

# W. Brunswick Downed By Scorps For Third Straight Loss

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It would take a long check of the record books to find when the last time or if the West Brunswick Trojans have lost three straight basketball games. Regardless, the Trojans continued their after-Christmas skid last week falling to North Brunswick, 71-60 for the second time this season while dropping a 64-59 decision to Whiteville. The two losses, along with last week's defeat to South Brunswick, gives West Brunswick a 0-3 January record. Ironically enough, all three Trojan losses have come against East Waccamaw 2-A Conference teams.

West Brunswick, now 8-5 overall, begins Three Rivers 3-A Conference play Friday at defending state champion East Bladen, who are also struggling at 6-5. Following Friday's matchup with the Cougars, West Brunswick visits West Columbus before returning home next Friday to host Clinton.

## Whiteville

Whiteville's Patrick Lennon and Tim Southern combined for 40 points Friday to lead the host Wolfpack past West Brunswick, 64-59. The Wolfpack led from the onset taking a 16-10 first-quarter while stretching out to an eight-point, 29-21 halftime lead.

The Trojans closed back within six, 41-35 at the end of the third period and outscored Whiteville 24-23 in the final quarter but the Wolfpack maintained their advantage.

"They just beat us on the boards with the inside play of Lennon and Southern," said West Brunswick coach Ronnie Champion.

"With this making our third straight loss, it makes Friday's game so important. How we do in our first conference game (against preseason favorite East Bladen) will play a major role in our chances of a league championship," continued Champion.

"It seems like the more games in a row a team loses the less those losses hurt. We will have to get back on the winning track in order to challenge for the league title."

Lennon (24 points) and Southern (16 points) were the only Wolfpack players in double figures.

Meanwhile, Robert Thompson led the Trojans with 21 points followed by Chris Johnson with 11 and Gary Gore with a career-high 10.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS:

W. Brunswick	10	11	14	24-59
Whiteville	16	13	12	23-64

West Brunswick Scoring:

C. Johnson 11, Thomas 6, Thompson 21, Street 3, King 3, Gore 10, Hardee 1, R. Johnson 4, Hill, M. Johnson, Marlowe, Walker.

Whiteville Scoring: Jordan 7, Lennon 24, McMillan 6, Scott 4, Southern 16, Sellers 2, Carrell 5, Robinson, Jones, George.

## North Brunswick

North Brunswick celebrated its first home-court win over the visiting Trojans in school history last week with a 71-60 decision over West Brunswick. The Scorpion win marked only their third win ever over the Trojans and second this season.

The quick-start Scorps used an early first-period surge and a big 20-12 third quarter spurt to remain unbeaten after 10 games despite using center Chuck Brown sparingly due to the flu.

"After playing an even first half we were able to build an eight-point lead with Chuck on the bench for the entire third quarter," said North Brunswick Coach Cliff Gibson. "Chuck has had the flu for several days and was hurting running up and down the court."

"West was using a box-and-one defense with a man guarding Dana Quince at all times. We made some adjustments in the second half to open things up for Dana."

"Point guard Andre Perkins had an outstanding game and enabled us to hold the ball somewhat in the third quarter with Chuck on the bench," continued Gibson.

After taking a brief 2-0 lead, West Brunswick fell behind for the entire first quarter with the Scorps opening the first of two eight-point leads,

16-8, on Keith Woodcock's jumper with 2:58 to play. West Brunswick managed to pull within 16-12 but Perkins and Brown scored the final four points of the quarter to give the Scorps a 20-12 lead at the end of the period.

With the Scorps holding to a 24-16 lead early in the second quarter, West Brunswick scored seven unanswered points (six by Robert Thompson) to pull within one, 24-23 with 4:25 left in the half.

The Trojans took only their second and final lead of the game, 30-28, on Thompson's layup with 2:09 to play.

Quince and Woodcock then scored the final four points of the half to give the Scorps a 32-30 halftime budge.

North Brunswick left the Trojans at the gate at the start of the second half outscoring West Brunswick 10-2 in the first 3:36 of the quarter to take a 42-32 lead. The two teams traded baskets for the remainder of the period with Quince scoring the Scorps' final four points from the free throw line for a 52-42 lead at the end of the quarter.

North Brunswick took the first of two 12-point leads (its biggest of the game) on a pair of Brown free throws that gave the Scorps a 56-44 advantage with 6:32 remaining in the game.

After the Trojans managed to close to eight points, 60-52, North Brunswick (11-0) again opened a 12-point spread on a pair of Brown inside shots and a Perkins layup for a 66-54 lead with only 39 seconds left.

West Brunswick closed to 67-60 with nine seconds left but Brown and Perkins each converted on one-and-one free throw chances to preserve the win.

Despite illness, Brown led four Scorps in double figures with 20 points while Quince added 18. Perkins contributed 15 points for the Scorps while Woodcock followed with 14.

Thompson of West Brunswick led all scorers with 25 points, 12 coming in the second quarter, while Mike King added 14.

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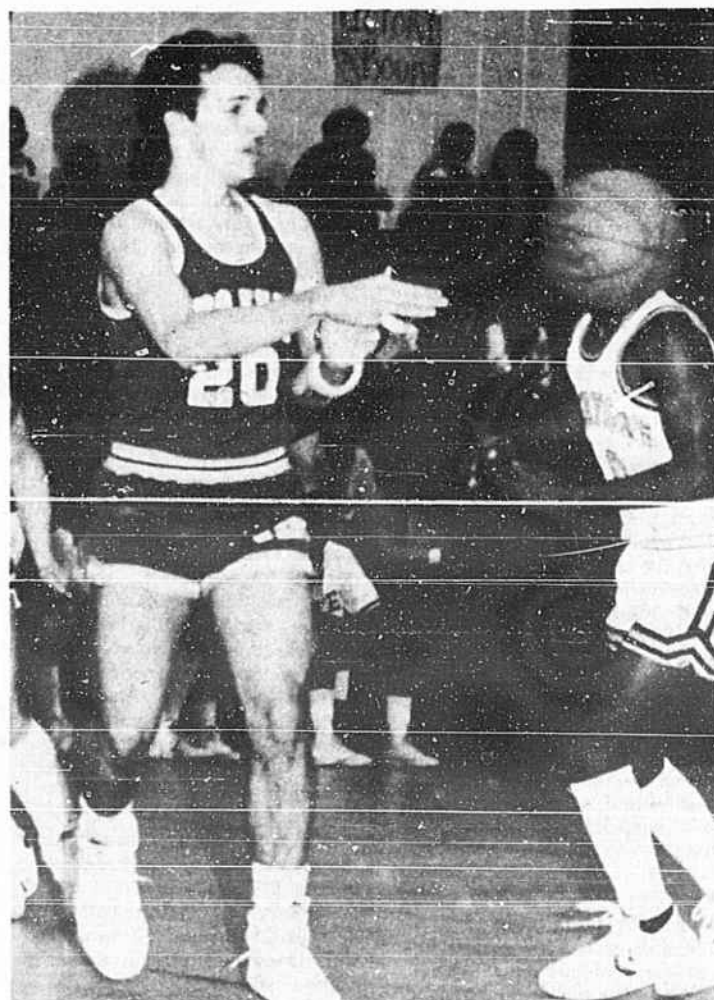
W. Brunswick	12	18	12	18-60
N. Brunswick	20	12	20	19-71

West Brunswick Scoring: C. Johnson 1, Thomas 4, Thompson 25, Street 4, King 14, M. Johnson 4, R. Johnson 2, Marlowe 2, Walker 4, Gore.

North Brunswick Scoring: Brown 20, Quince 18, Woodcock 14, Sanders 4, Perkins 15, Burns, Southerland.



MOVE UPCOURT—Scorpion guard Andre Perkins (10) prepares to push the ball upcourt in last week's 71-60 win over West Brunswick. Perkins scored 15 points in the victory as North Brunswick remained unbeaten through 11 games. Guarding Perkins on the play for West Brunswick is Brad Thomas.



PUMPKIN HEAD—West Brunswick's Brad Thomas (20) dishes the ball off during last week's loss to North Brunswick while being guarded by Keith Woodcock (12) and a pumpkin-headed Scorpion. The headless Scorp is actually point guard Andre Perkins (10).

## Trojan JV Splits With Scorps, Pack

The West Brunswick junior varsity split a pair of nonconference basketball games last week with a 56-55 win over Whiteville and a 42-39 loss to North Brunswick. The Trojan junior varsity is now 9-2 entering Three Rivers Conference play Friday at East Bladen.

## Whiteville

Chris Johnson fired in 18 points and Ronald Lance added 14 to lead the Trojans past Whiteville in overtime, 56-55 and hold off a 19-point Wolfpack rally in the fourth quarter.

West Brunswick led 13-8 at the end of the first quarter and held a seven-point, 26-19 advantage at halftime. The Trojans maintained their advantage in the third quarter holding to a 39-32 lead at the end of the period.

Whiteville outscored West Brunswick 19-12 in the final quarter to force overtime where West Brunswick outscored the Wolfpack, 5-4 to gain the victory.

Rosevelt Colson led Whiteville with 20 points followed by Heath Hewett with 10.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS:

W. Brunswick	13	13	13	12-56
Whiteville	8	11	13	19-45

West Brunswick Scoring: F. Johnson 4, Vansteele 9, C. Johnson 18, Lance 14, Bryant 6, Benard 5, Reed, Turner, Mintz.

Whiteville Scoring: Reares 5, Nance 4, McGlockton 9, Hewett 10, Colson 20, Shaw 7, Ward, James.

## North Brunswick

North Brunswick avenged an earlier loss to West Brunswick last week with a 42-39 edging of the Trojan junior varsity. West Brunswick trailed 9-7 at the end of the opening quarter but limited the Scorps to just two points in the second quarter to take a 21-11 halftime lead.

The lead was brief as North Brunswick dominated play in the second half and closed within 30-25 at the end of the third quarter. The Scorps then outscored West Brunswick, 17-9 in the final period to take the win.

Myron Perkins led the way for North Brunswick with 14 points while Jim Hill added 13.

Chris Johnson led West Brunswick with 18 points followed by Ronald Lance with 14.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS:

W. Brunswick	7	14	9	9-39
N. Brunswick	9	2	14	17-42

West Brunswick Scoring: F. Johnson 6, Vansteele 4, C. Johnson 10, Lance 14, Reed 5, Bryant 1, Turner, Mintz, Coreen, Benard.

North Brunswick Scoring: Blue 5, Perkins 14, Hill 13, Brown 2, Bryant 6, McKoy 2, Porter, Holliday, Southerland.

## Lady Trojan Win Streak Halted At Five Games

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The West Brunswick Lady Trojans ran their win streak to a season-high five games last week but suffered their first loss since December 20 on Friday to Whiteville, 49-40. West Brunswick, now 7-6 overall, opens Three Rivers Conference play at defending league champion East Bladen on Friday.

Along with the loss to Whiteville, the Lady Trojans also lost the services of wing Amy Trogon. Trogon suffered sprained knee ligaments and will be out of action for two weeks.

"I believe we will hold our own during the upcoming conference season," said West Brunswick coach Ronnie Jenkins. "The girls are playing together great but just need a little self-discipline in taking shots. Our five-game win streak is the longest we have had in quite a while."

## Whiteville

West Brunswick saw a 10-point halftime lead vanish Friday as Whiteville rallied to nearly triple its first-half point production with a 35-point second-half surge to down the Lady Trojans, 49-40.

"We played a good first half but the Whiteville defense clogged in on Sheila Johnson in the middle and contained us at guard to take control of the game," said Jenkins.

West Brunswick took a 14-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and opened a 23-13 halftime spread.

However Whiteville cut the Lady Trojan lead to just three, 33-30, at the end of the third quarter and outscored West Brunswick 19-8 in the final quarter for the win.

Susan Gore led Whiteville with 18 points and Sherry Jones added 15.

Johnson led the Lady Trojans with 20 points and Sandy Cobb followed with 13.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS:

W. Brunswick	14	9	10	8-40
Whiteville	6	7	17	19-49

West Brunswick Scoring: Johnson 20, Cobb 13, Benton 4, Hill 3, Trogon, Daniels, Smith.

Whiteville Scoring: Jones 15, Smith 9, Hankins 2, Boykin 2, Gore 18, Brook, Cokley.

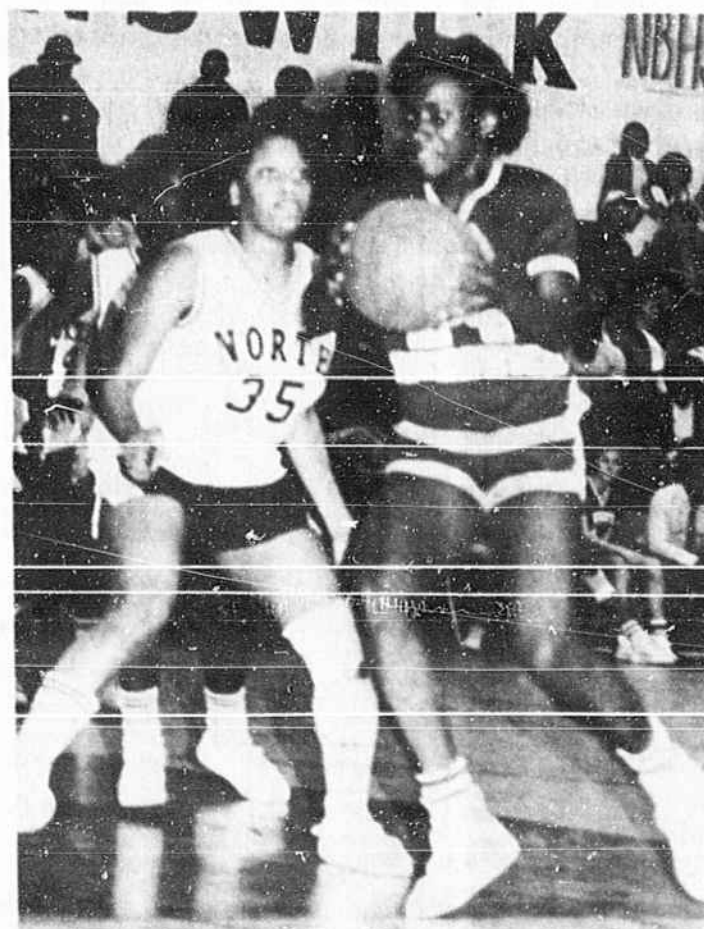
## North Brunswick

The Lady Trojans defeated North Brunswick for the third time this season earlier last week, 38-25 for their seventh win of the year. Visiting West Brunswick led throughout the entire contest taking an 8-4 lead at

the end of the first quarter and an 18-10 halftime advantage.

North Brunswick stayed even with the Lady Trojans in the third quarter and trailed 24-14 at the end of the period.

West Brunswick then outscored the Lady Scorps 15-11 in the fourth quarter and trailed 24-14 at the end of the period.



LADY TROJANS WIN FIFTH STRAIGHT—Sheila Johnson (24) of West Brunswick prepares to drive to the basket past North Brunswick's Elisa Jennings (35). Johnson scored four points as the Lady Trojans won their seventh game of the season in a 38-25 victory over North Brunswick.

Amy Trogon led West Brunswick with 12 points followed by Sandy Cobb with seven.

Elisa Jennings led North Brunswick with nine points.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS:

W. Brunswick	8	10	6	15-37
N. Brunswick	4	6	6	11-26

West Brunswick Scoring: Johnson 4, Trogon 12, Cobb 7, Benton 2, Gause 6, Hill 2, Gore 4, Daniel, Evans.

North Brunswick Scoring: Davis 3, D. Harrison 1, Jennings 9, Jenkins 2, Pendergast 4, Royal 1, Mosley 6, R. Harrison.

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