

Southern Durham Upsets West Brunswick In District Opener

BY JOHNNY CRAIG
The basketball season came to a surprising, abrupt halt Monday for West Brunswick as the Trojans were upset, 59-57 by Southern Durham of the Triangle Conference in the opening round of the 3-A District III playoffs.

league but West Brunswick won a coin toss last week and the right to face the fifth-place team of the Triangle Conference, Southern Durham.

Despite falling behind 12-0 in the opening minutes, West Brunswick still managed to stay in contention until Chris Johnson's layup fell out in the final three seconds.

"We played probably one of our best defensive games of the year. We just did not run our offense and

couldn't get our shots to fall," said a disappointed West Brunswick coach Ronnie Champion.

After Southern Durham's early commanding lead the Trojans fought back to close within 20-12 at the end of the first quarter. West Brunswick managed to even the game at halftime, 28-28 despite starter Brad Thomas picking up his third foul in the period.

"Brad got his third foul in the second quarter and it really took a lot

off our guard play. We just weren't hitting anything from the outside," said Champion.

The Trojans took their first lead of the game and led by as many as five points in the third quarter before Southern Durham took a 48-45 advantage at the end of the period.

West Brunswick opened the fourth quarter in similar fashion of the first and trailed by eight points with 1:30 to play before rallying. The Trojans fought to close the gap to only two points with 30 seconds left and, while

trailing by two, had a chance to send the game into overtime with 13 seconds remaining.

"Mike King had a super game for us. Robert Thompson also had a good game but we weren't getting any scoring from anyone else."

King and Thompson each scored 21 points to lead West Brunswick. William Bullock led the Rebels with 16 points followed by Brian Merritt with 13 and Brian Davis 12.

The win raised Southern Durham

to 11-13 overall and sends the Rebels into semifinal action Thursday at Clinton.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
S. Durham 20 8 20 11-59
W. Brunswick 12 16 17 12-57

Southern Durham Scoring: Jones 3, Bigham 2, Kenan 4, Merritt 13, Davis 12, Kelly 7, Bullock 6, Dayal, Williams, Gutherie.
West Brunswick Scoring: King 21, Thomas 4, Thompson 21, Street 3, Marlowe 4, Walker 2, Gore 2, C. Johnson, R. Johnson, Brown.

SPORTING SCENE

Incompetent Decision Knocks Cougars From Playoffs

BY JOHNNY CRAIG
The South Brunswick boys saw their district basketball playoff hopes disappear last week and without even stepping onto the court. In fact, it was the North Carolina High School Administration that, last Friday, ruled Whiteville had earlier this season used an ineligible player in two games, both of which the Wolfpack would be forced to forfeit.

After Jeffrey Robinson requested a transfer from Tabor City to Whiteville, Columbus County Schools Superintendent Mitch Tyler granted him a tentative release and the Whiteville City Schools administration allowed Robinson to participate in basketball.

Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA, stated that the release granted by Tyler was not official and that it was the authority of the Columbus County Board of Education to make such a decision.

Adams referred to state law that only a school system's board of education can release a student unless the superintendent is given such authority.

The NCHSAA decision had a domino effect that eventually wiped the Cougars from the playoff picture. Although the Wolfpack was forced to forfeit two contests against Tabor City and Hallsboro, the decision did not affect the top three finishers in the league standings.

Whiteville remained on top with North Brunswick second and

Hallsboro third. The forfeited win that Tabor City picked up allowed the Red Devils to move into fourth place while South Brunswick dropped to the bottom position.

Since the top four regular season finishers advance to the district playoffs unless the fifth-place team wins the post-season tournament, South Brunswick was left in the cold.

East Waccamaw 2-A Conference final regular season standings

BOYS		
Team	Conf.	Overall
Whiteville	6.2	18-4
N. Brunswick	5.3	17-3
Hallsboro	4.4	13-7
Tabor City	3.5	7-13
S. Brunswick	2.6	12-10

GIRLS		
Team	Conf.	Overall
Whiteville	8.0	14-6
Hallsboro	5.3	9-11
N. Brunswick	5.3	10-13
S. Brunswick	1.7	2-18
Tabor City	1.7	3-15

Spivey Named EWC Coach Of Year

North Brunswick's Jeff Spivey was named girls Co-Coach of the Year in the East Waccamaw Conference last week in voting by league coaches. Spivey, who led the Lady Scorpions to a 5-3 record in the conference and a 10-13 overall mark, shared the title with Kim Dudney of Hallsboro.

Whiteville's Glenn McKoy was named boys Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

Lady Trojans Fall To Apex

BY JOHNNY CRAIG
Powerful Apex sent the West Brunswick Lady Trojans home early from the 3-A District III playoffs at Clinton Monday with a 61-47 first-round win.

Sheila Johnson led West Brunswick with a 27-point 10-rebound performance as the Lady Trojans concluded their season at 11-11.

Apex, the top-ranked team of the Triangle Conference, saw its overall mark rise to 22-1 and will continue district play Thursday.

The two teams battled to a 13-13 tie at the end of the first quarter before Apex began to take control in the second period. By halftime, Apex took a 32-24 lead and the Lady Trojans were never able to regain the advantage.

"They got several easy baskets on a number of our turnovers and we just seemed to run out of gas in the final quarter," said West Brunswick coach Ronnie Jenkins.

"We were able to play at our tempo and used our defensive press to keep

them from blowing the game open."

Apex widened its advantage in the third quarter to 10, 37-27 and outscored the Lady Trojans, 14-9 in the fourth period for the final margin.

Behind Johnson's 27 points for West Brunswick was Sandy Cobb with 10.

Joyce Byrd led Apex with 29 points followed by Karen Copeland with 15 and Darlene Baker with 10.

"We accomplished our goal of playing .500 ball and making the

district playoffs," said Jenkins. "We finished third in the conference which was a surprise to many people."

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
Apex 13 19 15 14-61
W. Brunswick 13 11 14 9-47

Apex Scoring: Byrd 29, Copeland 15, Griffin 5, Baker 10, Moore 4, Valvano, Walker, Akin, Yates, Schlage, McClema, Brooks.
West Brunswick Scoring: Johnson 27, Cobb 10, Trogon 6, Hill 2, Benton, Gause, Gore.

District Playoffs Continue For TRC, EWC

Despite both West Brunswick boys and girls being knocked from play in the 3-A District III basketball playoffs Monday, a number of other Three Rivers Conference teams continued action earlier this week.

The Three Rivers champion West Columbus girls were the only other league team in action Monday. The Lady Vikings took a 69-58 decision from South Johnson to advance on

the Thursday's second round.

The East Bladen boys (second seeded in the TRC) were scheduled to meet Apex while the Lady Cougars were to face Western Harnett on Wednesday. Both games were scheduled for Clinton, the host site of the District III championships.

In other play on Tuesday, Pender (third seeded in the TRC) was scheduled to play Durham Jordan, the top-seeded team of the Triangle

Conference.

Meanwhile, in 2-A District IV, the Whiteville girls were first-round winners Monday with a 49-34 victory over Red Springs. The win raises Whiteville to 17-6 overall.

The Hallsboro girls were eliminated by St. Pauls, 35-33. The loss concluded the Lady Tigers season at 10-13.

In other girls games Monday, Fair-

mont met Tabor City and North Brunswick faced South Robeson.

The boys opened play Tuesday at Whiteville with the host Wolfpack taking on Littlefield and North Brunswick meeting South Robeson. At Fairmont, Hallsboro met Red Springs while Tabor City battled the host Golden Tornadoes.

The winners of all contests will advance to semifinal action Thursday (today).

Wolfpack Claims East Waccamaw Tourney Titles

Whiteville's boys and girls both won East Waccamaw 2-A Conference tournament championships last week over North Brunswick and Hallsboro respectively. Both Wolfpack teams entered the tournament as the host and top seed while winning with relative ease.

The Whiteville boys blasted North Brunswick 91-66 in Friday's championship behind the 29-point performance of Patrick Lennon. Chuck Brown led the Scorpions with 25 points followed by Dana Quince with 13.

In the girls championship, Whiteville easily defeated Hallsboro, 52-45. Susan Gore led the Lady Wolfpack with 19 points while Melissa Faulk added 16. Marlene Kemp led Hallsboro with 18 points.

Tournament play began last Tuesday with the host South Brunswick boys and the visiting Tabor City girls winning in first round play and ad-

vancing to semifinal action at Whiteville.

The South Brunswick boys edged Tabor City 58-56 on Darius Wise's basket in the final seconds after the Red Devils yielded a seven point lead with five minutes to play.

Joe Clemmons led four Cougars in gaudy figures with 14 points while Charles Moore added 13, David Floyd 12 and Daryl Brown 11.

Steven Carl led Tabor City with 21 points.

In girls first-round play, Tabor City defeated South Brunswick 47-35. Teresa Carl led the Lady Red Devils with 22 points while Elizabeth McCoy led South Brunswick with 10.

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The South Brunswick boys tournament life was short-lived as Whiteville routed the Cougars 83-62 in the semifinal round. Tim Southern scored 32 points and Lennon added 20 to lead the Wolfpack.

Floyd led South Brunswick with 19

points while Wise and Moore each followed with 14.

The win over the Cougars gave Whiteville a berth in the finals while South Brunswick ended its season at 13-11.

The North Brunswick boys also earned a spot in the finals on an 87-79 win over Hallsboro with the help of 26 points from Quince, Brown and Andre Perkins each added 23 to lead the Scorpions.

Scottie Hazel led Hallsboro with 28

points while John Baldwin added 20.

In girls semifinal play, Whiteville edged Tabor City 40-36 while Hallsboro defeated North Brunswick 43-32.

Sherry Jones led Whiteville with 10 points while Teresa Carl scored 13 in a losing cause for Tabor City.

Barbara Jordan scored a team-high 29 points to lead Hallsboro into the finals while Elisha Jennings had 19 for the Lady Scorpions.

Six Teams Win Prizes At Brierwood Scramble

Seventy-one golfers participated in the monthly mixed scramble at Brierwood Golf Club Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24, under unusually warm, sunny skies. When the final scores were totaled, six of the 18 teams had finished well enough to win prizes.

David Stanaland, Mendal Watts and Van Weeks won the scramble on a match of cards with a six-under par score of 66. Second place went to C.L. Cheek, Rosann Glemza, Harry Wieland and Joyce Thompson.

Two teams were tied for third with five-under par scores of 67. Don Barnes, Harvey Pings, Jim Dunham and Joanne Gould claimed third following a match of cards. Taking

fourth place was Dana Scheetz, Jack Akers, Al Beato and Mildred Bernard.

Two teams also shared fifth place with four-under par scores of 68. They were Hank Clark, Eva Baham, Floyd Wyatt and Bill Breeding while the other team was the Shoemaker family of Bill, Priscilla, Woodrow and Helen.

This was the largest turnout for a scramble in the history of the rapidly growing Brierwood membership. Next month's event will be sponsored by the Ladies' Association on March 24. The ladies' opening day luncheon is scheduled for March 9, while the men have a skin game set for March 16.

Commission Sets March Meet

Citizens interested in commercial and recreational fishing along the coast will have a chance to speak their minds Thursday, March 14, at a regional public meeting in Wilmington.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in Room 302 of the New Hanover County Courthouse. It is one of 11 meetings and hearings scheduled by the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission in March and April for comment on existing and proposed regulation changes.

Also in Wilmington, on April 22, the commission will sponsor a public

hearing to receive comments on final proposed regulation changes.

Fishermen who cannot attend one of the meetings are asked to mail written comments to the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557. More information is available through a toll-free number, 1-800-682-2632, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

This Week's Tide Table

Date/Day	HIGH		LOW	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday 28	1:29	1:47	7:56	8:11
MARCH				
Friday 1	2:30	2:54	9:06	9:15
Saturday 2	3:34	4:02	10:09	10:16
Sunday 3	4:37	5:02	11:07	11:13
Monday 4	5:34	5:56	11:58	—
Tuesday 5	6:28	6:56	12:48	12:47
Wednesday 6	7:14	7:40	1:01	1:33
ADJUSTMENTS				
SHALLOTTE INLET (Bowen Point)—add 18 min. High tide, add 28 min. low tide.				
TUBBS INLET—subtract 19 min. high tide, subtract 12 min. low tide.				
LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 29 min. high tide, subtract 12 min. low tide.				
LITTLE RIVER—add 3 min. low tide.				
BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 17 min. high tide, subtract 11 min. low tide.				



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