

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, MAY 19

- ☐ North Brunswick hosts South Robeson in softball, 4:30 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick hosts West Brunswick in JV baseball, 4:30 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick hosts South Brunswick in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at South Robeson in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park: Supply Baptist vs. Camp Methodist, 7 p.m.; Friendship Baptist vs. Old Shallotte, 8 p.m.; Letties Grove vs. Eastside Fellowship, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

- ☐ North Brunswick's boys and girls compete in the North Carolina 1A/2A Track and Field Championships, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 10 a.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick hosts West Brunswick in softball, 4:30 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park: Friendship Baptist vs. Zion Baptist, 7 p.m.; Shallotte First vs. Eastside Fellowship, 8 p.m.; Ocean View vs. Old Shallotte, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

- ☐ West Brunswick and South Brunswick athletes compete in the North Carolina 3A Track and Field Championships, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 10 a.m.
- ☐ Sixth Annual South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Brierwood Golf Club, Shallotte, 9 a.m. Call Charlie Webster, 754-4660.
- ☐ Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League: Brunswick Islands vs. Supply, 6 p.m.; Shell Point vs. Bethel-Oak Island-Beach Road, 7 p.m.; Bolivia vs. Mt. Pisgah, 8 p.m., at Lockwood Folly Park, Supply. Calvary vs. Faith A, 6 p.m.; Southport B vs. Lebanon, 7 p.m.; Mt. Olive vs. Southport C, 8 p.m.; Mill Creek vs. Faith B, 9 p.m., at Smithville Park, Southport.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

- ☐ Fifth Annual Fred Bradley Scholarship Golf Tournament, Lockwood Golf Links, Holden Beach, 1 p.m. Call Michael Hobbs, 842-2002.

MONDAY, MAY 23

- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park: Shallotte First vs. Old Shallotte, 7 p.m.; Mt. Olive vs. Soldier Bay, 8 p.m.; Ocean View vs. Eastside Fellowship, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

- ☐ West Brunswick hosts second-place team from Triad Conference in first round of state 3A baseball playoffs, 7 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick hosts South Stanly in first round of state 1A baseball playoffs, 7 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park: Letties Grove vs. Zion Baptist, 7 p.m.; Friendship Baptist vs. Dixon Chapel, 8 p.m.; Jennies Branch vs. Camp Methodist, 9 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League: Southport A vs. Supply, 7 p.m.; Mt. Pisgah vs. Bethel-Oak Island-Beach Road, 8 p.m.; Gospel Center vs. Mt. Olive, 9 p.m., at Lockwood Folly Park, Supply. Bolivia vs. Southport C, 7 p.m.; Faith A vs. Shell Point, 8 p.m.; Calvary vs. Mill Creek, 9 p.m., at Smithville Park, Southport.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- ☐ North Brunswick and South Brunswick compete in first round of state high school softball playoffs. North Brunswick will be home, South Brunswick away. 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.

Zion Takes Division Lead

Zion Baptist did not play last week but still managed to move from second place to first place in the B Division of the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League.

Zion (6-1) watched as division leader New Britton lost its first two games of the season to fall to 7-2.

New Britton suffered a 7-4 loss to Jennies Branch on Monday and lost a 22-20 decision last Friday to Mt. Olive. New Britton had defeated Eastside Fellowship 20-2 last Tuesday.

In the A Division, Emanuel Outreach won twice in the past week to keep its hold on first place with a record of 7-1. Emanuel beat Soldier Bay 13-2 on Monday and knocked off Camp Methodist 6-3 last Thursday.

Supply Baptist (6-2) won both of its games last week and is tied for second place in the A Division. Supply defeated Shallotte First 12-11 last Thursday and came back Friday with a 20-0 win over Soldier Bay.

Jennies Branch, which is tied with Supply at 6-2, also picked up two wins last week. Jennies Branch beat

Letties Grove 9-2 and posted a 20-5 victory over Seaside Methodist.

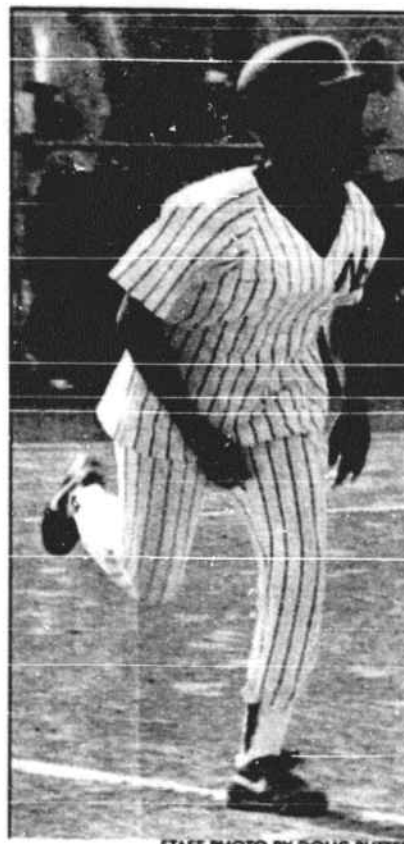
In addition to its win last Friday over New Britton, Mt. Olive also defeated Seaside Methodist 28-12 on Monday and defeated Ocean View 11-6 last Thursday.

In other games last week, Soldier Bay defeated Old Shallotte 15-11.

Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League Standings Through May 16

A DIVISION		
TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Emanuel Outreach	7	1
Jennies Branch	6	2
Supply Baptist	6	2
Friendship Baptist	5	2
Mount Olive	6	3
Ocean View	2	5
Shallotte First	2	5
Letties Grove	0	7

B DIVISION		
TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Zion Baptist	6	1
New Britton	7	2
Seaside Methodist	4	4
Old Shallotte	3	4
Soldier Bay	3	6
Eastside Fellowship	2	5
Dixon Chapel	2	5
Camp Methodist	0	8



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER
REGINA MCKOY had two doubles in North Brunswick's 15-9 win over Bladenboro last Thursday.

North Girls Blast Bulldogs 15-9

BY DOUG RUTTER
North Brunswick's softball team is just fine, thank you. Coming off their first loss in more than a month, the Lady Scorpions responded like champions with a 15-9 win over Bladenboro's Lady Bulldogs last Thursday in Leland.

The victory lifted North Brunswick (17-4 overall) to 11-1 in the Three Rivers Conference and one step closer to their second straight league championship.

North, last year's Waccamaw Conference champion, was looking to wrap up the TRC crown this week. The Lady Scorpions played at Red Springs Tuesday and will finish the regular season Thursday against visiting South Robeson.

North's girls entered last Thursday's game still stinging from a 13-5 defeat two days earlier at St. Pauls—a loss that squashed their hopes of an undefeated conference season.

Instead of pouting, the Lady Scorpions took their anger out on Bladenboro pitcher Candice Heustess and banged out 15 hits.

Michelle Bennett led the attack with a two-run home run and RBI triple. Amy Mercer added a two-run homer and two singles.

North Brunswick pitcher Jenny Crowder improved her season mark to 15-2 and helped her own cause with an RBI double and RBI triple. "I thought they looked great," North Brunswick Coach J.B. Sholar said after the game. "We had a few errors, but I'll say our defense was pretty strong overall."

North Brunswick broke a 5-5 tie with three runs in the bottom of the fourth, when Crowder belted an RBI triple and Mercer followed with a two-run dinger to right-center field.

The Lady Scorpions padded their 8-5 lead with three more runs in the fifth. Cassandra Pierce drove in two runs with a double down the right field line and then scored on a double by Crowder.

Trailing 11-5, Bladenboro had a chance to get back in the contest in the sixth. The Lady Bulldogs opened the inning with four consecutive singles.

Bladenboro scored two runs and had the bases loaded with one out

before North Brunswick got out of the jam with an inning-ending double play.

The Lady Scorpions added four runs in the bottom of the sixth, getting an RBI double from Regina Mckoy and RBI triple from Bennett.

Melissa Stanley and Cassidy Bulard had three hits apiece for Bladenboro. Natalie McKeithan had two hits and two RBI, and Tracy Wooten added a three-run triple in the first inning to give the Lady Bulldogs an early lead.

In the loss to St. Pauls, Sholar said his girls did not swing the bat like normal and gave up two home runs that accounted for five runs. The loss snapped North's 11-game winning streak.

"We didn't hit the ball. They were down for some reason. We just didn't play our game," Sholar said. "They responded well today. I think they played pretty much heads-up ball."

Game Summary

B'boro	3	0	2	0	2	—	9	17	9
N. Brun.	3	0	2	3	4	X	—	15	15

SPORTING SCENE

Sizzling Hot Trojans Peaking For Playoffs

Every coach, regardless of the sport, likes for his or her team to be playing its best at playoff time.

West Brunswick Baseball Coach Mike Alderson is getting just that from his Trojans, who won their fifth straight game Friday night at West Columbus.

The Trojans are 7-4 in the Waccamaw Conference and 13-9 overall. Last week they clinched the conference's top seed in the state 3A playoffs.

That top seed gives West Brunswick home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, a luxury the Trojan football team used to its advantage in winning last year's state championship.

West Brunswick has already accomplished a lot this season with a young team (only two seniors). The Trojans posted their first win over Whiteville in 14 years and have beaten every Columbus County school once.

West Brunswick has swept two games from Pender and looks to complete a season sweep of county rival South Brunswick in the regular-season finale Thursday night in Shallotte.

The state playoffs will start Tuesday with the Trojans hosting the second-place team out of the Triad Conference—most likely Northwest Guilford or Northeast Guilford.

Home-field advantage proved to be a great advantage for West Brunswick in the football playoffs. Hopefully, the baseball team can follow suit.

Shallotte Falls In OT

The Shallotte Police Department basketball team lost a close game to a visiting squad representing the Durham Police Department Saturday night at Shallotte Middle School.

The locals rallied from a 12-point, first-half deficit before losing in overtime, 67-66.

Marquette Blows It

Every issue of *Sports Illustrated* features a blurb that aims to show just how close we've come to the end of civilization as we now know it.

It is usually a humorous anecdote about a sports figure, but sometimes it's something deeply disturbing about the business of sports.

There was a piece in a recent edition about a professional football player who, when asked why he didn't try to return a fumble, replied that he only received bonus money for recovering fumbles, not returning them.

Two weeks ago, Marquette University gave us another sign that the apocalypse is near when it did away with the nickname Warriors to avoid offending Native Americans.

Why the name Warriors was deemed offensive to Native Americans is beyond me. Nevertheless, a change was mandated by the university's administration.

Given a choice between Golden Eagles and Lightning, Marquette students voted to change the nickname to Golden Eagles.

I think we've taken this whole concept of "political correctness" way too far. We're turning into a nation of wimps.

Marquette should have stuck with Warriors.



Doug Rutter
Sports Editor

Noble Wins State Title

Billy Joe Noble of Shallotte won his weight class at the North Carolina Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships last Saturday at Wingate College.

Noble, an eighth grader at Shallotte Middle School, competed in the 121-pound weight class in the Cadet Division (ages 15 and 16). Noble finished third in his weight class in the North Carolina Freestyle Wrestling Championships, also held Saturday at Wingate.

Cliff Gore of Supply, a freshman at West Brunswick High School, also placed third in the freestyle championships in the Cadet Division. He was in the 209-pound weight class.

Hoops Tourney In Whiteville For Jimmy V Foundation

A three-on-three basketball tournament will be held next month in Whiteville to raise money for the V Foundation for Cancer Research.

The "Shoot Hoops For V" double-elimination tournament is scheduled June 14-18 and is open to men's and women's teams.

There will be competition in three age divisions: 18-25, 26-35 and 35 and over. Games will be half-court.

Teams may consist of three players and one substitute. No team may have more than one current member of a high school basketball team or more than one current or former college player.

The tournament entry fee is \$50 per team, and each team is guaranteed at least two games. The entry deadline is June 8.

Among those attending the tournament will be Boston Celtics guard Chris Corchiani, former Harlem Globetrotter Quentin Jackson, and former Philadelphia Eagles All-Pro wide receiver Mike Quick.

The V Foundation for Cancer Research was established last year by the late Jimmy Valvano, former men's basketball coach at N.C. State University.

For more information, call Cheryl Boswell at 910-640-1123.

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