



Kevin Smith (25) plays a strong supporting role in a new South Brunswick style that features quick-

Overwhelming Lady Cougars open season with 97-21 waltz

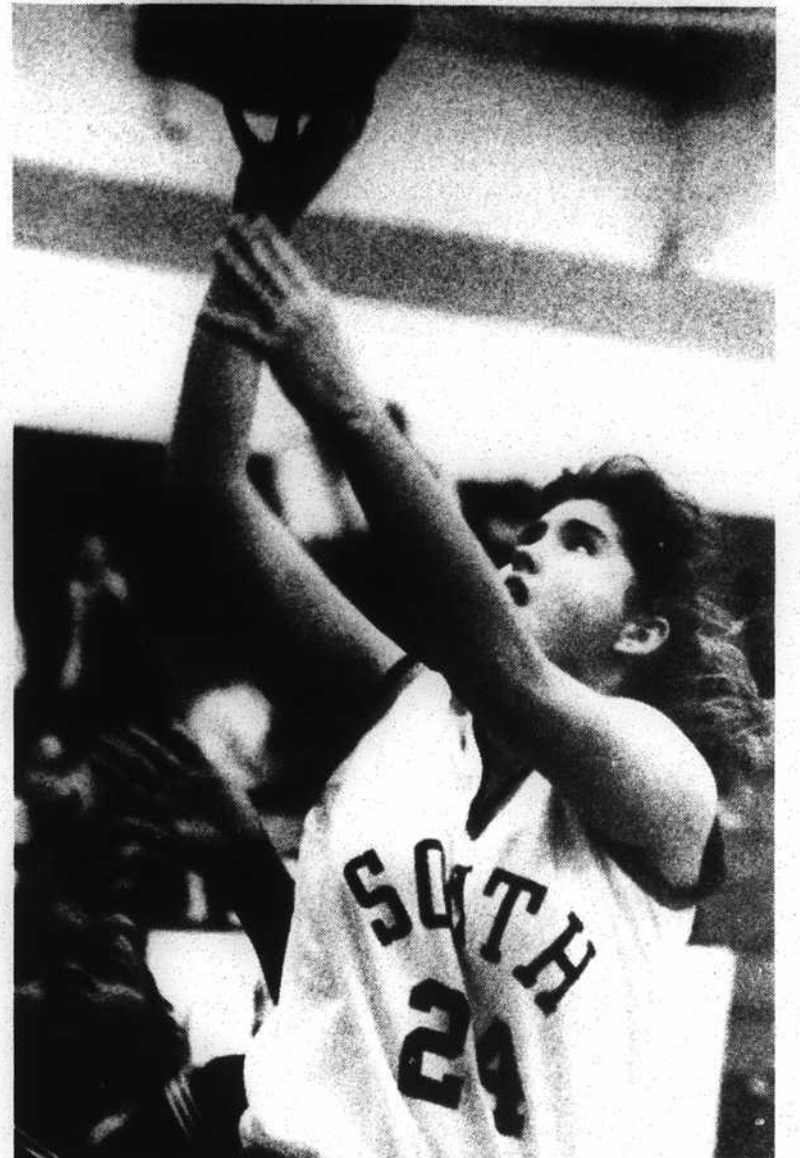
The South Brunswick girls basketball team opened the 1992-93 season with an easy 97-21 win over the outmanned Topsail Lady Pirates last Wednesday night in Boiling Spring Lakes.

After getting off to a slow start and taking almost five minutes to score their first points of the year, the Lady Cougars erupted for 35 points in the second quarter to open a 47-7 halftime lead. All 14 players saw plenty of action for the Lady Cougars.

Erika Bryant, last year's Brunswick County player of the year, scored 26 points to pace South Brunswick to its season-opening victory. Also scoring in double figures for the Lady Cougars were Jenny Fullwood with 13 points, Jodie Brown with 11 and Latonya Hankins with ten. In addition, Stacy Isenberg dished out 11 assists and had eight steals for the South Brunswick girls.

"A game like this really doesn't help us very much," observed coach Mike Isenberg. "We obviously were much more talented and had a lot more depth than Topsail. We had a few spurts where we played really well but most of the time the game was sloppy. I was glad that all 14 girls got to play a lot, but I hope that a game like this does not get us in a habit of playing sloppily."

Topsail 2 5 7 7 21
 South Brunswick 12 35 20 30 97
 Topsail: Poff 2 1-1 5, Shepard 0 2-4 2, London 0 1-2 1, Gaines 0 2-2 2, Nixon 4 2-14 11.
 South Brunswick: M. Sellers 1 0-1 2, Hankins 5 0-2 10, Eagles 0 1-2 1, Lee 1 2-4 4, Tam. Davis 4 1-2 9, T. Sellers 1 1-2 3, Isenberg 2 2-5 6, Brown 5 1-3 11, Fullwood 6 1-4 13, Dishman 0 1-3 1, Brinson 1 0-0 2, Bryant 12 2-6 26, Smith 3 3-4 9.



South Brunswick's Jodie Brown scores two points in Wednesday's 97-21 win over Topsail. Friday, a tough Lady Cougars defense limited East Columbus to 16 points as the defending Waccamaw tournament champions got off to a fast start this season.

Quick Cougs are impressive; White scores school record 46

By George Cox
Sports Editor

After a record 46-point performance from his point guard position Friday night, leading South Brunswick's Cougars to their second solid win of the young season, the question arises whether Josh White can come close to that this Friday night at home against 4A Wilmington Laney.

The Cougars, who played Wilmington New Hanover in the season's third game Tuesday night (see related story), have a tough assignment against coach Fred Lynch's Port City team. The Buccaneers, led by Adrian McCrae's 30 points, blasted Pender, 88-67, Friday night to spurt to a 2-0 mark prior to Tuesday night's action.

White, leading a quick, pressing South Brunswick edition which scored 104 points in an opening win over Topsail a week ago, was supported amply by forward Kevin Smith's 18 points. Against the Pirates, White scored 31 points.

But the Cougars' dismal 15-for-29 free throw performance had coach Gene Doane worried at the beginning of this week. Still Doane, whose Cougar teams have now established a 69-17 record over the past three-plus seasons, was pleased with the victory over East Columbus -- a club he says will be much like last year's Fairmont team next year when that school enters the newly

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Cougars head coach

aligned Waccamaw 2A-3A Conference.

White hit 17 field goals and nine of 13 free throws en route to his sterling night on the hardwood. The question is whether opponents will now throw a box-and-one on the Cougar star or some tricky defenses to keep him out of the scoring column.

"We have some young kids,"

Doane observed Sunday. "And they aren't consistent yet. Some of them who showed up against Topsail, weren't there against East Columbus. It's a learning process and they must realize they have got to be ready to play every night out."

"Kevin Smith could have had a 30-point night had he hit his free throws (five of 11). He helped us put the game away. Josh hit a three and Kevin came back and hit two."

The South Brunswick coach continued, saying, "This team is still finding its way. They've got to take the next step up. But through two games, they've been improving. We had to match up against a lot of quickness -- a team quicker than we were -- against East Columbus."

Doane said Scooter Moore had an "off game", scoring just 11 points, and Tyrell Hewett didn't come close to equaling the 18-point game he had against Topsail.

"Defensively, we gave up shots we don't like, but we were pressing and that's gonna happen when you press sometimes. O. J. Morris and Lewis Vaught did a good job on the press."

After Friday night's action the Cougars remain idle until December 21 when they will participate in a three-day Myrtle Beach tournament prior to a holiday break until the first of the year.

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assistants after Friday night's eastern championship win over St. Pauls. "This is the best staff I've ever worked with," the veteran coach emphasized. "For example, I don't ever have to coach the defense. I've got three guys who just get it done."

Brett was fortunate to inherit an excellent staff of assistants. Many a good head mentor has been doomed by a staff of either unqualified or uncooperative assistants.

Operating as both head football coach and athletic director Brett, a meticulous organizer, has brought all of the West Brunswick coaches closer together during his initial season -- a move that will not only pay dividends in the operation of the football program, but also in the function of Trojan athletics overall.

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Defense keys Lady Cougar win

South Brunswick's Lady Cougars used a tough man-to-man pressure defense to defeat the East Columbus Lady Gators 51-16 Friday night in Boiling Spring Lakes.

East Columbus failed to score more than five points in any quarter.

"I thought that we played one of our better defensive games," stated coach Mike Isenberg. "Our guards kept constant pressure on their ball-handlers and our forwards denied the entry pass. At times our defense was about as good as any girls can play."

Erika Bryant had 13 points to lead the South Brunswick girls in scoring while Jennifer Fullwood contributed 11 points, six rebounds and six steals. All 15

team members saw action for the Lady Cougars.

According to Isenberg, "Our defense improved tonight but our half-court offense is still sluggish and we need to work on that. We're just not as aggressive and confident as we should be on offense, but we will work hard to get better."

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 East Columbus 4 5 3 4 -- 16
 South Brunswick: M. Sellers 1 0-0 2, Hankins 3 0-0 6, Tam. Davis 1 2-2 5, T. Sellers 3 2-4 8, Brown 1 0-0 2, Fullwood 4 3-7 11, T. Davis 1 0-0 2, Bryant 5 3-4 13, Smith 1 0-3 2.
 East Columbus: Murphy 0 0-2 0, Wilson 0 3-5 3, Freeman 0 1-3 1, Baldwin 1 0-0 2, Daniels 0 1-2 1, Graham 2 0-0 4, Bray 0 1-6 1, Moore 2 0-2 4.

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