



SOUTH BRUNSWICK'S ANTOINE JOHNSON (12) drives for two points during the Cougars' season-ending loss last Wednesday. Whiteville's Kevin McKenzie nearly blocked the shot.

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# Whiteville Whips Cougars 70-47

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South Brunswick's hopes for a second straight Waccamaw Conference boys' basketball tournament championship and fifth consecutive trip to the state playoffs crashed last Wednesday at Whiteville.

The over-matched Cougars managed to stay within striking distance of the regular-season conference champions for two quarters before cracking under the Wolfpack's pressure defense.

"They kicked our butt," South Brunswick Coach Gene Doane moaned after the Wolfpack snapped his team's four-game winning streak.

The Cougars, who needed to win the tournament to qualify for the state playoffs, survived a first-round encounter with West Brunswick last Monday. But South's four-corners offense was not as effective against the Wolfpack.

Jablonski Moore scored a game-high 24 points to lead the 10 Whiteville players who broke into the scoring column. Anthony Southern added nine points, and Kevin McKenzie and Andre McCullum had eight apiece for the Wolfpack.

South Brunswick's Scooter Moore, playing in his final high school game, led the Cougars with 18 points. Moore helped keep South close in the first half with 11 points.

Whiteville raced out to leads of 8-2 and 15-4 in the first quarter thanks to excellent defense that disrupted South's half-court offense and perimeter passing game.

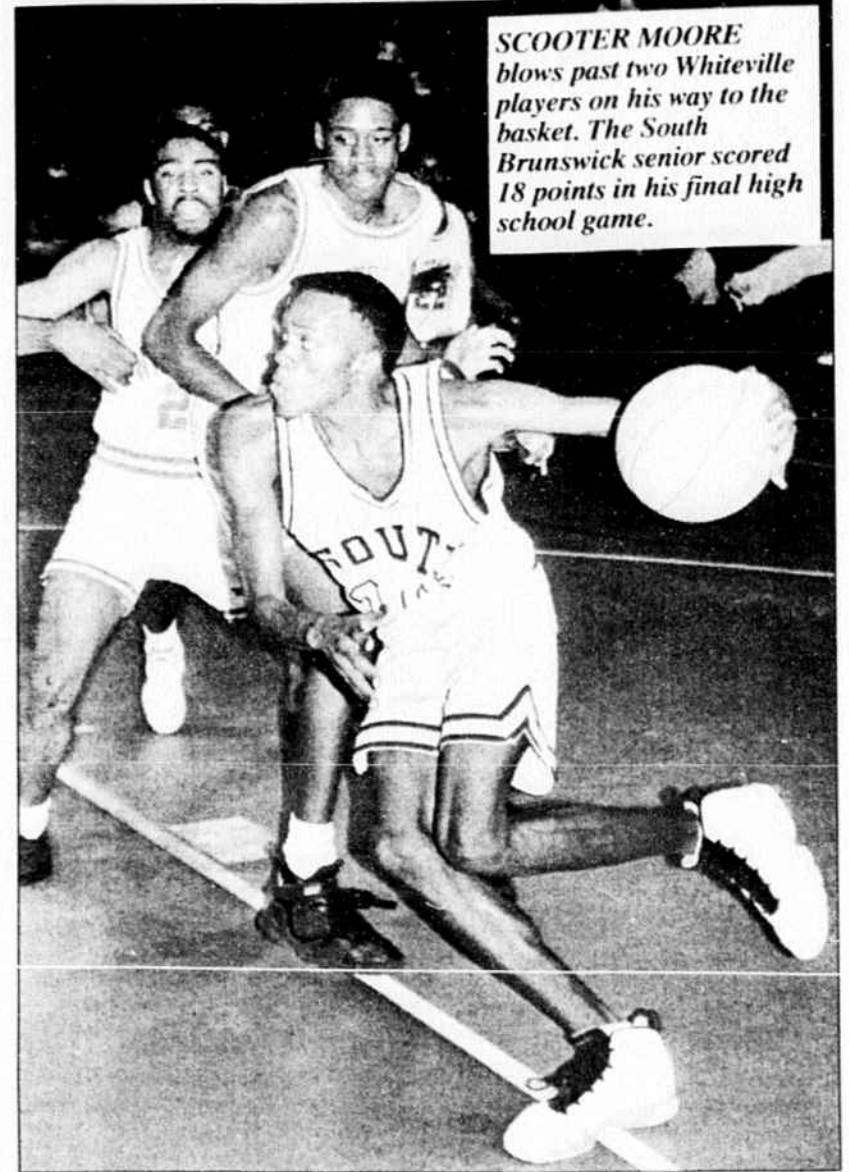
The Wolfpack (19-4) led 19-7 after the first quarter before South Brunswick (9-15) made a charge.

Scooter Moore opened the second period with a three-point play and followed it up with a driving layup along the baseline and two free throws to cut Whiteville's advantage to 21-14.

South Brunswick's Chris Champion scored four straight points to key a 7-1 spurt later in the quarter that trimmed the Wolfpack lead to 24-21 with 3:08 left in the first half.

But Whiteville, which won all four games against South Brunswick this season, scored eight of the next nine points to take a 32-22 lead at halftime.

South Brunswick guard Antoine Johnson pulled the Cougars to within 32-24 at the start of the third quarter before Whiteville pulled



SCOOTER MOORE blows past two Whiteville players on his way to the basket. The South Brunswick senior scored 18 points in his final high school game.

away. Jablonski Moore scored eight points as the Wolfpack engineered a 21-2 run. Whiteville scored the last 13 points of the quarter and carried a 53-26 lead into the final period.

Both teams cleared their benches midway through the fourth quarter, when South outscored Whiteville 21-17. Jeff Shew and Paul Pelham scored five apiece for the Cougars down the stretch.

"The team out there tonight did not function like the team that's been playing the last four games," Doane said. "My kids froze. Mentally they were not ready for Whiteville."

Doane said the Wolfpack's defense made the difference. "When

the pressure really got on us we were not able to handle it. We're not that good a ball club. We'll be better next year."

South Brunswick, which finished fifth in the Waccamaw Conference, missed the state playoffs for the first time since 1989.

### Score By Quarters

South Brunswick 7 15 4 21—47  
Whiteville 19 13 21 17—70

South Brunswick scoring: Moore, 18; Johnson, 6; Champion, 6; Vaught, 5; Shew, 5; P. Pelham, 5; Blue, 2.

Whiteville scoring: J. Moore, 24; Southern, 9; McKenzie, 8; McCullum, 8; Norton, 7; Teachey, 4; Soles, 4; Hardie, 2; A. Moore, 2; George, 2.

## CHURCH BASKETBALL

# Shallotte First Finishes 13-0

Shallotte First wrapped up the Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League regular-season championship last week with wins over Seaside Methodist and Mount Olive.

Ray Suggs scored a game-high 19 points to lead Shallotte First to a 48-40 victory over Seaside last Tuesday. Roger Doby led Seaside with 16 points.

On Thursday, Suggs scored 19 again in Shallotte's 54-45 win over Mount Olive. Kevin McKeithan had 16 points for Mount Olive. Shallotte First finished the regular season 13-0.

Calvary finished second during the regular season with a 12-1 record. Evan Gore scored 16 points to lead Calvary to a 57-52 win over Camp Methodist last Tuesday. Carson Davis had 12 points for Camp.

Letties Grove, which finished third in the final standings with an 11-2 mark, ended the regular season last Friday with a 57-54 win over

Friendship Baptist. Brad Thomas scored 32 points for Letties Grove, and Shane Graham had 18 for Friendship.

In league play last Thursday, Delane Chapel scored 16 points to lead Zion Baptist past Shallotte Presbyterian 63-56. David Milligan had 25 points for Shallotte.

Dixon Chapel posted a 43-36 win over Ocean View last week. Nathan Swain led Dixon Chapel with 13 points, and Steve Randone had 18 in a losing cause for Ocean View.

Micky Garrell scored 19 points last Monday to lead Jennies Branch to a 68-24 win over Supply Baptist. Chris Robinson led Supply with 13 points.


Also last Monday, Eric Mintz scored 23 points as Mount Olive edged New Britton 53-50. Jody Riley scored 21 points to lead New Britton.

In the opening round of the league tournament Friday, Shallotte

Presbyterian beat Zion Baptist 56-48. Jay McRoberts scored 18 for Shallotte, and Hugh Ray had 25 for Zion.


In other tournament action, Mitch Healy scored 18 points as Jennies Branch cruised to a 53-31 win over Supply Baptist. Chris Robinson led Supply with eight points.

Brunswick County Church Basketball League End Of Regular Season		
Team	Wins	Losses
Shallotte First	13	0
Calvary Baptist	12	1
Letties Grove	11	2
Jennies Branch	10	3
New Britton	7	6
Camp Methodist	7	6
Zion Baptist	7	6
Seaside Methodist	6	7
Friendship Baptist	6	7
Mount Olive	6	7
Dixon Chapel	2	11
Supply Baptist	2	11
Shal. Presbyterian	1	12
Ocean View	1	12



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