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Simmons Bags Buck

Johnny Simmons of Seaside killed this 8-point buck Sept. 17. It was the first 8-pointer to be killed at Makatoka Hunting Club with a bow.

SPORTING SCENE

Stallions Unwise To 'Dis' Trojans

West Brunswick's back-to-back state high school football championships weren't enough to intimidate South Columbus when the conference rivals met Friday night at Tabor City.

West Brunswick's history against South Columbus, which included a 45-0 whipping last season and 47-0 playoff win in 1992, didn't put a scare in the Stallions either.

Perhaps the Stallions shouldn't have been intimidated by the Trojans. A football team that's afraid to play another team has little or no chance of winning.

But perhaps the Stallions should have shown their visitors some respect. When the Trojans walked all over the Stallions en route to a 34-6 victory, the South Columbus players probably wished they had done just that.

Before the game, the Stallions purposely walked through the area where West Brunswick's players were stretching. The Trojans took note.

"They were sort of talking trash before the game started," West Brunswick quarterback Eric Johnson said after running for 172 yards and three TDs. "They walked right through our stretching drill and showed us no respect."

If there's anything we've learned about West Brunswick's football team over the last few years, it's that these kids will do anything in their power to earn respect for their football program and their school.

West Brunswick head coach Yogi Hickman said his team was already fired up before the game. This incident only fanned the fire.

"I think the kids got a little perturbed at that," Hickman said. "They were a little bit ticked."

Coach Hickman tried to play down the importance of the South Columbus game, but there's no denying that West Brunswick is in good shape after Friday night's win.

Still, it won't be easy to go through the Waccamaw Conference unscathed. The Trojans' next big test will come Oct. 7 at home against the Whiteville Wolfpack.

After three straight road games, it would be nice to see a large crowd at Rourk Stadium for that grudge match. Whiteville will certainly fill its side of the stadium.

Rookies Making Impact

West Brunswick freshmen Ahmed Green and Aqvi Bryant are well on their way to fine football careers in Trojan green.

With senior Brian Gore recovering from a broken wrist, Green and Bryant have been starting in the defensive secondary the last couple of weeks.

Green intercepted two passes last Friday at South Columbus, and he leads the Trojans with three picks for the season. By the way, the state record for career interceptions is 30.

Coach Hickman says he likes the way Bryant throws his body around on defense. You don't find too many ninth-graders willing or able to hit on the varsity level.

Who's Number One?

College football's national championship debate is starting to heat up, and it's only the end of September.

At this point in the season, nobody is out of the race. But several unbeaten teams have established themselves as early favorites.

My heart says Penn State, but my head says otherwise. I think Florida is the best team in the nation, but Nebraska is strong and Florida State could repeat as champions.

After pounding Wisconsin and then beating Michigan on a "Hail Mary" pass last weekend, Colorado could be a team of destiny. I think the Buffs are the most exciting team in the country.

By the way, I thoroughly enjoyed Washington's victory over Miami last Saturday in the Orange Bowl. The Miami Hurricanes are the Dallas Cowboys of college football.



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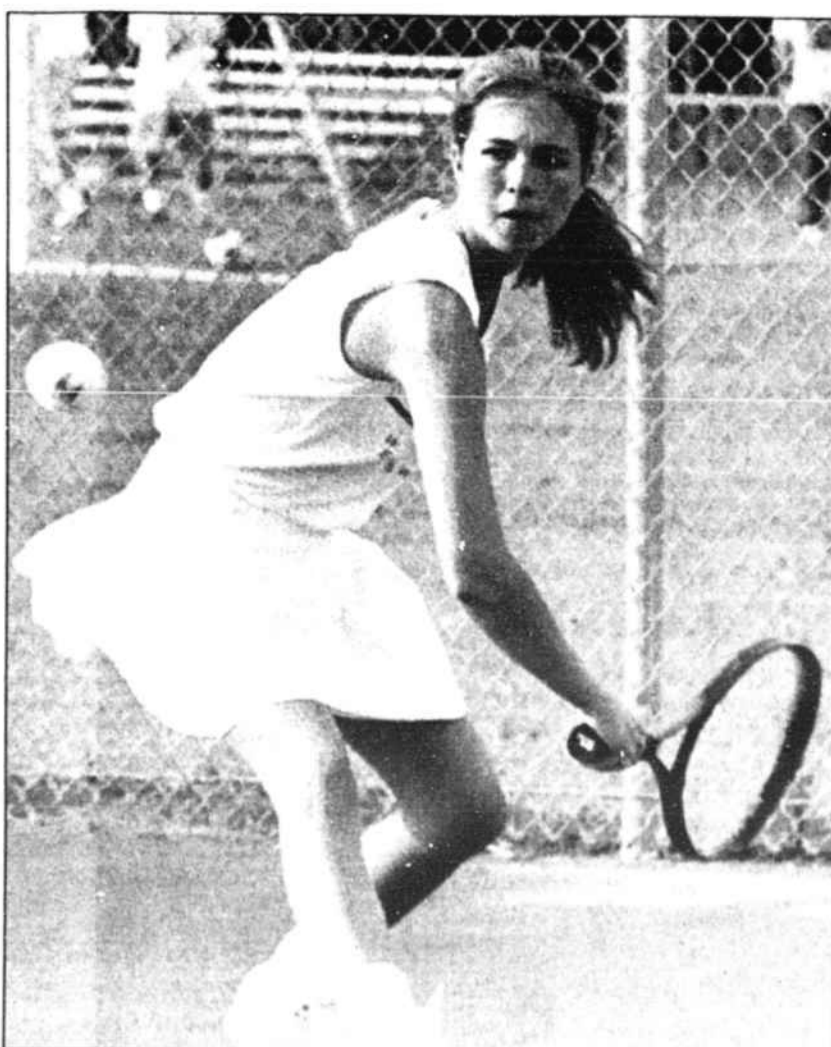
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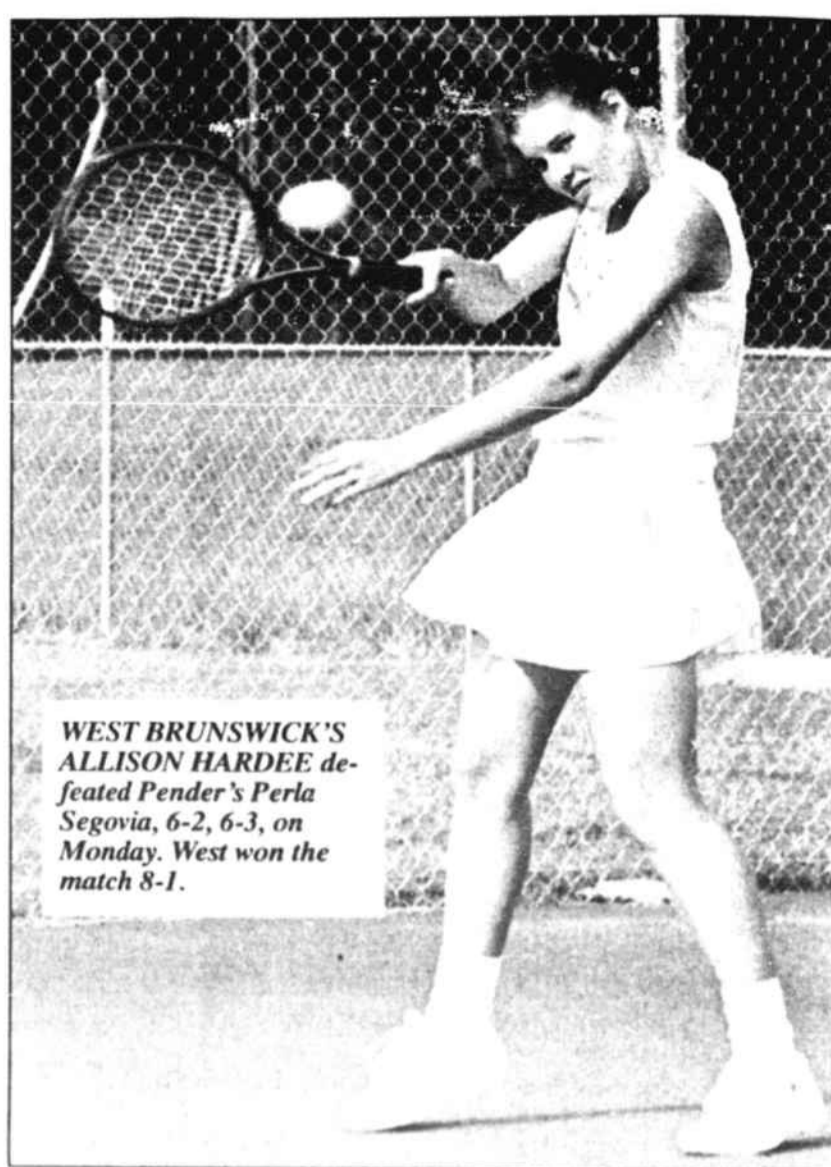
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JESSICA ROBERTSON of West Brunswick lines up a backhand during her match with Pender's Jennifer Teal. Robertson won 6-1, 6-2.



WEST BRUNSWICK'S ALLISON HARDEE defeated Pender's Perla Segovia, 6-2, 6-3, on Monday. West won the match 8-1.

West Brunswick Slams Pender 8-1

The West Brunswick girls' tennis team defeated visiting Pender 8-1 on Monday for its fifth straight Waccamaw Conference win.

Yarbi Lemon, Jessica Robertson, Allison Hardee, Jacqui Moll and Amanda Reeves won their singles matches as the Lady Trojans improved to 7-1 in the conference.

Pender's top seed, Sarah Eslinger, defeated Blair Milligan for the Lady Patriots' only point of the match. Pender fell to 3-5 in the conference.

West Brunswick swept the doubles competition, getting wins from Milligan and Robertson, Lemon and Moll, and Hardee and Tracy Kirtley.

In conference action last Wednesday, West Brunswick rolled to a 9-0 win over the South Columbus Lady Stallions at Tabor City.

West Brunswick's girls won 72 games and lost just 12 en route to the shutout victory. South Columbus' record fell to 2-5.

Singles winners for the Lady Trojans were Milligan, Lemon, Robertson, Hardee, Moll and Reeves.

Winning their doubles matches were the teams of Milligan and Robertson, Moll and Kirtley, and Mandy Redwine and Ashley Hardy.

West Brunswick had a home match scheduled Wednesday against unbeaten Whiteville. Next week, the Lady Trojans play Monday at East Columbus and Wednesday at home against West Columbus.

West's girls will close out the regular season Oct. 12 at home against the South Brunswick Lady Cougars. The first round of the state dual team playoffs is scheduled Oct. 18.

Pender Results

Singles: Eslinger (P) def. Milligan, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Lemon (WB) def. Miko, 7-5, 6-3; Robertson (WB) def. Teal, 6-1, 6-2; Hardee (WB) def. Segovia, 6-2, 6-3; Moll (WB) def. Trawick, 6-3, 6-1; Reeves (WB) def. Maultsby, 6-4, 7-5.

Doubles: Milligan/Robertson (WB) def. Eslinger/Miko, 8-6; Lemon/Moll (WB) def. Teal/Segovia, 8-5; Hardee/Kirtley (WB) def. Trawick/Maultsby, 8-3.

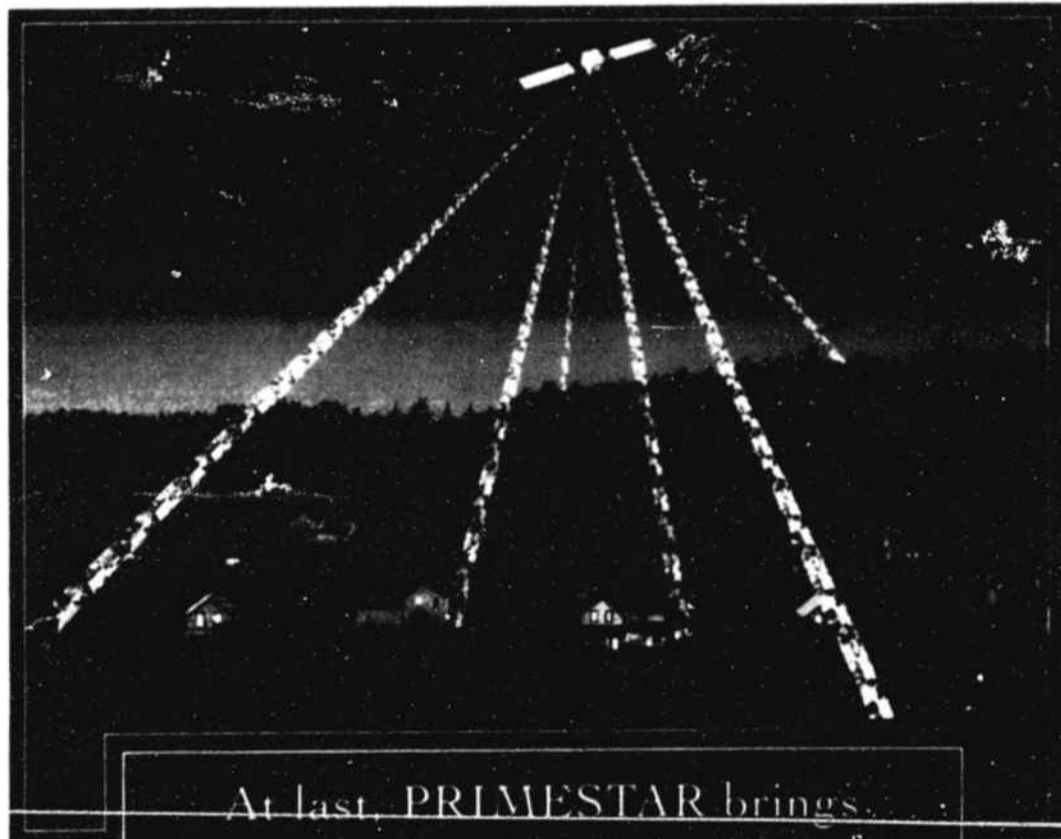
South Columbus Results

Singles: Milligan (WB) def. Fowler, 8-3; Cribb, 8-2; Lemon (WB) def. Hilburn, 8-1; Robertson (WB) def. Paul, 8-0; Hardee (WB) def. Housand, 8-0; Moll (WB) def. Inman, 8-1; Reeves (WB) def. Fowler/Long, 8-2.

Doubles: Milligan/Robertson (WB) def. Hilburn/Paul, 8-2; Moll/Kirtley (WB) def. Housand/Inman, 8-1; Redwine/Hardy (WB) def. Fowler/Long, 8-2.

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