

SPORTING SCENE

West Brunswick Working On Basketball Vacancy

West Brunswick High School's new boys' basketball coach could be named within the next two weeks. Approval could come at the Brunswick County Board of Education meeting Aug. 1.

Principal Ed Lemon said he planned to start interviewing candidates this week to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charlie Stevens, who took the basketball job at Goldsboro High.

"We're looking for a person with expertise in basketball primarily who will help us with the football program secondly because it takes so many people to run a football program," Lemon said last week.

The principal said he was caught off guard by Stevens' resignation. He was out of town when Stevens made the announcement and didn't find out about it until he read it in the newspaper.

In Stevens' defense, he did leave several messages on Lemon's telephone answering machine and made an effort to notify the principal before the word of his departure was released to newspapers and TV stations.

Lemon also said he knew when Stevens came to West Brunswick that he was interested in the Goldsboro job. "I knew there was no doubt he wanted that job at one point in time," he said.

Stevens was the second West Brunswick head coach to resign this year in order to take a job at a larger high school. Head Football Coach Jim Brett left 3A West Brunswick for a job at 4A Northern Nash.

"I feel like we're serving as a tutoring place for bigger schools," Lemon said. "But you can't blame people for leaving when they feel they are bettering themselves."

Doug Rutter
Sports Editor



Arrowood Will Be Missed

David Arrowood made it official last Monday, resigning as a teacher and assistant football coach at West Brunswick. He'll be working along side Brett this fall at Northern Nash.

Ever since Brett announced his resignation last spring, it was widely believed that Arrowood would follow. They'll certainly shake things up on the Knights' sideline this fall.

Arrowood was a tremendous defensive coordinator who will be missed in Trojan town. Players often referred to him as a genius. He has an extraordinary football mind, not to mention a great work ethic.

Before every Sunday night coaches' meeting, Arrowood would break down the West Brunswick game film from the previous Friday night. He'd also review film of the upcoming opponent and pick apart their offensive tendencies.

Standing on the West Brunswick sideline for the last two seasons allowed me to get a real appreciation for Arrowood's ability. He often knew what play an opponent was going to run before they ran it.

Lemon is looking for a defensive coordinator to take Arrowood's place, but admits there may be no way to replace him.

Coaches At Clinic

Many local high school coaches are in Greensboro this week for the 46th annual North Carolina Coaching Clinic.

Speakers this year include Nolan Richardson, head men's basketball coach at the University of Arkansas, winner of the 1994 NCAA Tournament.

Football clinicians include John McKissick of Summerville, S.C., the winningest high school football in the nation.

In conjunction with this week's clinic, some of the state's top graduating high school seniors were in Greensboro for the East-West All-Star Games.

The men's and women's soccer games were played Monday, and the men's and women's basketball games were Tuesday at Greensboro Coliseum.

The 46th Annual East-West All-Star Football Game was scheduled Wednesday night at Jamieson Stadium.

West Brunswick grad Phillip Johnson, a 6-2, 280-pound tackle who helped lead the Trojans to state championships in 1992 and 1993, was picked for the East team. Johnson will play ball at Western Carolina this fall.

Tracksters Place In Region

Three North Brunswick High School students competed in the Junior Olympics regional track and field competition held recently in Emmetsburg, Md.

Greg Lofton, a rising junior at North Brunswick, placed seventh in the triple jump and 110-meter hurdles in the intermediate age division. Lofton also took ninth in the 400-meter hurdles and long jump.

Rising senior Treja Evans placed seventh in the young women's triple

jump competition.

Crystal Corbett, a rising sophomore, finished ninth in the long jump and triple jump in the intermediate division.

The regional competition featured student-athletes from five states and the District of Columbia.

Coach Bob Grimes said the North students qualified for the regional meet with top-four finishes at the state meet held last month at UNC-Wilmington.

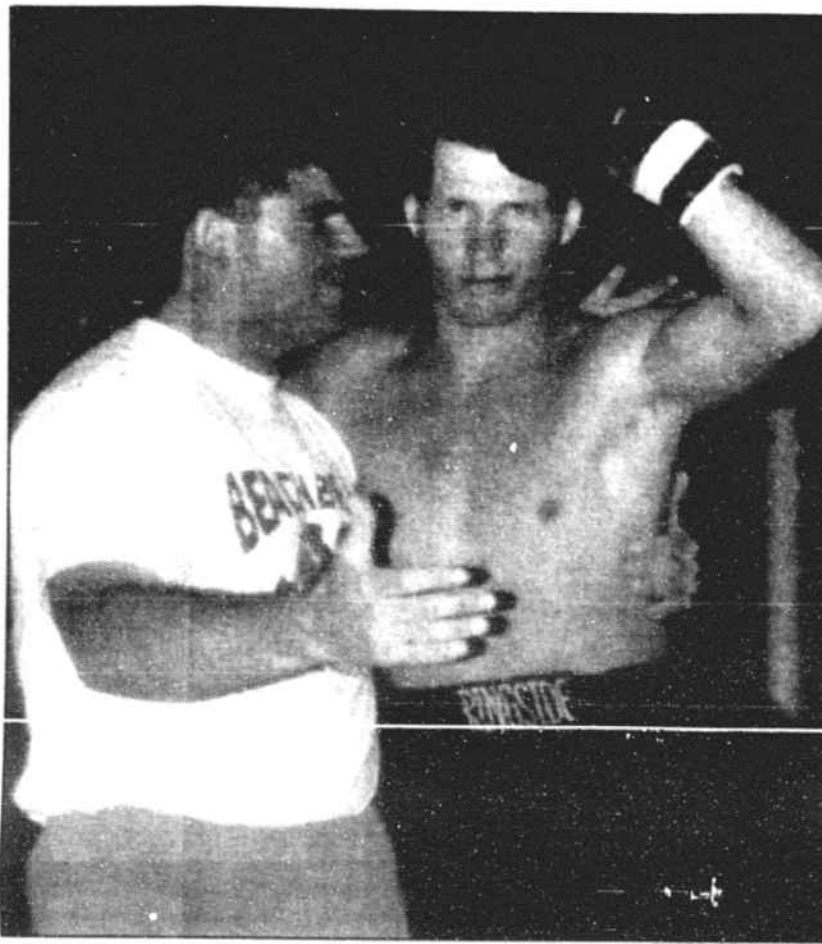


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Lights Out

Bobby "Lights Out" Barnes of Boones Neck (right) celebrates his victory as Brunswick County's toughest middleweight boxer at the "Beach Brawl" held earlier this month at Boot Scooters at Sunset Beach. In four amateur fights, the West Brunswick graduate is 4-0 with one knockout. Barnes is pictured with trainer James "Juke Box" Huddleston of Boones Neck.

Parks Departments Recognized For Senior Games Involvement

The Brunswick County and Southport parks and recreation departments were honored at the annual N.C. Senior Games Gold Celebration in Raleigh June 11 for "their involvement in providing outstanding health promotion services to North Carolina's senior adults."

The two departments coordinate Brunswick County Senior Games and are members of the N.C. Recreation and Parks Society, a coordinating agency of North Carolina Senior Games.

Senior Games encourages adults to stay active and to renew past skills or learn new ones. Forty-seven local Senior Games—including the

annual Brunswick County event—will culminate in the 10th annual NCSG State Finals Sept. 22-25 in Raleigh. NCSG also offers SilverArts, the performing, heritage, literary and visual arts program; SilverStriders, the national award-winning walking program; and SilverLiners, the association of North Carolina's senior line dancing instructors and dancers.

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Eric Faulk Hurls Game 4 Win At Hardee Field

Eric Faulk pitched Wilmington to an 8-2 victory over Brunswick County in Game 4 of their best-of-seven American Legion baseball playoff series last Thursday at Hardee Field.

Faulk, the ace of the Post 10 staff, scattered seven hits while striking out eight batters and walking just one in nine innings. The victory tied the Area II East League championship series at 2-2.

Wilmington jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI single by Tony Pigott, but Post 68 came back and tied the score in the second when Mike Johnson scored on a fielder's choice.

In the third inning, Wilmington's Shawn Gallagher ripped an RBI double to give the hosts a 2-1 lead.

Brunswick County (21-10) tied the score again in the seventh when Randy Coleman lined a two-out double to right field and scored on

Jeremy Child's single. Wilmington (18-6) broke the game open with four runs in the seventh. Three runners scored on wild pitches, and another came home on a squeeze bunt by Jason Napier.

Pigott had three hits and Chris Moore added two to lead Post 10, which got 10 hits off Brunswick County starting pitcher Mike Johnson and reliever Matt Mintz.

Church Tournament Held In Southport

The S.S.A.A. Church Class "C" and "D" State Softball Tournaments will be held this Friday and Saturday at Smithville Park in Southport.

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