

**SPORTING SCENE**

# Duke's My Last Hope To Reach Final Four

I'm looking over the NCAA Basketball Tournament brackets following last weekend's games and I'm not liking what I see. Three of the four teams that I selected to emerge from the field of 64 and reach this year's Final Four have already been eliminated. They didn't even make it to the Sweet Sixteen.

First there was California. This, my friends, was a stupid pick. Cal went down in the first round to none other than those lovable lads from Wisconsin-Green Bay (Fight Song: "Dairy Is Divine"). See ya Cal.

Then there was the University of Massachusetts. The Minutemen survived their first round game against Southwest Texas State, but lost in the second round to Maryland.

See ya UMass. Then there was North Carolina. It really caused me a lot of pain to pick the Tar Heels, one of my least favorite college basketball teams, but I couldn't overlook their talent-laden roster.

As we all learned Sunday, there's a lot more to winning basketball games than talent. Boston College dropped Carolina like a bad habit. See ya Heels.

My last hope is Duke. I really hate Duke. I don't know why I even picked them to reach the Final Four. But I did and now I have to live with it.

If the Blue Devils can get past Marquette on Thursday, they would face either Kansas or Purdue in the Southeast Regional Finals on Saturday.

I would like to have at least one team representing me in the Final Four, but if Duke loses before then it wouldn't upset me at all.

**Doug Rutter Sports Editor**



# Hoggard Stings North Scorpions 4-3

A throwing error in the bottom of the seventh inning allowed Jamie King to score the game-winning run as Hoggard defeated North Brunswick 4-3 Monday in high school baseball.

King reached base on a single and scored the game-winner when North Brunswick fielded Justus Anderson's sacrifice bunt and threw the ball past first base into right field.

North Brunswick starting pitcher Paul Mintz and Hoggard starter Andy Wager struck out nine batters each. Both teams scored three runs in the fifth inning.

Hoggard improved to 3-1 on the season, while North Brunswick fell to 1-3. The teams were

scheduled to meet again Tuesday afternoon in Leland. North Brunswick also is slated to play at South Brunswick on Thursday.

North Brunswick's only win so far this season came last Wednesday against South Brunswick. Paul Mintz fired a one-hitter and struck out 18 batters as the Scorpions defeated the visiting Cougars 4-1.

Mintz had a no-hitter going through six innings, but gave up one hit and one run in the seventh. Jeremy Child had a two-run single in the second inning for the Scorpions.

North Brunswick lost a pair of non-conference games last week to the Dixon Bulldogs.

Last Friday in Leland, Dixon's Sean Kirby pitched a complete game and the Bulldogs scored four runs in the sixth inning to defeat the Scorpions 6-2.

In North Brunswick's season opener last Tuesday, Dixon's Jason Parrish pitched a complete game as the host Bulldogs posted a 6-2 win.

North Brunswick scored two runs in the first inning, but Parrish held the Scorpions scoreless the rest of the way. Matt Mintz led the Scorpions with three hits, including a triple.

Jon Hicks had a two-run single and Jim Armstrong a two-run double as Dixon scored four runs in the third inning. The Bulldogs padded their lead in the sixth on Kirby's two-run single.

# North Lady Scorpions Win Third Straight

Michelle Bennett and Cindy Holt had three hits apiece Monday afternoon as North Brunswick's softball team clubbed South Brunswick 12-3 for its third straight win.

Kerrie Cox was the winning pitcher for North Brunswick, which improved its season record to 3-1.

The Lady Scorpions will host

Wilmington Hoggard on Thursday and entertain Wilmington Laney on Friday before opening play in the Three Rivers Conference next week.

Last Thursday in Wilmington, North Brunswick and host Laney went to extra innings before the Lady Scorpions prevailed 14-11. Bennett doubled and Wendy Ganey

singled to spark a three-run eighth inning for North.

The Lady Scorpions scored five runs in the seventh inning to tie the score and force extra innings. Regina McKay had four hits for North Brunswick.

Last Wednesday, North Brunswick's Jenny Crowder pitched a

three-hitter as the Lady Scorpions defeated visiting South Brunswick 11-4. Cassandra Pierce had three hits, McKay added two and Holt had a home run to lead North.

In its season opener last Tuesday, North Brunswick fell behind 5-0 in the first two innings and lost to Wilmington Hoggard 10-7.

## This Week's Tide Table

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	24	4:55	5:28	11:19	11:44
Friday	25	5:50	6:22	12:09	12:09
Saturday	26	6:42	7:14	12:38	12:58
Sunday	27	7:33	8:05	1:29	1:46
Monday	28	8:24	8:56	2:20	2:33
Tuesday	29	9:15	9:49	3:11	3:22
Wednesday	30	10:08	10:43	4:03	4:13

**ADJUSTMENTS**  
 SHALLLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.  
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 SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.  
 LITTLE RIVER—subtract 11 min. high tide, add 18 min. low tide.

## Top Guns Demolish Has Beens

Donald Stanley scored 26 points to lead the Top Guns to a 90-60 win over the Has Beens in a Brunswick County Over 30 Men's Basketball League game last Monday.

The Top Guns improved their league-leading record to 6-1. The Has Beens, who were led by Henry Pellam's 21 points, fell to 1-6 for the season.

In last week's only other game, Dosh Hospital was a forfeit winner over the Mule Riders.

**Brunswick County Over 30 Men's League Standings As Of March 20**

Team	Wins	Losses
Top Guns	6	1
Galloways Gang	4	2
Mule Riders	5	3
Wannabes	3	3
Dosh Hospital	2	6
Has Beens	1	6

## Baseball Marathon

The West Brunswick High School baseball team is gearing up for its annual "marathon" game. The Trojans will play 100 innings of hardball on Saturday, April 9.

The 100-inning game is held each spring to raise money for the baseball program. The goal is for each player to get pledges from 10 people for 10 cents an inning. If the team plays 100 innings, each player would raise \$100.

"All the money from the 100-inning game goes to buy things that I can't get from the budget," Coach Mike Alderson said. The team hopes to raise enough money this year to purchase a portable batting cage.

Anyone interested in making a pledge can call Alderson at the high school, 754-4338.

## Millwood Makes Move

Don Millwood, the head wrestling coach and an assistant football coach at South Brunswick High for the last two years, recently left the Boiling Spring Lakes school.

Millwood has taken over as the new head football coach and athletic director at Hendersonville. The Bearcats were 9-2 last year and are the defending champions of the Apple Country 2A Conference.

Although he spent just two years at South Brunswick, Millwood certainly did a lot for the Cougar wrestling program. He is a classy individual who really cares about his student-athletes. He'll surely be missed.

## North Girls Win Quad-Meet

North Brunswick's girls scored 84.5 points to edge Wilmington Laney for first place in a high school track and field quad-meet last Tuesday at South Brunswick.

The Lady Scorpions got first-place finishes in the shot put, discus, 100-meter run, 300-meter hurdles and the 800-meter and 1600-meter relays.

Laney's girls finished second with 78.5 points, followed by South Brunswick with 50 and Wilmington Hoggard with 41.

In the boys' competition, Hoggard was an easy winner with 122.5 points. Runners-up were Laney with 87.5, South Brunswick with 32 and North Brunswick with 28. South and North each won two events.

### GIRLS RESULTS

**High jump:** Sabrinski (H), 4-6; **Long jump:** Covington (L), 13-4 1/2; **Triple jump:** Covington (L), 27-1/2; **Shot put:** Moore (NB), 27-6; **Discus:** Miller (NB), 74-10; **100 hurdles:** Monroe (L), 20.06; **100-meter run:** Smith (NB), 13.67; **1600-meter run:** Lineberger (SB), 6:45.8; **400-meter run:** Melvin (L), 1:08.88; **300-meter hurdles:** Corbett (NB), 1:00.26; **800-meter run:** Shaw (SB), 3:05.75; **200-meter run:** Jacobs (L), 29.84; **3200-meter run:** Jones (H), 13:40; **400-meter relay:** Laney, 55.26; **800-meter relay:** North Brunswick, 1:59.7; **1600-meter relay:** North Brunswick, 4:53.2; **3200-meter relay:** Hoggard, 12:26.

### BOYS RESULTS

**High jump:** Taylor (H), 5-10; **Long jump:** Hicks (L), 20-8; **Triple jump:** Hicks (L), 40-8; **Shot put:** Hempling (H), 48-4 1/2; **Discus:** Caine (SB), 121-8 3/4; **Pole vault:** Crowder (NB), 11-0; **110-meter hurdles:** Azevedo (SB), 16.73; **100-meter run:** Davis (L), 11.86; **1600-meter run:** Beery (L), 5:11.12; **400-meter run:** Swepson (L), 52.46; **300-meter hurdles:** Swepson (L), 43.67; **800-meter run:** Sholan (H), 2:14.79; **200-meter run:** McNair (H), 24.81; **3200-meter run:** Beery (L), 11:36; **400-meter relay:** Hoggard, 46.89; **800-meter relay:** Hoggard, 1:36.9; **1600-meter relay:** North Brunswick, 3:55; **3200-meter relay:** Hoggard, 9:12.8.

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