

PILOT PIGSKIN PICKS

GAME	Best	Cox	Flanagan	Harper	Isenberg	Motley	Nubel	Pope	Rudd
Southern Cal at Washington	Washington	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Washington	Southern Cal
Virginia Tech at West Virginia	West Virginia	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	West Virginia
Boston College at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
Clemson at Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Clemson	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Clemson
Nebraska at Colorado	Colorado	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Colorado
Maryland at Louisville	Louisville	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Louisville	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
South Carolina at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Wake Forest at Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
East Carolina at Southern Mississippi	East Carolina	East Carolina	East Carolina	Southern Mississippi	Southern Mississippi	East Carolina	East Carolina	East Carolina	East Carolina
Arizona at Washington State	Washington State	Washington State	Washington State	Washington State	Washington State	Washington State	Washington State	Arizona	Washington State
This week	6-4	7-3	8-2	8-2	8-2	5-5	8-2	7-3	6-4
Total	41-27	41-27	44-24	47-21	48-20	44-24	46-22	39-29	47-21

New Pigskin Picks leader

Isenberg in first place

There is a new leader in the Pilot Pigskin Picks this week.

It took several weeks to climb that hill but Southport attorney Mike Isenberg has surpassed Southport-Oak Island Realtor Margaret Rudd for the lead by one game. Rudd has held the position over her male challengers since the picks began seven weeks ago.

Isenberg used an 8-2 week to claim top spot while Rudd slipped to a 6-4 ballot. Isenberg missed the Texas last-second win over Virginia and Notre Dame's defeat of Southern Cal.

It drops Rudd into a tie for second place with Pilot editor Ed Harper, who was one of four pickers with an 8-2 record last week. Harper missed

the same scores as Isenberg. There is a heated three-way battle for first, and the standings could all change this week with a slate of tough picks.

Rudd even chose against her favorite, N. C. State, and lost on that deal when the Wolfpack actually upended the Duke Blue Devils. She also missed Notre Dame's win, incorrectly picked Maryland to knock off Clemson and predicted Stanford would stop UCLA.

State Farm Insurance agent Dwight Flanagan is heating up the charts. He had an 8-2 record, missing only the Notre Dame and UCLA games. He is tied for sixth place. Pilot municipal editor Richard Nubel was the other 8-2 picker this week, missing just the Notre Dame

score and Maryland's loss to Clemson.

Nubel is just two games behind the leader this week. Tied for sixth place are WWAY TV-3 sports anchor Gene Motley and Flanagan. Motley had a .500 week and missed all three Atlantic Coast Conference games on the chart.

Tied for seventh place are Leland resident Nelson Best and Pilot sports editor George Cox. The Notre Dame and Southern Cal game fooled everyone but Cox. Best had a 6-4 week when he sided with Duke over State, Southern Cal, Maryland and Stanford.

In last place is Pilot county editor Terry Pope.

Cox

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the weight room, on the field, in the film room and on the sidelines.

The South coach started at ground zero by turning the attitudes of his players in a new direction -- first by setting a new standard of player conduct on and off the field.

No bad language, no temper tantrums. Inappropriate behavior wasn't tolerated. It was all done in Force's quiet, effective way.

The South football program has come a long way and a playoff berth is a real possibility with Pender and West Brunswick ahead in the next two weeks. Also at stake is the school's fourth winning season since 1982.

No matter how this season ends, though, the Cougar football players can hold their heads high under the leadership of an excellent coaching staff.

The program is a class act from top to bottom.



Adam Kaufhold took it hard to the goal Tuesday, scoring five of South Brunswick's goals in a 6-0 win over North Brunswick. As conference

champions the Cougars meet Havelock in the state playoff first round at 4 p.m. Saturday in Smithville Township Park.

Force pleased with his team's defensive play

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to like."

The Cougars didn't have a lot of their own faithful in the stands -- maybe 50 or so. But since it was homecoming, the South Columbus bleachers were filled with plenty of

Stallion partisans.

Force was pleased with the play of his defense, which has played almost flawlessly for the past two weeks.

"We didn't move the ball well offensively, but the field conditions had a lot to do with it. We were very limited with what we could do."

Force said his team "relaxed a little too much at halftime," contending

his team had its way for practically the entire first half.

The Cougars went into the locker room after two quarters with a 12-0 advantage.

"I knew South Columbus wasn't going to quit," he noted. "They're too good a football team. I felt we had to come out and play well in the second half, but we didn't do too much on offense."



Cougar watches on sale

Now Cougar fans can show their pride.

The South Brunswick High School athletic department is selling Cougar watches to help raise funds for the sports program, said athletic director Derrell Force.

Only prepaid orders will be accepted.

The watches have Seiko movements and come with a lifetime warranty, a black alligator band and in two sizes -- mens and ladies. On the face is a Cougar paw and inscribed with the words "South Brunswick Cougars".

They have the highest gold plating and cost \$25 each.

All orders must be returned by November 8.

To order, send a check along with your name, address and phone number to Watches, South Brunswick High School, 280 Cougar Road, Boiling Spring Lakes, Southport, NC 28461.

One down and two to go: South in the hunt

By George Cox
Sports Editor

One down and two to go.

After a successful first leg of hopefully a three-game victory journey to the state 3A football playoffs, South Brunswick's football Cougars travel to meet Pender Friday in another must-win game.

A win against Pender (0-4, 2-7) would set up a season-ending showdown against West Brunswick at Jack Campbell Stadium in Boiling Spring Lakes next week to decide the league title and 3A playoff spot.

"We can't take Pender lightly, that's for sure," Cougar coach Derrell Force said. "They have some speed. Hopefully, our kids aren't going to look past Pender on to West Brunswick because we can't do that."

The Cougar coach's biggest headache is the kind of day his youngsters will have Friday away from their daily routines at school. It's a teacher workday -- a nightmare for coaches on game days.

"That's a concern for me all day," Force said. "Some of the kids like to hunt. We may bring them in or feed them early or something and hang around with them. We'll do something."

Force said his team has played two good football games in a row with victories over 4A Pinecrest (20-7) and South Columbus (12-8).

"We just can't have a letdown now," he said. "We have to get sharper every week. Hopefully, we'll have more success next week and not get anybody hurt."

West Brunswick (4-0, 6-3) plays at West Columbus Friday. Coach Yogi

Hickman's Trojans are hoping to win their final two games against the Vikings and Cougars to make the state playoffs for the fifth straight season.

The West Brunswick coach will also attempt to guard against a let-down. County grid fans are already anticipating a Cougars-Trojans season finale.

North Brunswick's Scorpions (1-3, 5-3) can assure their second winning season in the school's 24-year history with a homecoming victory Friday night against Red Springs.

The Scorpions are coming off two heartbreaking losses against St. Pauls (33-32) and Bladenboro (17-12). Coach Garry Bishop should have his team primed and ready for this one.

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