

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

### Cougars finish with 5-0 win

South Brunswick Middle School's soccer team wrapped up its season and claimed the county middle school championship with a 5-0 win over Leland Middle School last Wednesday.

Chris Phillips and Hayes Baxley each scored two goals for the Cougars. Matt Furlow added one goal for South Brunswick. Coach Rick Thomas' team finished the season at 5-2-2 overall and 5-0-1 in county competition.

Eighth graders who played their final middle school match include Larry Allman, J. W. Pegg, Will Alford, Brian Howell, Andrew Stein and Zack Torres-Fowler.

The Cougars finished the season undefeated in middle school play with a tie to Shallotte Middle late in the season. The defense allowed just one goal in its middle school matches and shutout all other opponents. The two regular season losses were to St. Mary's of Wilmington.

It was the first county title for the Cougar soccer team in six seasons.

### Spikers rally to defeat Tigers

South Brunswick Middle School's volleyball team rallied after dropping the opening game to Leland Middle by winning three straight to claim the victory in the final game of the season.

With the win, South Brunswick finished second in the middle school conference. The Cougars won the match with scores of 10-15, 15-6, 15-10 and 15-12.

Members of coach Melanie Champion's volleyball team this season were eight-graders Ashley Smith, Rhiannon Messer, Meghan Birch, Jennifer Collins, Billie Strickland, April Sellers, Elizabeth Jenkins, Sarah Jenkins, Erica Morgan and Lesley Padgett.

Other members of the team include Barbara Best, Cori Chapman, Brittany Marshall, Monica Lewis, Morganna Bridgers, Ladona Johnson, scorekeeper Meghan Heller, managers Raquel Williams and Nashaba Galloway.

## RECREATIONAL SPORTS

### Teams needed for volleyball

The Brunswick County Co-Ed Volleyball League will begin play in December. Games will be held at Shallotte Middle School. The first eight teams who register will make up the league.

There will be a \$175 entry fee for each team. Entry fees must be paid at the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department at the county government center near Bolivia.

Deadline to enter a team is November 20. For more information, contact the parks and recreation department, 253-2670, or 1-800-222-4790.

### Basketball leagues forming

The Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte and Men Over 30 League at South Brunswick Middle School will begin play in December.

The first eight teams that register will make up the leagues. There will be a \$350 entry fee for both leagues.

Entry fee must be paid at the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department at the county government center near Bolivia. Deadline to enter a team is November 30.

For more information, contact the parks and recreation department, 253-2670, or 1-800-222-4790.

## Waccamaw Conference

### Football standings

Team	Conf.	All	PS	PA
South Columbus	6-0	9-0	383	31
West Brunswick	6-0	7-2	264	148
East Bladen	3-3	4-4	213	192
Whiteville	3-3	3-5	157	220
Fairmont	3-3	4-5	150	208
St. Pauls	3-4	4-5	262	247
West Columbus	3-4	4-5	206	295
South Brunswick	1-5	3-6	182	330
East Columbus	0-6	0-7	94	243

### Last week

South Columbus 69, So. Brunswick 0  
West Brunswick 33, St. Pauls 20  
Whiteville 37, West Columbus 8  
East Bladen 36, East Columbus 0

### Oct. 30

South Brunswick at Whiteville  
East Bladen at South Columbus  
East Columbus at West Brunswick  
Fairmont at West Columbus

## Coastal Plains

### Football standings

Team	Conf.	All	PS	PA
North Brunswick	3-0	7-1	269	106
Pamlico	2-1	4-4	194	192
Lejeune	2-1	5-3	167	199
Jones Sr.	1-2	3-5	124	163
Dixon	1-2	2-5	88	200
Topsail	0-3	1-8	137	260

### Last week

North Brunswick 41, Topsail 12  
Pamlico 41, Dixon 7  
Lejeune 21, Jones Sr. 12

### Oct. 30

North Brunswick at Jones Sr.  
Lejeune at Pamlico  
Dixon at Topsail

## THE LEAGUE

**West Brunswick 33, St. Pauls 20:** West Brunswick quarterback Jemondre Frink completed 4 of 10 passes for 138 yards and sophomore Eric Butler made two interceptions to help lift the Trojans past St. Pauls, 33-20.

The win keeps West Brunswick tied for first place in the conference with South Columbus. Those two teams play in two weeks.

Joey Lance rushed for a 32-yard touchdown to open the scoring. The Trojans broke a 14-14 half-time tie with one third-quarter and two fourth-quarter touchdowns to pull away from the Bulldogs.

### Whiteville 37, West Columbus 8:

Whiteville quarterback Mike Fieberritz completed 7 of 12 passes for 162 yards and four touchdowns to lift the Wolfpack past West Columbus, 37-8.

Fieberritz threw scoring passes of 27, 33, 15 and 51 yards. James Pone added a 9-yard touchdown run for Whiteville.

West Columbus scored on a 71-yard pass play in the third quarter.

### East Bladen 36, East Columbus 0:

The Cougars shutout East Columbus, 36-0, to take over third place in the league. There is a battle for the third state playoff seed from the conference, and East Bladen remains in the running along with Whiteville and Fairmont.

Jamie Swindell led East Bladen with an 8-yard touchdown run.

## South

Continued from page 1C effort. It would be nice to score. They are a good team. We all knew that coming in. But the kids played hard."

South managed little offense against that tough defense. Mario Tooley ran hard but managed just 54 yards on 15 carries to pace the Cougar offense. Damien Brown, who was called up from junior varsity play, got into the starting rotation and ran the ball well. Williams was sacked three times and the Cougars lost the ball on three fumbles.

Ciro Piccirillo punted the ball seven times for a 30-yard average. For the Stallions, Kent Nealey rushed for 125 yards and two touchdowns while Dashaun Stephens added two touchdowns on runs of 47 and 10 yards in gaining 66 for the night. Ravenell added another South Columbus touchdown on a 3-yard run.

"They have athletes, three or four backs," said coach Brozy, "and we don't have backs capable of doing the things that they do."

South Brunswick was without starters Wes Kidd, Jason Frick, Craig Williams, Jason Tooley, Nick Green, Rufus Randolph and Ernest Griffin. They were ejected from the game at the East Columbus contest two weeks ago by game officials for their participation in a game-ending fight (see related story). While that incident remains under investigation by state high school athletic association officials the players were on the sidelines at Friday's game and offered fans and parents an open apology for what happened.

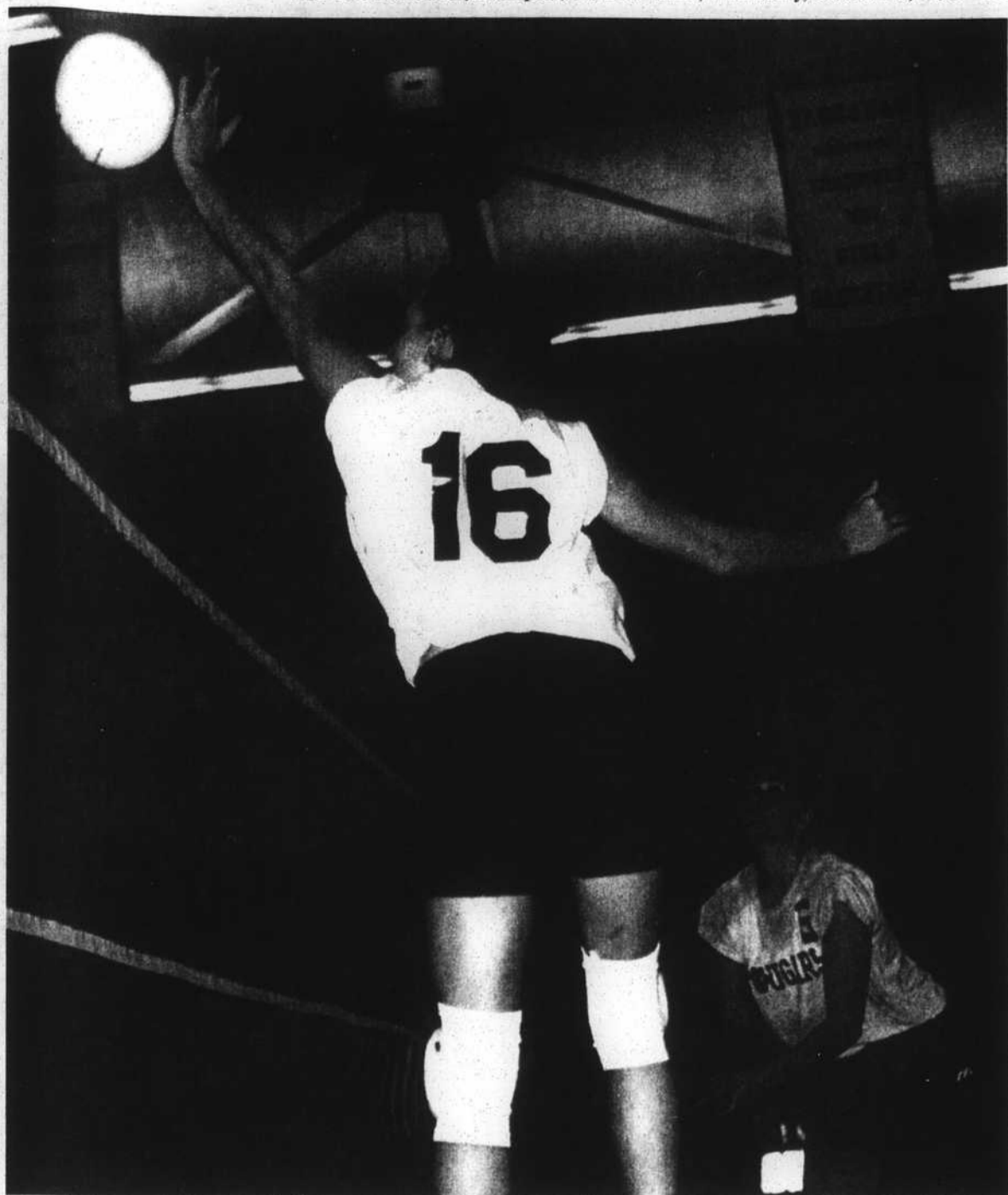
South Columbus rolled into Jack Campbell Stadium at Boiling Spring Lakes having been ranked eighth in the state among 1A teams for the first time last week. They showed just why they were awarded that ranking. In two weeks, the Stallions will finish the season at West Brunswick to face the Trojans for what may be the battle for the championship. West Brunswick is also 6-0 in the league.

"We were limited to six or eight plays tonight," said coach Brozy. "That's all we could run. It's just too much information for the kids too quickly."

The two teams did not play a junior varsity game last week for players were called up from the JV squad to take the place of the seven varsity players who were suspended for one game.

South Columbus scored on each of their six possessions in the first half and on four of five possessions in the shortened second half. Dashaun Stephens started the rout with a 10-yard touchdown run with 10:11 left in the first quarter. The Stallions scored twice more in the first quarter -- on a 9-yard run by Nealey and a 65-yard pass from Fonville to Ravenell to take a quick 23-0 lead. That was the only pass the Stallions attempted all night.

In the second quarter, the Stallions scored on their first three possessions and watched as the clock ran out on them in their fourth possession with 38 seconds left following



South Brunswick's Tammi Batson rises above the net for a spike in recent volleyball action. The Lady Cougars traveled to Swansboro last week in the first round of the state 2A playoffs but were defeated.

a South Brunswick fumble on the Cougar 31. Nealey scored on an 18-yard run, Stephens from 42 yards away and Ravenell on a 3-yard plunge to take the 43-0 lead.

In the second half, South Columbus scored four more touchdowns with Marcus Smith adding three of those on runs of 35, 44 and 70 yards away. The Stallions scored on each of their three possessions in the third quarter and on one of two possessions in a 10-minute fourth quarter. Smith raced 70 yards for that score after South Brunswick turned the ball over on downs.

"You can't take a program of our size and lose the players that we lost and be competitive," said Brozy. "The kids learned something. I learned something. I think we all learned something this week with the situation at hand."

South Brunswick travels to Whiteville this Friday and will have its entire team ready for action. The seven suspended players will be back, and South did not sustain any injuries in the South Columbus battle. Whiteville, however, will be looking for revenge. Last season, South set a school scoring record with a 70-7 win over the Wolfpack after everything went right for the Cougars and nothing seemed to go right for the Wolfpack.

## Smith, Jones win gold in Charlotte

The Brunswick County Boxing Club brought back two gold medals from the Queen City Invitational III Championships held October 24 in Charlotte.

Nathan Smith defeated Warren Muffatt of Greenville (SC) by a 3-0 decision to give Brunswick County its first gold medal at the event in the 11-year-old, 80-pound weight classification.

Adrean Jones defeated Jamir Harvey of the Fayetteville Boxing Club by a 2-1 decision to bring home the second gold medal for the Brunswick County club. Jones competed in the 13-year-old, 90-pound weight class.

Boxing teams from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia competed at the Queen City Invitational over the weekend.

In the 10-year-old, 65-pound weight class, Dacious Smith of Brunswick County brought home a

second-place silver medal following a 3-0 defeat to Derick Harvey of the Fayetteville Boxing Club.

Also competing from Brunswick County was Ismail Assef, who was received a silver medal for second place after the referee stopped the contest in the second round in his fight against Charles Fisher of the Greenville (SC) club. Assef competed in the 165-pound weight class.

The Brunswick Boxing Club will compete next in Wilmington on October 31 and in Greensboro on November 21. The club is sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

The team is coached by Larry Thames of Wilmington and managed by Sgt. Larry Joyner of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department. Two new assistant coaches are Robert (Bob) McHenry Jr. of Long Beach and Frankie Suggs of Southport.

## Three athletes run for the 'Heisman'

Three Brunswick County student-athletes have been nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Travis Faircloth of North Brunswick High in Leland, Daniel McGougan of West Brunswick in Shallotte and Tara Holden of West Brunswick are among the 11,000 students nationwide nominated for excelling in academics, citizenship and athletics.

The Wendy's Heisman program was created in 1994 when the restaurant teamed up with the

Downtown Athletic Club, home to the prestigious college Heisman Trophy since 1935, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor the top scholar-citizen-athletes at the high school level.

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