

RIVALS MEET FOR 25TH TIME

Trojans, Cougars Clash Friday

BY DOUG RUTTER
The Trojans love winning The Game. The Cougars are tired of losing The Game.

When high school football season opens across North Carolina on Friday night, local fans will have a dandy on tap in Boiling Spring Lakes with South Brunswick's Cougars hosting West Brunswick's Trojans.

It will be the 25th football game between these county rivals, a series that dates back to 1973. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Both schools have new head football coaches this year, but it hasn't taken long for West's Yogi Hickman and South's Derrell Force to find out what the game means in Shallotte and Southport.

"The kids don't want to lose to them," Hickman said. "It's important to the kids. I think it's always important when you play a rival."

West Brunswick's kids have dominated the series recently, winning five games in a row and seven of the last eight to take a 14-10 lead in the series.

"Most of our staff has been here for a long time," Force said. "I'm well aware of the rivalry between the two schools. I guess it's like Clemson-South Carolina or North Carolina-North Carolina State."

"It's a good thing for the community. It's a rivalry and a chance for everyone to see the schools early. I just hope we can start being competitive with them and win every once in a while," Force said.

West and South will meet twice this season. The only game that counts in the Waccamaw Conference standings will be played the final Friday of the regular season, Nov. 4, in Shallotte.

Hickman said the conference game will mean a lot more than this week's non-conference contest, but he'd still like to win it.

"It's a very important game to open the season, playing our confer-

West-South Series

YEAR	WINNER	SCORE
1973	West	13-0
1973	South	7-6
1974	West	14-0
1975	West	56-6
1976	West	24-20
1977	South	34-31
1978	South	25-0
1979	South	40-13
1980	West	9-0
1981	West	25-0
1982	South	20-6
1983	South	9-8
1984	West	14-13
1985	South	10-8
1986	South	40-22
1987	South	25-15
1988	West	49-6
1989	West	22-20
1990	South	21-14
1991	West	34-7
1991	West	13-6
1992	West	35-0
1992	West	22-0
1993	West	29-20

-West leads series 14-10

Force said his Cougars must be mentally ready to play Friday night, or it could be a long night. "They're gonna be tough to beat. I just hope we can keep it close."

Force and most other coaches consider West Brunswick the team to beat in the Waccamaw Conference.

"They've just got too much experience and when crunch time comes they are going to be there because they've been there before," Force said.

"I think West Brunswick has a fine football team. They have tremendous speed. They have good leadership from their seniors and they know how to win. Their offense will be tough to stop."

Other games involving Waccamaw Conference teams this week include East Columbus at Fairmont, Southwest Onslow at Pender, East Bladen at Whiteville, Bladenboro at South Columbus and West Columbus at Laney.



SOUTH BRUNSWICK RUNNING BACK O.J. MORRIS (32) struggles for yards during last Friday's UCB Football Jamboree in Wilmington. South and Hoggard battled to a scoreless tie.

Dogs Take Bite Out Of Trojans

BY DOUG RUTTER

Wallace-Rose Hill outscored West Brunswick 14-0 last Friday night at the UCB Football Jamboree—the final tune-up before the start of the high school football season.

"We've got a lot left to do and we knew we did. I think if anything the kids got their eyes opened," West Brunswick Head Coach Yogi Hickman said after the scrimmage at Wilmington's Legion Stadium.

The Bulldogs racked up 115 yards rushing in two quarters, while West Brunswick's offense was limited to three first downs and 39 total yards in three possessions.

"I thought we played hard, but I was a little concerned that we got frustrated and the reaction when things weren't going our way. We need to keep a positive attitude," Hickman said.

Wallace-Rose Hill senior Terry Newkirk carried the bulk of the load for the Bulldogs, rushing 12 times for 51 yards and a touchdown. Robert McKenzie carried five times for 48 yards.

West Brunswick and Wallace-Rose Hill faced off in the second scrimmage of the jamboree, following Whiteville and New Hanover. New Hanover did not score in their contest, but helped set up the Bulldogs' first touchdown.

Wallace-Rose Hill opened the scrimmage where New Hanover left off, with the ball at West Brunswick's 15-yard line. An 11-yard run by Newkirk led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Sam Robinson.

The Bulldogs added another touchdown with 3:47 left in the scrimmage. Newkirk's 2-yard plunge capped an 18-play, 62-yard drive.

Wallace-Rose Hill may have scored more points if West Brunswick hadn't recovered a fumble in its own end zone.

"We'll get better," Hickman said. "It's not a situation where we're not going to improve. We'll be better when we leave the field Monday afternoon than we are now."

Hickman pointed out that the Trojans were the only team in the eight-team jamboree that did not have any coaches on the field. Coaches are permitted on the field during scrimmages.

"That was by design," he said. "We didn't want to be in a situation where we could be right there on the field telling the kids what to do."

West Brunswick also played a lot of kids at different positions as the coaching staff continues looking for the right combination of players.

"This is gonna be a good football team. It's not gonna happen overnight. We've got to find the people and put them in the right spots," Hickman said.

South Brunswick and Hoggard played to a scoreless tie in their scrimmage, which ended with Hoggard at the Cougars' 2-yard line. Whiteville defeated New Hanover 7-0, and South Columbus outscored Laney 21-14.

South Columbus won the cheerleading competition held in conjunction with the eighth annual jamboree. Laney placed second and New Hanover was third.

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