

Handoff-Happy Trojans Discover Passing Game

West Brunswick High School football fans must have been scratching their heads in bewilderment last Friday night as they watched the Trojans defeat South Brunswick 28-7.

They must have had a hard time recognizing that strange team wearing the green, gold and white uniforms with WEST written on the chest. These can't be our Trojans, they must have been thinking.

Under new head coach Yogi Hickman, West Brunswick doesn't look much like the Trojan teams that won state championships in 1992 and 1993. Those teams ran the football.

Hickman and new offensive coordinator Heath Hewett have expanded the West offense in 1994 to include a facet of the game that Trojan fans aren't used to seeing.

It's called the forward pass, and if the season opener is any indication West Brunswick will be using a lot of this forward pass thingy the rest of the year.

It worked quite well last Friday. West's offensive line did a great job giving senior quarterback Eric Johnson the time to throw downfield to open receivers.

Johnson completed his first five passes for 76 yards, including a 29-yard touchdown to Ty Brown. Johnson was 9-for-11 in the first half, and one of the incompletions was a desperation heave on the final play of the half.

West's new-found passing game will only help the running game, which remains a key element of the new offense. The Trojans rushed for 247 yards last week.

Coach Hickman says the 36 rushing plays and 19 passing plays that West Brunswick ran at South Brunswick is the mix the Trojans will use in most of their games this season.

Brett Loses Opener

Former West Bruns. head football coach Jim Brett saw his new team, Northern Nash, lose its season opener 23-14 to Wilson Hunt last Friday.

The 9-point loss really wasn't too bad for Brett's Knights. Northern Nash finished 4-6 last season, while Wilson Hunt went 11-2 and advanced to the third round of the state playoffs.

Also, West Brunswick lost its season openers in both of Brett's seasons in Shallotte. So it's hardly time to hit the panic button.

Home Sweet Home

West Brunswick will play its first match on the school's new soccer field next Tuesday, Sept. 6, against the Waccamaw Academy Warriors.

The Trojans won't be playing any more home matches at Shallotte Middle School, which is good because middle school soccer has been switched from the spring to the fall this year.

West Brunswick's new soccer field is behind the tennis courts adjacent to the football team's practice field. Next Tuesday's match starts at 4 p.m.

Trojan Coach Teak Hemphill, not to mention the players, would love to see (and hear) a few fans.

West's soccer team deserves more support than it is getting. This squad is 18-4-5 over the last two years and has a 16-match unbeaten streak against county rivals North Brunswick and South Brunswick.

Players to watch for West Brunswick include senior forward Chris Payne, who scored five goals in the Trojans' first two matches.

Payne had a team-high 17 goals last year and is on pace to shatter his own school record.

Doug Rutter
Sports Editor



North Sinks Pirates To End 19-Game Losing Streak

North Brunswick snapped its 19-game losing streak Friday night, scoring three third-quarter touchdowns en route to a 33-15 win over Topsail in the high school football season opener.

It was the first win for North Brunswick since 1991 and snapped the second-longest losing streak in the state. The Scorpions also made a winner of Garry Bishop in his head coaching debut.

The game was tied 7-7 at halftime before North scored three touchdowns in the third quarter, including two on interception returns, to pull away from the visiting Pirates.

Quarterback Ryan Brew threw a pair of touchdown passes and running back Lamont Southerland rushed 17 times for 112 yards to pace the Scorpion offense.

The defense also did its part as Mark Lowery and Andre Mosley each returned an interception 30 yards for a touchdown. The Scorpions forced five turnovers in all.

Brew tossed a 68-yard touchdown pass to Lowery in the first quarter and a 43-yarder to Shannon Hankins in the fourth.

THREE RIVERS CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
Team	Conf.	O'all	PF	PA
N. Bruns.	0-0	1-0	33	15
S. Robeson.	0-0	1-0	28	0
E. Bladen.	0-0	1-0	24	7
Red Springs	0-0	0-0	0	0
Tar Heel	0-0	0-0	0	0
St. Pauls	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bladenboro	0-0	0-1	18	20
Fairmont	0-0	0-1	0	20

Mike Edge's 12-yard touchdown run in the third quarter gave North Brunswick a 13-7 lead it never relinquished.

Quarterback Darryl Todd was the lone bright spot for Topsail, which was the last team to lose to North Brunswick prior to the 19-game losing streak.

Todd had a 70-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, and scored on a 1-yard sneak in the final period.

North Brunswick was one of three Three Rivers Conference teams to open the 1994 season on a winning note. South Robeson defeated

Hobpton 28-0, and East Bladen shocked host Whiteville 24-7 last Friday.

The Scorpions are idle this week and resume non-conference play Sept. 9 at Dixon. North will host Lejeune Sept. 16 before opening conference play Sept. 23 against Fairmont.

Other Three Rivers Conference teams idle this week include Fairmont, Bladenboro and East Bladen.

Meanwhile, conference members St. Pauls, Red Springs and Tar Heel will kick off their seasons Friday night.

Defending league champion St. Pauls hosts Fayetteville Cape Fear, while Red Springs travels to Harnett

Central and Tar Heel visits Union. South Robeson will host East Columbus.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
 ■ N. Brunswick 33, Topsail 15
 ■ E. Bladen 24, Whiteville 7
 ■ S. Robeson 28, Hobpton 0
 ■ S. Columbus 20, Bladenboro 18
 ■ E. Columbus 20, Fairmont 0

FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES
 ■ Cape Fear at St. Pauls
 ■ Red Springs at Harnett Central
 ■ Tar Heel at Union
 ■ E. Columbus at S. Robeson
 ■ Fairmont idle
 ■ Bladenboro idle
 ■ East Bladen idle
 ■ North Brunswick idle

—All games start at 7:30 p.m.

North Beats Gators Twice

North Brunswick's volleyball team defeated visiting East Columbus Monday for its second win over the Lady Gators in the past week.

North's Michelle Bennett had 17 service points and Cindy Holt added 10 in Monday's match. The Lady Scorpions won 15-9, 15-12, 15-13. North's girls opened the season

last Wednesday with a 0-15, 15-11, 15-9, 15-3, victory at East Columbus. Holt led the Lady Scorpions with 18 points.

North Brunswick, which lost last Thursday at South Brunswick, was scheduled to host West Brunswick on Wednesday and travel to Topsail on Thursday.

West Brunswick Lady Trojan Spikers Lose Four

Things can only get better for the West Brunswick High School volleyball team, which opened the season last week with four straight losses.

The Lady Trojans were seeking their first win of the season Tuesday when they traveled to Tabor City to face the South Columbus Lady Stallions.

West Brunswick also had matches scheduled Wednesday at North Brunswick and Thursday at Pender, the defending Waccamaw Conference champion.

"You could tell we were very inexperienced because we're so young," West Brunswick Coach Brenda Council said of last week's matches against the three Wilmington schools.

"We did show some improvement, but the Wilmington schools are so tough," Council said.

New Hanover's girls improved their record to 3-0 last Thursday with a 15-3, 15-11, 15-6, victory over the visiting Lady Trojans.

Senior Madonna Gause led West Brunswick with seven service points and Felicia Morgan added five.

Christina Siaki recorded 16 service points for the Lady Wildcats, and Malia Snyder added 11.

Last Wednesday, Laney defeated host West Brunswick 15-6, 15-6, 7-15, 15-10 to run its record to 3-0. Kelli Cooper had 15 service points and Penny Waddell added 12 for the Lady Buccaneers.

Freshman Candice Jones led West with 8 points. Michelle Long and April Mintz chipped in 7 apiece.

The Lady Trojans opened the season last Tuesday by losing both ends of a doubleheader to Hoggard. Hoggard won the first match 15-4, 15-3, and took the second 15-11, 15-4.

Freshman Kanika Simmons led West Brunswick with a total of 6 points, and Jessica Winfree added 5.

New Hanover Results
 W. Brunswick 3 11 6
 New Hanover 15 15 15

West Brunswick scoring: Gause, 7; Morgan, 5; Jones, 3; Long, 2; Winfree, 2; Mintz, 1.

New Hanover scoring: Siaki, 16; M. Snyder, 11; N. Snyder, 8; Wade, 4; Haddock, 3; Watts, 3.

Laney Results
 Laney 15 15 7 15
 W. Brunswick 6 6 15 10

Laney scoring: Cooper, 15; Waddell, 12; Blanton, 10; Vigland, 9; Howard, 3; Williams, 3.

West Brunswick scoring: Jones, 8; Long, 7; Mintz, 7; Smith, 5;

Gause, 4; Winfree, 3; Morgan, 3.

Hoggard Results (Game 1)
 Hoggard 15 15
 W. Brunswick 4 3

Hoggard scoring: Ebron, 7; Blazer, 4; Hicks, 4; Kalista, 3; Strickland, 3; Utley, 3; Holsten, 2; Galphin, 2; Bua, 1; Byrdie, 1.

West Brunswick scoring: Jones, 4; Winfree, 3.

Hoggard Results (Game 2)
 Hoggard 15 15
 W. Brunswick 11 4

Hoggard scoring: Holsten, 9; Utley, 5; Smith, 5; Strickland, 4; Bua, 4; Byrdie, 1; Hicks, 1; Old, 1.

West Brunswick scoring: Simmons, 6; Winfree, 2; Mintz, 2; Long, 1; Morgan, 1; Gause, 1; Nelson, 1; Montalvan, 1.



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