



Foot Race

STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER

Gabe Cooper (left) and Cameron Kinlaw battle for possession of a loose ball during soccer practice Monday at West Brunswick High School. The Trojans were expected to open the season Tuesday at Waccamaw Academy. West Brunswick travels to Leland Thursday for a 4:30 p.m. match with North Brunswick at Northwest Township Park.



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Jennies Branch Wins Tournament

Jennies Branch Baptist Church won the 1994 Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League tournament that concluded Aug. 20. Team members were (front row, from left) Michael Sims, John Tate Pridgen, Tommy Robinson, Brian Inman, Joseph Hawes, Josh Hughes, Heath Inman, (back row, from left) Thomas Inman, Donald Sellers, Coach David Pridgen, Mickey Garrell, Matthew Gore, James Buffkin, William Hughes and Mark Register. Emanuel Outreach placed second in the tournament and Friendship Baptist was third. Dixon Chapel received the Jimmy Ludlum Sportsmanship Award.

WILL THE STREAK BE SNAPPED?

# North Brunswick Scorpions Open At Home Friday Against Topsail Pirates

BY DOUG RUTTER

August 30, 1991. That was the last Friday night that a North Brunswick High School varsity football team walked off the field with a victory.

The Scorpions have endured 19 consecutive losses since then, but there could be reason for hope as North Brunswick's coaches and players prepare for the 1994 season opener Friday at 7:30 p.m.

North's last victory was a 26-0 whipping of the Topsail Pirates in the 1991 season opener. Guess who's coming to Leland Friday night.

Topsail will provide the opposition as North Brunswick, under first-year head coach Garry Bishop, looks to snap the second-longest losing streak in North Carolina.

Only Asheville Erwin, with 21 straight losses, has suffered longer than North Brunswick. Trinity also has dropped 19 in a row.

"We've definitely mentioned that to the kids. Nobody wants to be part of a streak like that," Bishop said. "We can win some ball games. We're gonna try to pull together and play good, hard football."

After four years as an assistant football coach at North, Bishop took over as head coach two weeks ago following the resignation of Gary Baldwin.

"I'm taking it as a challenge and I'll do the best I can," said Bishop, a former high school quarterback at perennial power Richmond County.

"Right now the strength is going to be on offense. The offense is a little bit ahead of the defense," Bishop said. "I think we're going to be able to move the football."

The Scorpions plan to use a balanced passing and rushing attack featuring Ryan Brew at quarterback, Mike Edge at halfback and Lamont Southerland at fullback.

Starting wing back Andrea Mosely and split end Shannon Hankins also will handle the corner-back duties on defense.

Other two-way starters for the Scorpions include Tom Chadwick (FB/LB), Mark Willis (OT/MLB), Thomas Tucker (OG/DT) and Bubba Lowery (TE/LB).

North Brunswick is experienced

## NORTH BRUNSWICK ROSTER

| NUMBER | NAME               | POSITION | GRADE |
|--------|--------------------|----------|-------|
| 2      | Aaron Hough        | E        | 12    |
| 3      | Donta Alston       | QB/E     | 11    |
| 4      | Andrea Mosely      | RB       | 11    |
| 5      | Lamont Southerland | RB       | 12    |
| 7      | Shannon Hankins    | E        | 12    |
| 10     | Keith Karpenski    | RB       | 10    |
| 11     | Steve Sloan        | K        | 12    |
| 12     | Ryan Brew          | QB       | 10    |
| 22     | Travis Hough       | RB       | 10    |
| 32     | Mike Edge          | RB       | 10    |
| 32     | Thomas Hooper      | RB       | 11    |
| 33     | Bennie James       | G        | 11    |
| 41     | Mark Lowery        | E        | 12    |
| 44     | Tom Chadwick       | RB       | 12    |
| 52     | Wayne Bowman       | G        | 11    |
| 54     | Nick Carter        | C        | 11    |
| 64     | Adam King          | T        | 11    |
| 74     | Anthony Everett    | G        | 11    |
| 75     | Andrea Andrews     | DE       | 11    |
| 76     | Thomas Tucker      | G        | 11    |
| 77     | Mark Willis        | T        | 12    |
| 78     | Robbie Robinson    | T        | 11    |
| 80     | Thurman McClammy   | E        | 12    |
| 82     | Aaron Yeoman       | E        | 11    |
| 86     | John Brown         | E        | 12    |

at linebacker with the return of Chadwick, Willis and Lowery. "Other than that I got new people everywhere on defense," Bishop said.

The Scorpions will need to move the football and score some points this season in order to be successful, Bishop said. North's offense struggled last season and that put too much pressure on the defense.

"If we can score some points this year that will be a big key," Bishop said. "We need to score to keep our defense from spending the whole game on the field."

With only 25 players on the varsity roster, Bishop's biggest concern heading into the season is depth. North Brunswick cannot afford to

lose any players to injury. "We may need a miracle worker. We need to stay healthy and hope nothing bad happens," Bishop said.

During the current 19-game losing streak, North Brunswick has been outscored 719-107 and shut out eight times.

The Scorpions came close to snapping the streak at the end of last season, losing their final two games 20-16 to Red Springs and 36-20 to South Robeson.

North Brunswick, which has had just one winning season in school history and is 1-29 since 1990, was 0-10 last year after a 12-0 season-opening loss at Topsail.

The Pirates were 5-5 a year ago, posting a 2-5 record in the Coastal

## NORTH BRUNSWICK FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE     | OPPONENT               |
|----------|------------------------|
| Aug. 26  | .....Topsail           |
| Sept. 2  | .....OPEN              |
| Sept. 9  | .....at Dixon          |
| Sept. 16 | .....Lejeune           |
| Sept. 23 | .....Fairmont*         |
| Sept. 30 | .....at East Bladen*   |
| Oct. 7   | .....Tar Heel*         |
| Oct. 14  | .....at St. Pauls*     |
| Oct. 21  | .....Bladenboro*       |
| Oct. 28  | .....at Red Springs*   |
| Nov. 4   | .....at South Robeson* |

\*Three Rivers Conference game

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Bishop says Topsail is a big team with experience at the skill positions. "I'm thinking they're going to be pretty strong. We're going in with the idea we can win. We know we'll have to play well to beat them."

After the Topsail game, North Brunswick has a week off before resuming non-conference play against Dixon and Lejeune. The Scorpions will open Three Rivers Conference play Sept. 23 against Fairmont.

Other games involving Three Rivers Conference teams this week include East Bladen at Whiteville, South Robeson at Hobbton, Bladenboro at South Columbus and East Columbus at Fairmont.

Three Rivers Conference members St. Pauls, Red Springs and Tar Heel will open their seasons next week.

## Correction

The name of Pollyanna Milliken was omitted from an article about horse show winners in the Aug. 18 edition. Milliken is the mother of Laura Lewis.

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