

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

North Brunswick hosts Richlands in a high school football scrimmage, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

West Brunswick hosts Purnell-Swett in girls' tennis scrimmage, 3:30 p.m.
United Carolina Bank Football Jamboree at Legion Stadium, Wilmington. The cheerleading competition starts at 6 p.m. followed by football at 6:45 p.m.: New Hanover vs. Whiteville, Wallace-Rose Hill vs. West Brunswick, Hoggard vs. South Brunswick, Laney vs. South Columbus. Tickets are available at UCB branches for \$3 and \$4 at the gate.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

South Brunswick hosts Purnell-Swett in girls' tennis scrimmage, 8 a.m.
Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will hold registration for youth football and cheerleading at Shallotte Park, Northwest Park and Stevens Park from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$20 per child. For information, call Joe Rosselli, 253-4357.
Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will hold registration for youth soccer at Shallotte Middle School, Smithville Park and Northwest Park from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$10 per child. For information, call Joe Rosselli, 253-4357.
Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department and Play It Again Sports of Wilmington will sponsor an in-line skating workshop at Supply Elementary School. Beginner workshops will be 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A hockey clinic will be held from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call Emma McGraw, 253-4357.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

West Brunswick at Waccamaw Academy in soccer, 4 p.m.
West Brunswick hosts Hoggard in volleyball doubleheader, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

West Brunswick hosts Laney in volleyball, 5 p.m.

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.

Four Starters Return To South Tennis Team

The hopes of the South Brunswick girls' tennis team will rest heavily on the shoulders of four returning starters this fall.

Veteran players Ginger Hegler, Camille Wilmoth, Hillary Brinson and Crystal Worley are expected to make up two-thirds of the Lady Cougar ladder.

Hegler was South's top-seeded player last season, while Wilmoth was third, Brinson fifth and Worley sixth.

Fourth-year tennis coach Debbie Adams will choose from 10 other players to fill out the top six. Other returning players are Anna Powell and Anna Canady.

"I'm excited because I know those four have been with me for four years," Adams said. "I feel good about the team we have. It's just a matter of whether they perform like they are capable of performing."

Adams said the team has been working a lot on conditioning since practice started Aug. 1. "So far so good. The girls have been working real hard."

SOUTH BRUNSWICK GIRLS' TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 31	West Columbus
Sept. 6	at East Columbus
Sept. 7	Whiteville
Sept. 12	Pender
Sept. 14	at S. Columbus
Sept. 19	West Brunswick
Sept. 26	at West Columbus
Sept. 28	East Columbus
Oct. 3	at Whiteville
Oct. 5	Pender
Oct. 10	South Columbus
Oct. 12	at West Bruns.

—All matches start at 4 p.m.

South Brunswick was 8-4 in the Waccamaw Conference last season and will battle West Brunswick for the league's only berth in the state 3A dual team playoffs this fall.

The Lady Cougars will scrimmage visiting Purnell-Swett this Saturday at 8 a.m. South Brunswick opens the regular season Aug. 31 against visiting West Columbus.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

West Girls Seek Third Conference Title

BY DOUG RUTTER

While West Brunswick's football team has won state championships each of the last two years, the girls' tennis team hasn't been far behind in terms of adding hardware to the school trophy case.

The Lady Trojans have lost just one Waccamaw Conference match in the last two seasons. They won the conference championship in 1992 and tied for the league title last year.

With four starters returning this fall, the idea of winning a third straight conference crown and making another deposit in the trophy case is not inconceivable.

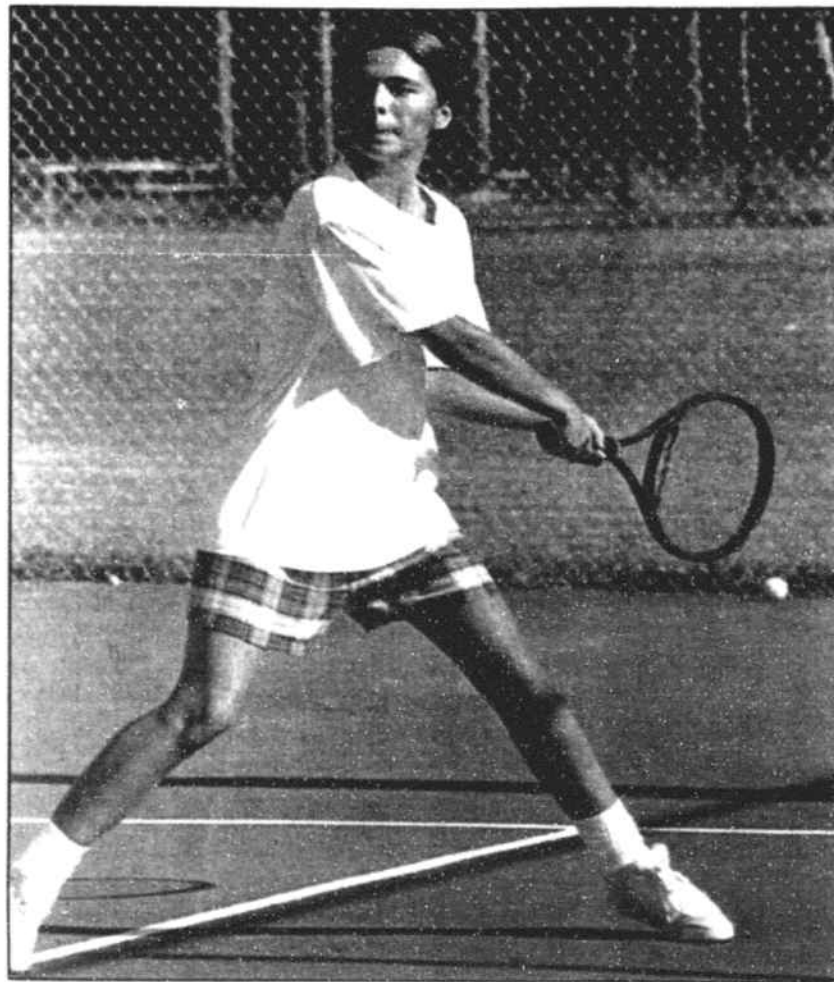
"Our goal this season is to continue the winning tradition in Lady Trojan tennis. If we all work together and concentrate on one match at a time we'll have a good season," Coach Rahm Adams said Friday.

As always, West Brunswick can expect a stiff challenge from Whiteville in the conference race. Strong play also is expected this fall at South Brunswick and South Columbus.

Adams, who coached the West Brunswick boys' tennis team last spring, is in his first year as the girls' coach. He replaced Martie Gillis Arrowood, who is now teaching at Rocky Mount.

Despite the coaching change, West's tennis team will have a familiar look when it opens the season next week with four returning starters and a total of nine players back from last year.

Adams will have to replace last year's top two singles players, Jennifer Simmons and Joanna Barber, who graduated after leading the Lady Trojans to a 13-5 record and



ERICA CUMBEE is one of nine returning players on the West Brunswick girls' tennis team. The Lady Trojans are shooting for their third straight Waccamaw Conference championship.

into the second round of the dual team playoffs.

Among the starters returning from 1993 are seniors Blair Milligan, Yarni Lemon and Allison Hardee and junior Jessica Robertson.

Milligan and Robertson made up West Brunswick's top-seeded doubles team last year, when they qualified for the state championships.

Other returning players include juniors Erica Cumbee, Julia Fort and

WEST BRUNSWICK GIRLS' TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 25	Hoggard
Aug. 29	South Columbus*
Aug. 30	at Hoggard*
Aug. 31	Pender*
Sept. 6	at Whiteville*
Sept. 7	East Columbus*
Sept. 12	at West Columbus*
Sept. 19	at South Brunswick*
Sept. 21	at South Columbus*
Sept. 26	Pender*
Sept. 28	Whiteville*
Oct. 3	at East Columbus*
Oct. 5	West Columbus*
Oct. 12	South Brunswick*

*Waccamaw Conference match
—All matches start at 4 p.m.

Amanda Reeves and sophomores Tracy Kirtley and Mandy Redwine.

Newcomers to the tennis team include seniors Nicole Stumblingbear and Brandy Watson, juniors Keisha Gregory and Jacqui Moll and freshman Ashley Hardy.

"This is a good, experienced team that's fairly well balanced from top to bottom, so balanced that I'm not sure yet about the exact lineup," Adams said last week.

The Lady Trojans have been practicing since Aug. 8 and will host 4A Purnell-Swett in a scrimmage match Friday at 3:30 p.m. West opens the regular season Aug. 25 against visiting Hoggard.

"I'm really pleased with the turnout and with the young ladies' efforts so far. It's been awfully hot out there on the courts this week, but they've worked hard," Adams said

Trojan Soccer Team Looks To Remain County King

BY DOUG RUTTER

On the surface, it looks like the only way West Brunswick will not win a third straight county high school soccer championship this fall is if the entire team is sucked into a black hole.

The Trojans have not lost a match to county rivals South Brunswick or North Brunswick since 1991, and with a load of talented players returning to West this fall things won't get any easier for the Cougars or Scorpions.

Among West's returning starters are Chris Payne and Gabe Cooper, who scored a combined 28 goals last season, and goalkeeper Jay McRoberts, who gave up 1.8 goals per game with four shutouts in 1993.

"My prediction is we will win the county," West Brunswick Coach Teak Hemphill said Monday. "I hope the boys prove me right. It would be a disappointment if we didn't."

In two seasons as West Brunswick's soccer coach Hemphill has guided the Trojans to a record of 18-4-5, including an 11-3-2 record in 1993, and two straight playoff berths.

"Our aim is to improve from last year. We'd like to win one of those playoff games if we get in," Hemphill said.

Much of West Brunswick's success this season will rest on the legs and feet of Payne, a senior who scored 17 goals last fall and made plays to create countless others.

Cooper scored 11 goals last season and Andy Russ added five to bolster the Trojan attack. Other key returning players include Cameron Kinlaw and Tony Shreve, a fearless and spirited defender.

Also returning for West Brunswick are John Branning, Scott Summerfield, Jeremie Varnam, Cameron Jones, Mark Thomas, Zack Hicks, Adam Nixon and Jamie Arms.

Five freshmen who played under Hemphill last spring at Shallotte Middle School have joined the team.

WEST BRUNSWICK SOCCER SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 23	at Wacc. Academy (4:00)
Aug. 25	at North Brunswick
Aug. 30	at Laney (7:00)
Sept. 6	Waccamaw Academy (4:00)
Sept. 8	at Dixon (7:00)
Sept. 12	North Brunswick
Sept. 15	at South Brunswick
Sept. 22	South Brunswick
Sept. 29	at North Brunswick
Oct. 6	New Hanover JV
Oct. 13	at South Brunswick
Oct. 19	at New Hanover JV (5:00)
Oct. 20	South Brunswick
Oct. 25	North Brunswick

—Matches start at 4:30 p.m. unless noted

Jenny Wahlander, an exchange student from Sweden, is the only girl on this year's squad.

Hemphill said practices "have been terrible" so far because many of the players have been busy with summer jobs.

"The problem right now is getting in shape," he said. "The guys know what they have to do. It's just a matter of them being dedicated."

The Trojans open the regular season Aug. 23 at Waccamaw Academy. West Brunswick also has matches scheduled against Laney, Dixon and New Hanover's junior varsity.

"I scheduled a couple tough teams," Hemphill said. "Matches like that will help us if we do get into the playoffs."

West Brunswick will play South Brunswick and North Brunswick four times each this season

to decide the county championship.

New Coaches Elsewhere

While Hemphill is entering his third season at West, the soccer programs at South Brunswick and North Brunswick are under new leadership.

Ed McKinnon, who will coach the boys' varsity basketball team this winter at South Brunswick, is guiding the Cougar soccer team this fall. South was 3-8 last season.

There's a new attitude surrounding the soccer program at North Brunswick, where Randy Collins has taken over as the head coach following a 3-13-2 season in 1993.

"We're gonna put the sting back in the Scorpions," Collins vowed last week. "It's looking promising. The morale is up. Everything's coming together real good. I think these guys are really coming around."

Collins said he expects big things this season from seniors Steve Sloan and Josh Miller, junior Andy Williams and freshmen Scott Holden and Bronson Sanie.

"Altogether I've got some great talent out here," Collins said. "The guys are playing better as a team also. In the past it's been run and gun and we're playing more as a team now."

For the second year, North's soccer team will compete in the Coastal Plains IA Conference because other members of the Three Rivers Conference do not have soccer teams.

North Brunswick struggled to a 2-9 record in the Coastal Plains last year, with both wins coming over Topsail.

"We're going to be in the same conference but it will be a different story this year," Collins said.

Collins, who coached youth soccer in Leland for the last five years, said the players would like to see better support from North's students this year than they had in 1993.

"The guys are going to play better if they have enthusiasm from the crowd," Collins said.

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