



BRUNSWICK COUNTY'S BEST celebrate victories at last week's county high school track and field championships. North Brunswick's girls (above) and West Brunswick's boys were the overall winners.



TRACK & FIELD West Guys, North Gals Capture County Titles

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Anyone who thinks local high school athletes don't care about county championships should have been at Boiling Spring Lakes last Tuesday.

West Brunswick's boys and North Brunswick's girls were living it up after capturing county track and field championships at South Brunswick.

North's girls, who had never before won a county track title, celebrated their victory with the hip "Whomp There It Is" chant.

West Brunswick's boys, who had not won a track championship since 1986, countered with their own "Ham" cheer, which nobody quite understood but seemed to enjoy nonetheless.

Both teams hoisted their trophies high overhead as they made victory laps around the oval. The only thing missing from the celebration was a few cases of alcohol-free champagne.

Even without the bubbly, West Brunswick's Dexter Bass did not go home dry. Several teammates emptied a cooler of ice on his head.

"They got me," said Bass, smiling from behind a pair of dark sunglasses. "That's alright. I know what Coach Brett feels like now."

Bass was referring to the celebratory soaking given to football coach Jim Brett last December after he led the Trojans to their second straight state championship.

Several football players made key contributions to West Brunswick's county track title, including senior William Stanley who took first place in the triple jump, 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash.

The Trojans also got first-place finishes from Phillip Johnson in the shot put and discus, Timmy Vaught in the 800-meter and 1600-meter runs, Derek Frink in the high jump and Reggie Frink in the 300-meter hurdles.

Bass, Stanley, Reggie Frink and Steve Holmes teamed up to give West Brunswick a win in the 400-meter relay.

Coach Wes Shoemaker's Trojans (14-1) scored 98 points to win their first county track title in eight years. North Brunswick, the three-time defending champion, placed second with 63 and South finished third with 23.

North's boys managed to stay close by winning three out of four relay races and getting first-place finishes from Joe Crowder in both the pole vault and 400-meter run.

North Brunswick's girls fared better than the boys, racking up 100 points as they improved their season record to 24-2. South finished second with 51, and West took third with 19.

Coach Garry Bishop's Lady Scorpions were led by Crystal Corbett with victories in the triple jump, long jump and 300-meter hurdles. Senior sprinter Valerie Smith took first in the 100 and 200.

Other event winners for North Brunswick included Vonetta Alston in the high jump, Kerri Cox in the 400-meter run, Dilya Johnson in the shot put and L'Kisha Pretty in the 100-meter hurdles.

North's girls also won three of the four relay races.

BOYS RESULTS

Shot put: Johnson (WB), 48-0; Discus: Johnson (WB), 148-6; High jump: D. Frink (WB), 6-4; Long jump: Frazier (SB), 20-5/8; Triple jump: Stanley (WB), 40-2; Pole vault: Crowder (NB), 10-0; 3200-meter relay: North Brunswick, 9:04; 110-meter hurdles: Lofton (NB), 18-5; 100-meter dash: Stanley (WB), 11.41; 800-meter relay: North Brunswick, 1:37.8; 1600-meter run: T. Vaught (WB), 4:59.09; 400-meter relay: West Brunswick, 45.84; 400-meter run: Crowder (NB), 52.13; 300-meter hurdles: R. Frink (WB), 43.25; 800-meter run: T. Vaught (WB), 2:14.31; 200-meter run: Stanley (WB), 23.32; 3200-meter run: Reeves (NB), 11:47; 1600-meter relay: North Brunswick, 3:49.7.

GIRLS RESULTS

Shot put: Johnson (NB), 27-1; Discus: Thorpe (WB), 95-10; High jump: Alston (NB), 4-6; Long jump: Corbett (NB), 14-11/8; Triple jump: Corbett (NB), 29-2; 3200-meter relay: South Brunswick, 11:51.13; 100-meter hurdles: Pretty (NB), 19.32; 100-meter dash: Smith (NB), 13.31; 800-meter relay: North Brunswick, 1:55.89; 1600-meter run: Lineberger (SB), 6:29.56; 400-meter relay: North Brunswick, 53.57; 400-meter run: Cox (NB), 1:04.63; 300-meter hurdles: Corbett (NB), 57.06; 800-meter run: Shaw (SB), 2:50; 200-meter run: Smith (NB), 28.67; 3200-meter run: Eagle (SB), 16:07; 1600-meter relay: North Brunswick, 4:35.2.

Track Squad Falls At Whiteville

The West Brunswick boys track and field team suffered its second loss of the season last Thursday as Whiteville dominated a five-team meet on its home track.

The Wolfpack, led by Terry McCray with first-place finishes in the high jump, 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles, racked up 213 points for the easy win.

West Brunswick (17-2) took second place with 97 points. West Columbus was third with 93 and was followed by Fairmont with nine and Pender with one.

The Trojans got wins from Timmy Vaught in the 800-meter and 1600-meter runs and Phillip Johnson in the shot put.

The Waccamaw Conference boys' and girls' track and field championships were scheduled Wednesday at

Whiteville. The eastern regional meet will be May 14 at Wilson.

RESULTS

Shot put: Johnson (WB), 48-6; Long jump: Southern (W), 20-6; High jump: McCray (W), 6-4; Triple jump: McCollum (W), 42-5; Discus: Graham (WC), 140-7; Pole vault: Bridgeman (WC), 11-0; 3200-meter relay: Whiteville, 8:53; 110-meter hurdles: McCray (W), 14.56; 100-meter run: Stroud (W), 11.07; 800-meter relay: Whiteville, 1:32; 1600-meter run: Vaught (WB), 4:40; 400-meter relay: Whiteville, 43.66; 400-meter run: Thurman (W), 51.14; 300-meter hurdles: McCray (W), 41.5; 800-meter run: Vaught (WB), 2:06; 200-meter run: Burns (W), 22.38; 3200-meter run: Shaw (W), 11:45; 1600-meter relay: Whiteville, 3:42.

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