

COACH'S ASSESSMENT

Bishop: We had a good game plan

The complete text of North Brunswick football coach Garry Bishop's interview with *The State Port Pilot* following the 43-14 win against Lejeune on Friday:

■ I know you were not expecting a big win like this and had expected it to be tough. Tell me what happened that helped put your team ahead early on?

"I sure wasn't. I was really surprised. I think the offense ran real efficiently early. We knew some plays that we thought would work on them the way they ran their defense, and they did. We had a good game plan for them offensively. They didn't stunt as much as I thought they would and I thought that would give us some problems because they can bring eight or nine guys, but they didn't. They kind of sat back, and we popped it through and we're gone in the secondary. You know, Pedie made some good runs."

■ Pedie had four touches of the football and four touchdowns in one stretch in the first half. Is this his best of the season?

"I think he had 240 at the half. You've got to give credit to the offensive line, too. You can't do it by yourself. The offensive line created some good holes for him."

■ You were worried about the offensive line, too, with as many injuries that you have at this point in the season.

"I was really worried. I was surprised. They were not as big as I thought they were up front. But still, the young guys, they did what they were supposed to do. I was really pleased with the effort that the offensive line gave us tonight. Maybe we can get healthy for next week and that will give us a little more depth now, knowing that those guys have stepped in and played a full game and I can count on them at anytime. I'm really pleased with the way the offensive line played."

■ On defense, you had a game plan that worked in stopping running back Brandon Jackson. What did you design to keep him in control?

"They moved it a couple of times early. I think we had four or five penalties early that gave them almost more yardage on penalties. We can't do that. The defense, when it had to, stuck in there. They faked a punt on us early. I called that. I said, 'They're not going to fake it. Fourth and 20.' And they did. That was my fault. I was going for the block and left a guy wide open. That kept the game close. They ended up scoring after that."

"We shut him (Jackson) down. We had him keyed. We had potentially seven guys on the sweep because they ran the sweep last week 48 times against Topsail. At least we had that play stopped. And it worked. We shut him down. I was pleased with it."

■ Your team is first place in the conference now with a good lead. The team must feel good about its position.

"We've still got to take it one game at a time. We're 2-0 in the conference and we've got a tough one next week. Topsail always plays us pretty tough, even when they're down and we're good. It was 20-0 last year. We only scored three times against them. They're going to be fired up. I'm looking forward to it. I know Ron Howard does a good job with the players that he has. He doesn't have a lot of talent up there, but he gets a lot out of what he does have."

"Overall, I think we played a pretty good ball game. We ran the ball well. We didn't have to pass any. It was a good little game. I was surprised."

■ You're mixing up the offensive look with moving Braeden Baldwin at quarterback on several series. Tell me what you're working on there.

"We're getting some of the younger guys that we know we're going to have back next year some time this year so they will feel like they are a part of the program. But also so we can stick them in there at anytime, in case someone gets hurt we've got key people at each position now that we know we can play and play effectively. And Braeden's one of them. We've got our backs moving to different positions in case we keep getting hit with this injury bug we'll have everything covered."

Lineberger, Murphy go to regionals

Sherri Lineberger and Megan Murphy of South Brunswick will compete in the state regionals tennis tournament October 23-24 at Union Pines High School after qualifying Saturday in the Waccamaw 2A Conference finals at St. Pauls.

The pair had to face teammates Lisa Hilaman and Heather Johnson in one doubles round at the conference tournament and won, 8-3.

Murphy, a junior, was a number-two seed during the season and Lineberger, a sophomore, played at number-five seed for coach Debbie Adams' squad. Neither were doubles partners during the season but proved to be tough partners at the

Final win over Fairmont, 7-2

South Brunswick defeated Fairmont, 7-2, in tennis action last week prior to play in the Waccamaw 2A Conference tournament on Saturday.

Coach Debbie Adams' Lady Cougars team finished fifth in the league with a 4-4 conference record and 4-5 overall.

"It was a strong ending to a successful season," said coach Adams. "The girls have improved greatly."

Singles results: Lindsey Dishman (SB) def. Ashley Lewis 6-3, 6-0; Adrienne Creedmore (F) def. Megan Murphy 6-0, 6-2; Lisa Hilaman (SB) def. Morgan Walters 6-0, 6-0; Heather Johnson (SB) def. Mariah Musselwhite 6-0, 6-2; Sherri Lineberger (SB) def. Latanya Hyman 6-2, 6-0; Meris Burton (SB) def. Pam Page 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles results: Dishman and Murphy def. Creedmore and Walters 8-4; Lewis and Musselwhite def. Hilaman and Johnson 9-8; Melissa Van Sandt and Becky Cochran (SB) def. Hyman and Page, 8-1.

Cougar tennis players qualify

tournament Saturday.

Murphy and Lineberger defeated Harris and McDuffie of East Bladen 6-1, 6-4 in the first round. In the second round they were defeated by Moskow and Shelburne of Whiteville. The pair then defeated Russ and Register of South Columbus 8-4 in the consolation bracket.

That set up their match against teammates Hilaman and Johnson, who were number-two seeds for South this season.

"At this point, the stakes are very high," said coach Adams. "Whoever wins automatically goes to the regionals. Whoever loses still gets to play another round and a chance for the regionals."

In the final round, Hilaman and Johnson came up against number-two seeds Shirley and Parker of St. Pauls and were defeated 8-4 in a very tough match.

"I was proud of their efforts," said coach Adams. "Lisa and Heather are sophomores and fierce competitors when on the court. I expect to see two tough players the next two years. They both have the skills to compete as they proved during the season in both singles and doubles. But our next goal to work on is how to win the big ones, and I know either girl can get to that level with determination, confidence and much hard work."

Hilaman and Johnson's first draw of the tournament was against the number-one seeds, Sara Grove and Reshema Changappa of Whiteville, who won 6-1, 6-0. In the consolation bracket, the pair defeated Godwin and Ransom of West

first-year tennis player and ended the season at 3-5."

Number-one seed Lindsey Dishman for South had a tough first draw against Elise Hewett of Whiteville, who won 6-3, 6-0. However, Dishman played some of her best tennis during the match, said Adams. In the consolation round, Dishman defeated Ashley McDowell of South Columbus 8-0.

Lauren Winfree of West Brunswick then defeated Dishman, 8-6, but Dishman came from behind 5-2 to make it a match. She missed out on making the playoffs.

"Lindsey should be proud of her two year accomplishments in tennis and four year accomplishments as a South Brunswick athlete," said Adams. "Lindsey is a fine example of the women's sports program at South and is a great competitor."

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Cougars claim soccer title

South Brunswick Middle School's soccer team secured the county middle school title with a 1-1 tie at Shallotte Middle School last Wednesday.

In a competitive contest at Shallotte, regulation ended at 1-1 so a 10-minute overtime period was played. With no score in overtime, the game was declared a tie. Coach Rick Thomas' team now stands at 4-2-2 overall and 4-0-1 in county competition.

Tommy Roberts scored the only goal for South Brunswick. Forwards Marco Bracey and Hayes Baxley played well for the Cougars, who won their first middle school soccer title in six years.

The Cougars finish the season today (Wednesday) against Leland Middle School but the result won't keep South Brunswick from claiming the title. In county middle school action this season, South Brunswick remains undefeated and also had not been scored on until last week's goal by Shallotte.

Matt Mansfield injured his wrist in a collision in the Shallotte contest and may not play this week.

In another game last week, St. Mary's of Wilmington defeated the Cougars 4-3 in a game that does not affect the county standings. Chris Adams scored one goal and Chris Phillips scored two goals for the Cougars.

Matt Furlow played well defensively, and Jack Fairley scored a goal in the fifth period action. Eric Mortimer had a number of saves in that contest.

The team wraps up its play against Leland Middle this week.

Spikers edged by Shallotte

South Brunswick Middle School's volleyball team lost a heartbreaker against Shallotte Middle School last week.

Shallotte won the contest on scores of 15-13, 15-12, 15-11 and 15-8.

The Lady Cougars will play their final game of the season today (Wednesday) against Leland Middle School.

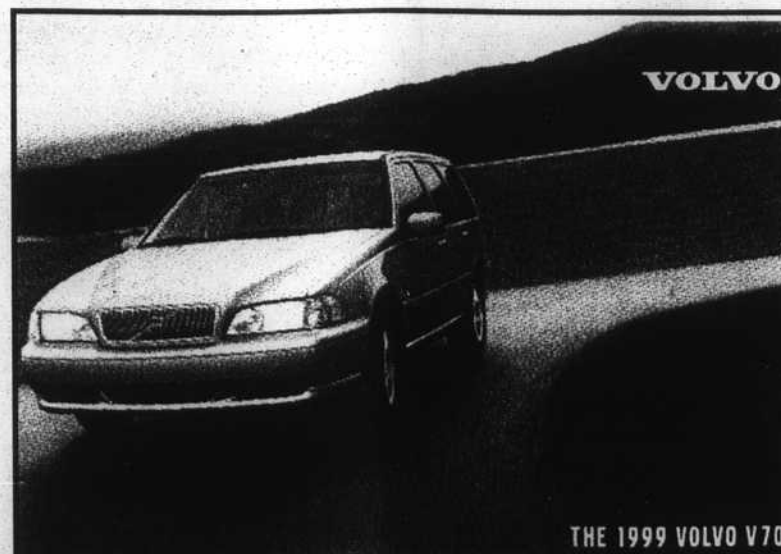
County seniors among Senior Gator winners

Brunswick County's representatives to the Gator Senior Games state finals brought home 19 medals from the 14th annual event in Raleigh.

Annie Toomer won first place in croquet, shuffleboard and softball throw; James Enyart won third place in the 25-meter freestyle swimming, second place in the 200-meter freestyle and second place in the 500-meter freestyle; Martha Alexander won first place in croquet; Ced Brogden won second place in singles bowling; Doretha Counts won second place in football throw; Marshall Cutsforth won third

place in discus throw, second place in football throw and first place in softball throw; Dorothy Gore won second place in spincasting and second place in shuffleboard; Janet Fahey won third place in singles tennis; Donna Martin won third place in doubles tennis; Sue McCann won third place in doubles tennis.

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