

'It's great to win one'

# Maturing line, Morris win praise from Force

By George Cox  
Sports Editor

A young line maturing in the season's third game, allowing a premier runningback, O. J. Morris, to slice through enemy territory for a 203-yard night, was the main reason South Brunswick's football Cougars picked up their first win of the 1994 grid campaign Friday night at Camp Lejeune.

And when the dust had settled, a 41-14 victory made all of the pre-season practice sessions under first-year coach Derrell Force seem worthwhile.

The Cougar offense, including Morris and backfield mate Izesta Brown, quarterbacks Jeremy Baker and Adam Kaufhold and receiver Johnny Scott, drew praise from Force, who first issued lots of accolades for the South Brunswick offensive line.

The players were as glad as Force to grab the season's first win and get that proverbial monkey off their coach's back.

"I'm glad we finally won a game," Baker said. "The line was blocking a lot better. They worked hard tonight."

So did the entire squad.

"O. J. is getting cranked up," Force noted. "The offensive line gave him some holes to run through. If he gets a crack, he can go."

The Cougar mentor was relieved to win.

"Yes sir, it's great to win one," he said. "(Camp Lejeune) played hard and did some things (in the passing game) to hurt us, but we were closer to them this time than we had been. Their kids made some good catches but our kids are getting better."

Continuing to evaluate the game, Force said, "We still had a few breakdowns (on the line) -- penetration a few times."

"We brought 34 kids and 34 got to play. We brought six kids from the junior varsity and they got to play some."

"The thing I saw tonight that we hadn't been getting was senior leadership. Will Rabon gave us some tonight and so did O. J. And Izesta Brown stepped forward some tonight and played like I thought he was capable of playing offensively and defensively."

Force moved Brown from linebacker to the secondary to help the young freshmen get acclimated

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up," Force continued. "(Brown) made a great interception tonight. He came flying over, reached out and tucked it in with one hand -- a great interception."

Talking about Baker's 58-yard, fly-pattern bomb down the right sideline to receiver Johnny Scott -- a key play in the third quarter -- Force acknowledged that his offense had set up the play on a previous possession. When South Brunswick regained control, the Cougar coach called for the play immediately from the sidelines.

"Jeremy Baker made a great throw and Johnny Scott made a great catch," Force elaborated. "I thought he was going to score but their kid had a great angle on him. Johnny Scott is the fastest kid on our team. He can run."

Force was glad that the pressure of winning that first game was finally off the players' shoulders.

"The first one takes a little load off your shoulders. The kids needed it more than I did. I have a lot of confidence in what we are trying to do with our coaching staff, and our kids needed a good ball game to get more belief. Tonight, we scored 41 points. Now they're going to believe a little bit more."

## Jamboree kicks in \$27,219 to schools

The 1994 UCB Football Jamboree was the most successful in the event's eight-year history.

The attendance record was surpassed as nearly 8,600 fans showed up at Legion Stadium in Wilmington August 19 to watch three Wilmington teams and Wallace-Rose Hill scrimmage South Brunswick, West Brunswick, Whiteville and South Columbus from the Waccamaw 2A/3A Conference.

Proceeds from the Jamboree totaled \$27,219. Sixteen scholarships totaling \$12,000 will be set aside, with each participating school to receive two of \$750 each. The scholarships will be awarded next spring to graduating seniors chosen by a panel from each school.

Including this year's scholarships, a total of 58 graduating seniors will have benefited from a total of \$36,000 in scholarship funds since the first Jamboree was held in 1987.

In addition to the scholarship money, each of the eight participating schools will receive \$1,781.51 for its general fund. Since its inception, the United Carolina Bank Football Jamboree has raised \$124,532.31.

## Dog obedience class planned

An advanced dog obedience class sponsored by the Southport Parks and Recreation Department will begin Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 p.m., at Stevens Park.

The class is designed for dogs that have already undergone basic training. Retrieving and obstacle/confidence course segments will be taught by instructor Jerry Dove.

Persons may register for the advanced dog obedience class by calling City Hall at 457-7900. Further information may be obtained by calling city parks and recreation director Joe Medlin at 457-7945 or Dove at 278-5103.

## Horseshoes event is planned

Southport Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a men's horseshoe tournament Saturday, September 17, at Stevens Park.


Competition begins at 9 a.m. An entry fee of \$5 will be charged. The tournament will consist of three flights. Each contestant will pitch 50 shoes and record the number of ringers to determine the flight in which he will compete. Contestants may register and qualify for a flight on any afternoon at Stevens Park through Thursday, September 15.

The tournament will be played under national horseshoe pitching rules. For further information and a copy of the rules, persons may contact Joe Medlin at 457-4397 or visit the parks and recreation administration office at Stevens Park.

## Karate class offered at beach

Karate classes are offered by the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

Beginners will meet on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Regular classes meet Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m. for ages five through nine; 6 p.m. for ages ten through 15; 7 p.m. advanced class; 8 p.m. adults.



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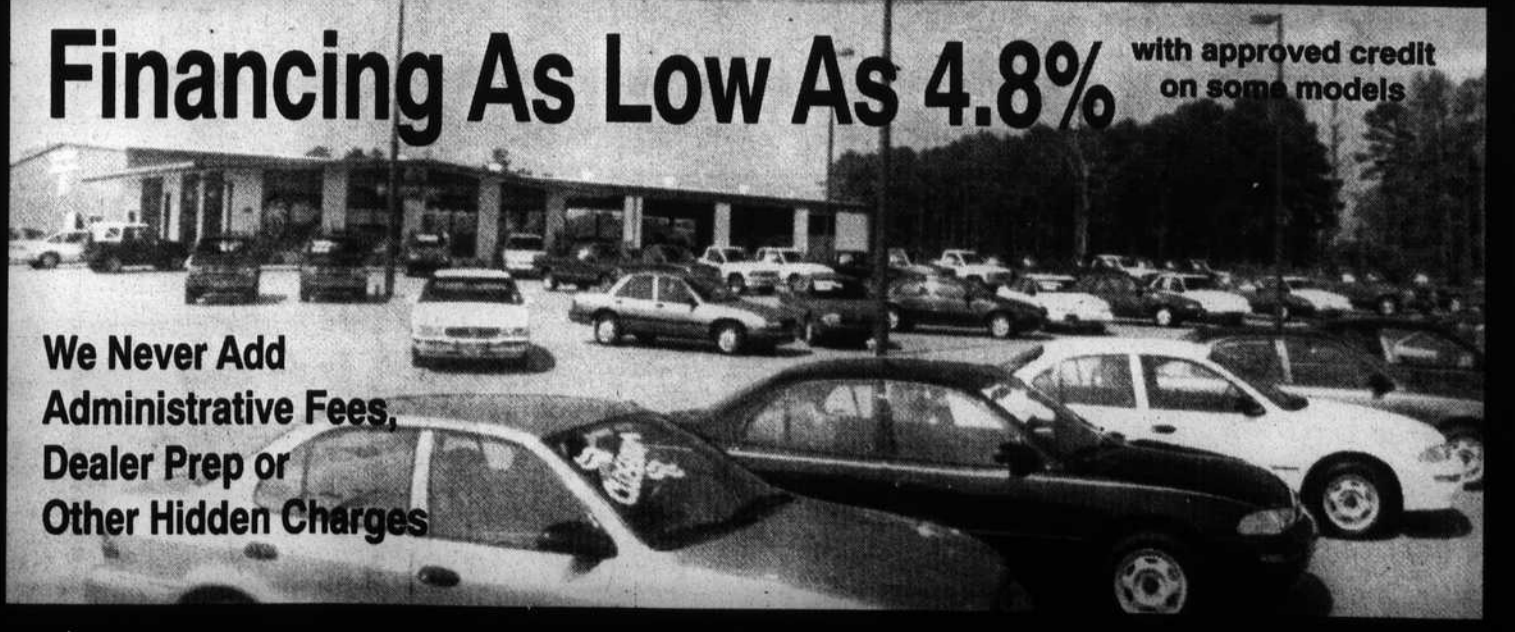
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