

**FRIDAY NIGHT PREVIEW**

# West Brunswick Trojans Visit Pender Seeking Fourth Straight Win

BY DOUG RUTTER

West Brunswick looks for its fourth consecutive high school football win Friday when the Trojans travel to Burgaw for a Waccamaw Conference game against the struggling Pender Patriots.

The Trojans, 1-0 in the conference and 4-1 overall, are riding high after last week's 34-6 victory over a South Columbus team that many expected to contend for the conference championship.

Pender suffered a 35-7 home loss to Whiteville last Friday to fall to 0-5 for the season. The Patriots have dropped 12 straight games dating back to last year.

West Brunswick head coach Yogi Hickman said the biggest challenge this week is making sure the team doesn't look past Pender to the Trojans' Oct. 7 home game against Whiteville.

"When you do that you don't improve," Hickman said. "It's always been a different kind of challenge when you play a team like Pender. We can tell our kids until we're blue in the face that you have to do this and that."

"The challenge is to make our kids understand they shouldn't worry about what Pender's record is. We need to worry about West Brunswick High School and how we improve as a football team," Hickman said.

The Trojans have made improvement in recent weeks, outscoring their last three opponents 94-26.

"We've just made leaps and bounds in the last three weeks. We're playing much, much better now," Hickman said. "We have some individuals starting to feel comfortable in their roles and some young people starting to play well."

Hickman said sophomores Cliff Gore and Brian "Bull" Nealy are starting to play well on the offensive line. Gore sprained a knee in last week's game and may sit out Friday.

Pender, which has given up 162 points this season and scored just 40, will be without its head coach Friday night.

Coach Gary Lewis was ejected during last week's game against Whiteville for arguing with officials, and he will not be permitted to coach in the West Brunswick game.

In addition to Whiteville, Pender has lost to Wallace-Rose Hill (38-14), Laney (42-0), James Kenan (27-0) and Southwest Onslow (20-19) this season.

West Brunswick has wins over South Columbus, Mullins, S.C. (32-14), Hoggard (28-6) and South Brunswick (28-7). The Trojans' only loss this season was to Dillon, S.C. (41-0).

This will be the third straight road game for the Trojans, who are 3-0 away from Rourk Stadium this sea-

## WACCAMAW CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

| Team       | Conf. | O'all | PF  | PA  |
|------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| W. Bruns.  | 1-0   | 4-1   | 122 | 74  |
| W. Colum.  | 1-0   | 4-1   | 135 | 66  |
| Whiteville | 1-0   | 3-2   | 104 | 61  |
| S. Bruns.  | 0-0   | 1-4   | 96  | 137 |
| S. Colum.  | 0-1   | 3-2   | 97  | 85  |
| E. Colum.  | 0-1   | 1-4   | 41  | 105 |
| Pender     | 0-1   | 0-5   | 40  | 162 |

son. West Brunswick, which has scored over 30 points in each of its last two games, is led offensively by quarterback Eric Johnson. The 6-foot-1, 185-pound senior has rushed for 232 yards and five touchdowns in the last two weeks.

For the season, Johnson has rushed for 366 yards and seven touchdowns. He has completed 31 of 58 passes (53 percent) for 418 yards with three TDs and two interceptions.

West Brunswick's backfield leaders are senior fullback James Morgan with 261 yards and four touchdowns and senior tailback Timothy Daniels with 255 yards and two TDs.

Leading receivers are junior Derek Frink with 15 receptions for 235 yards and senior Ty Brown with nine catches for 163 yards.

After giving up 41 points against Dillon, West Brunswick's defense has yielded just four touchdowns in the last three games and one TD in the last six quarters.

Last week against South Columbus the Trojans made 11 tackles for loss, including two quarterback sacks. Freshman Ahmed Green intercepted two passes and leads the team with three for the season.

Friday night's game will be the eighth between West Brunswick and Pender. The teams met every year from 1981 to 1986 as members of the old Three Rivers 3A Conference.

West Brunswick won the first meeting in 1981, 21-13 in overtime, but the Patriots won the next five contests by scores of 35-14, 34-2, 29-6, 47-0 and 19-14.

The Trojans and Patriots renewed their rivalry last season when Pender was shifted into the Waccamaw Conference. West Brunswick won handily last year, 42-7.

Elsewhere this week, South Brunswick will open Waccamaw Conference play against West Columbus at Cerro Gordo. The Cougars (0-0, 1-4) and Vikings (1-0, 4-1) have played every year since 1985.

South Brunswick has won five of the nine games in the series, but West Columbus has been victorious in the last two. The Vikings were 26-23 winners last season in Boiling Spring Lakes.

The biggest game of the week in the Waccamaw Conference will be at Whiteville, where the Wolfpack (1-0, 3-2) plays host to the South Columbus Stallions (0-1, 3-2).

This game will be important in determining which Waccamaw Conference teams move on to the state 2A playoffs at season's end.

East Columbus (0-1, 1-4) is idle Friday night. The Gators will travel to South Brunswick next week.

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

- W. Brunswick 34, S. Columbus 6
- Clinton 50, S. Brunswick 12
- Whiteville 35, Pender 7
- W. Columbus 22, E. Columbus 7

### FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

- W. Brunswick at Pender
  - S. Brunswick at W. Columbus
  - S. Columbus at Whiteville
  - East Columbus idle
- All games start at 7:30 p.m.

## Seafood Barn Leads League

The Seafood Barn, with a record of 15-1, leads the Men's Classic League at Brunswick County Bowling Center following Monday night's action.

Seafood Barn had the high team scratch game Monday with 1015 and the high team scratch series of 2994.

Williams Carpet had the high team handicap game of 1121 and high team handicap series with 3186.

Dennis Harpster had the individual high game of 268 and high series of 689 (214, 207, 268).

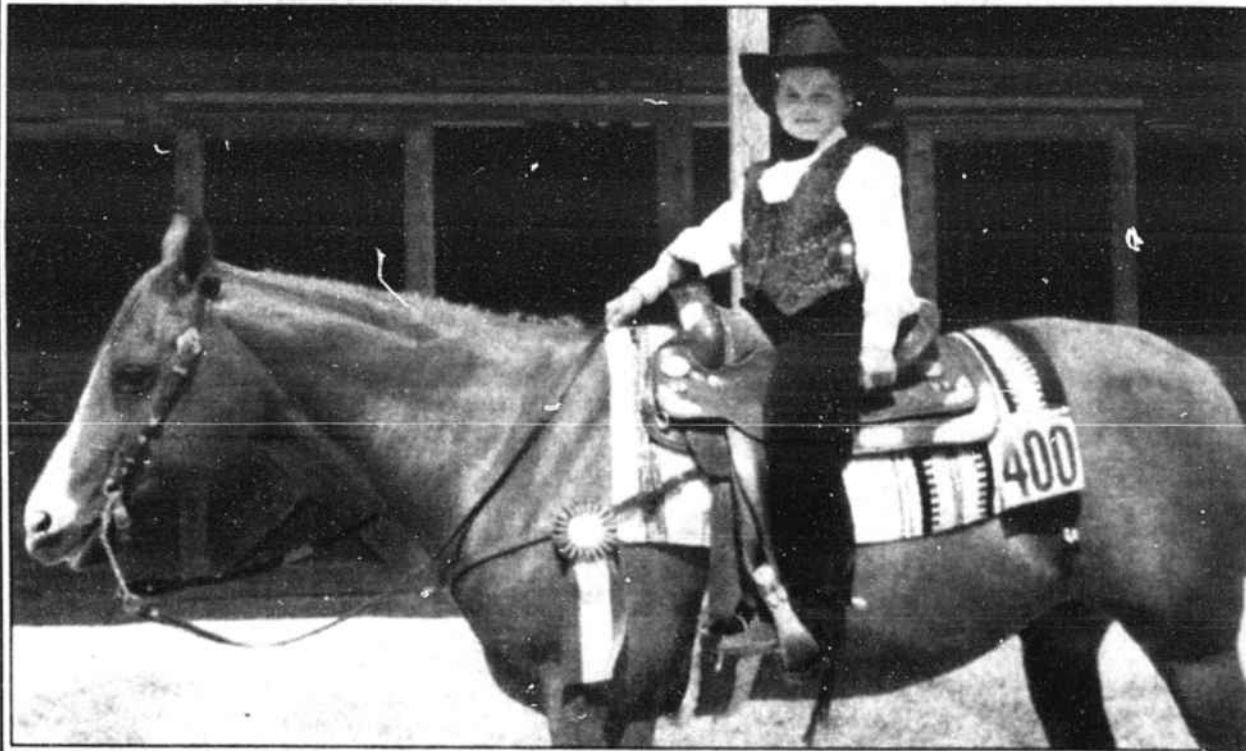
### Men's Classic League Standings As Of Sept. 26

| Team              | Wins | Losses |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Seafood Barn      | 15   | 1      |
| Strickly Bizness  | 13   | 3      |
| Joyner Electric   | 12   | 4      |
| JDGAF Again       | 11   | 5      |
| Dream Team        | 11   | 5      |
| HB True Value     | 10   | 6      |
| Coastal Vinyl     | 8    | 8      |
| Fearsome Five     | 8    | 8      |
| Spoilers          | 7    | 9      |
| Furious Finish    | 6    | 10     |
| BC Bowling Center | 6    | 10     |
| Team No. 8        | 6    | 10     |
| Williams Carpet   | 5    | 11     |
| Bowlers Anonymous | 5    | 11     |
| Team No. 4        | 3    | 13     |
| Kay-Burn Builders | 2    | 14     |



### Horse Show Winners

Riders from Cotton Patch Farm in Shallotte competed in the 1994 South Carolina Quarter Horse Association Futurity and Maxi-Circuit in Columbia on Sept. 4 and 5. Pictured above (from left) are Stephanie Gore of Shallotte, Tracy Scott of Shallotte and Becky Mann of Ocean Isle Beach. Gore and her horse, Poco Byrue, placed fifth in Walk/Trot Open and Youth Western Pleasure and seventh in Novice Western Pleasure. Scott, riding Watson Easter Flower, placed sixth twice in Little Brütches Walk/Trot, sixth in Novice Western Pleasure and eighth in Youth Western Pleasure. Mann and her horse, Majestic Contender, finished first in Walk/Trot Novice and sixth in Walk/Trot Open. Below, Lynsey Fulwood of Shallotte and Light Smoke placed fifth and seventh in Little Brütches Walk/Trot and fifth and seventh in Novice Youth Western Pleasure.



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