brunswick County Coed Volleyball League last week with a 15-13, 15-12, win over Sub Jammers.

With two weeks left in the regular season, Gene's holds a one game lead over the second place team, Richard Jones Construction. Richard Jones improved its record to 10-2 with a 15-5, 15-1, victory over Roberto's Pizza last Tuesday at Supply Elementary School.

In other matches last week, Kari's Bar defeated J.M. Parkers 15-5, 15-

11, and Sherri's Grill bounced Brunswick Community College 15-2, 15-12.

Brunswick County Coed Volleyball League Standings As Of Feb. 28

Team	Wins	Losses
Gene's Auto Body	11	1
Jones Construction	10	2
Kari's Bar	7	5
Sherri's Grill	6	6
Brunswick College	5	7
Roberto's Pizza	4	8
Sub Jammers	4	8
J.M. Parkers	1	11

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