



LADY TROJANS FALTER—Suzanne Evans of West Brunswick loses her footing as Socastee guard Teish Holmes (3) drives toward the basket during the Lady Trojans' 40-23 loss last week. Holmes led all players with 22 points while only three West Brunswick girls managed to score.

Lady Trojans Swept By Vikings, Braves

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The West Brunswick girls saw their record dip to 0-3 last week with a pair of nonconference basketball road losses to Hoggard and Socastee, SC.

The Lady Trojans ended the week's action with a 53-36 defeat at Hoggard while earlier suffering a 40-23 setback to Socastee.

After playing its first three games away, West Brunswick returns home Friday in a rematch with Hoggard then entertains Topsail Tuesday.

Hoggard

After battling the 4-A Lady Vikings on even terms in the opening quarter, West Brunswick saw host Hoggard erupt in the second and third periods enroute to a 17-point win, its second in as many games.

The two teams ended the first period deadlocked at 4-4 before Hoggard used a 14-point second quarter to take an 18-10 halftime lead.

Hoggard kept its offense in high gear throughout the third period as the Lady Vikings increased their lead to 18 points, 37-19.

The Lady Trojans failed to cut into the Hoggard lead significantly in the final quarter despite 16 points in the closing eight minutes.

Jane Gause led West Brunswick scoring with 18 points and Geraldine Hill added nine.

Score By Quarters

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| W.Brunswick | 4 | 6 | 9 | 16—36 |
| Hoggard | 4 | 14 | 19 | 16—53 |

West Brunswick Scoring: Gause 18, Hill 9, Jackson 2, Bardin 3, Hewett 2, S.Evans 2.

Hoggard Scoring: Birzenieks 6, Nagle 19, Makowski 10, Kelly 9, Wiggins 2, O'Shields 7.

Socastee, SC

Only three Lady Trojans hit the scoring column in last Tuesday's 40-23 loss at Socastee.

West Brunswick fell behind early and trailed 10-4 at the end of the first quarter and 21-12 at the half.

However, the Lady Trojans cut into the Socastee advantage and pulled within five, 23-18, with 5:20 to play in the third quarter.

After a quick Socastee timeout, the Lady Braves took control once more to take a 27-19 lead with 1:54 left in the period. By the end of the quarter,

Socastee had upped its margin to 10, 29-19.

West Brunswick could get no closer than 10 points in the last quarter as the Lady Braves scored the final seven points of the game to win their season opener.

Jane Gause led West Brunswick with 11 points and Geraldine Hill added 10.

Teish Holmes was tops for Socastee with 22 while Marta Morrison had eight.

Score By Quarters

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|-------------|----|----|---|-------|
| W.Brunswick | 4 | 6 | 7 | 4—21 |
| Socastee | 10 | 11 | 8 | 11—40 |

West Brunswick Scoring: Gause 11, Hill 10, Bardin 2, Priscilla Tippet, S.Evans, Jackson, Hewett, J.Evans, McMullen, Penelope Tippet, Hankins.

Socastee Scoring: Carson 6, Holmes 22, Morrison 8, Smith 2, Griffin 2, Hicks, Coleman, Latt.



DOUBLE TEAMED—Socastee's Teish Holmes (3) is surrounded by West Brunswick defenders in the teams' nonconference game last week. On the play for the

Lady Trojans is Tonya Hewett (left), Suzanne Evans (center) and Kathy McMullen (right). Socastee went on to win its season opener 40-23.

SPORTING SCENE

Beach Ball Classic Brings Best Prep Teams To Area

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The sixth annual Beach Ball Classic tournament, billed as the nation's best high school holiday basketball event, is nearing tipoff time at host Socastee High School and the field is possibly one of the strongest ever.

The four-day tournament is set for December 27-30, with another all-star lineup featuring some of the best prep talent in the country.

Headlining this year's eight-team field will be two-time defending national champion DeMatha of Hyattsville, Maryland. The Stags won the 1984 and 1985 tournament championships and look again to be this year's favorite.

Legendary Stag coach Morgan Wooten won his 800th career game in last year's Beach Ball Classic and has a pair of all-Americans to lead his team to a possible third-straight title.

Another top team this year will be Archbishop Molloy of New York City. The Stammers won the 1983 tournament and appear to have the talent to give DeMatha a run for the title.

Stammers coach Jack Curran has won more than 560 games at Molloy. One of Curran's most recent products from Molloy is all-American guard Kenny Smith, now at the University of North Carolina.

The New York state champions Binghamton Patriots will also be participating in the tourney. The Pats return four starters from last year's state championship team and feature one of the best point guards in the nation—King Rice.

Mercer Island is the first team from Washington state to play in the tournament. The Islanders are both a northwestern and national power and will travel over 3,000 miles to compete.

Mercer is led by coach Ed Pepple who has registered 462 wins with the Islanders.

Paintsville, Kentucky, is also participating in its first Beach Ball Classic. The Tigers return four starters from last year's team and is the smallest school (enrollment) to ever enter the tourney.

The Tigers have a team GPA (grade point average) of 3.25 as Paintsville is considered one of the best academic schools in the nation.

The remaining three teams are from South Carolina—Eau Claire (Columbia), Myrtle Beach and host Socastee.

Eau Claire is making its second appearance in the tournament and is led by a pair of NCAA Division I prospects.

Myrtle Beach came within several seconds of defeating Archbishop Molloy for the 1983 championship. The Seahawks have plenty of talent returning from last year's team including 6-foot-5 all-American Eric Grissett.

Host Socastee enters this year's tourney with possibly its strongest team ever.

The Braves return a load of talent that advanced to the Region 5 tournament semifinals last year bowing out to eventual state 4-A champion West Florence.

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Teams from a dozen different states and Washington, DC have participated in the previous five tour-

naments. While Mercer Island (Washington) is the most distant team in this year's tourney, teams from California and Alaska have ventured to Myrtle Beach in earlier tournaments.

The first round of the event will be set for the first two days (Dec. 27-28). Semifinals will be held Dec. 29 with the championship scheduled the following night.

In addition to the championship and consolation games, there will also be games (or fifth through eighth places).

Opening-round games (7 and 9 p.m.) set for the first night will be Socastee—Archbishop Molloy and Binghamton—Myrtle Beach. The second night of openers has Mercer Island—Eau Claire and DeMatha—Paintsville matchups.

The Socastee gym can seat 3,000 but, as usual, this year's tournament is expected to be a sellout with tickets at a premium.

Ticket information is available by calling 803-293-1133 or by writing to Beach Ball Classic, PO Box 19403, Surfside Beach, SC 29578.

Shrine Bowl Set

The 50th annual Shrine Bowl high school football game will be played Saturday in Charlotte's Memorial Stadium.

The game annually pits the top high school football players in North Carolina against those of South Carolina.

Players on both 35-member teams arrived in Charlotte last Saturday for practice throughout the week. The game will kickoff Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The players spent last Sunday visiting patients at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville, SC. Each year the hospital is the benefactor of the all-star game.

Whiteville's Roosevelt Colson is the only player for the Waccamaw Conference area on the North Carolina roster. Colson, a tailback with the Wolfpack, was listed as a defensive back for the charity game.

Several of North Carolina's top players will miss the game as the state championships in all four classifications will be held Friday. A handful of participants from teams which advanced to the finals have already been replaced.

Hosts 1-A Finals

The nearby Tabor City Red Devils will host the state 1-A football championship Friday against Murphy County.

The Red Devils failed in their bid for a 2-A title in 1978 to champion Maiden. That was the last time Tabor City captured the eastern championship.

Tabor City (13-1) and runner-up in the Southern Eight Conference) is back again eight years later and on a different level. Only this time around, the Red Devils are the host team.

In other grid championships to be decided Friday, a pair of 13-1 teams battle for the 2-A title when Lexington hosts Aiokeic.

Unbeaten Havelock (14-0) visits Shelby (12-1) in the 3-A title game and Fayetteville 71st (13-1) entertains West Charlotte (13-1) for the 4-A championship.

Unbeaten North Brunswick Downs Topsail, Acme-Delco

10 to round out the top Scorpion scorers.

Steve Sidbury led Topsail with 14 points followed by John Sidbury with 10.

Topsail

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| N.Brunswick | 21 | 17 | 13 | 15—66 |
| Topsail | 8 | 11 | 11 | 12—42 |

North Brunswick Scoring: Hill 20,

Southerland 10, Perkins 12, Johnson 8, Blue 7, Cartrette 2.

Topsail Scoring: S.Sidbury 14, J.Sidbury 10, Ross 8, Toby 3, Sullivan 2, S.Shepard 2, Pate 2, W.Shepard 1.

North Brunswick ran its unbeaten record to 3-0 last week with a pair of nonconference wins over 1-A opponents Topsail and Acme-Delco.

The Scorpions opened the week with a 66-42 defeat of Topsail and concluded play with a 61-53 win over Acme-Delco.

Myron Perkins led North Brunswick in the win over Acme-Delco with 19 points and Martin Blue had 15.

Gerald Graham led the Trojans with 19 points.

The Scorpions handed Topsail its third straight loss earlier in the week as Randy Hill scored 20 points to lead North Brunswick. Myron Perkins had 12 points and Ricky Southerland had 10.

The Trojans JV opened the week's action with a 44-19 defeat to Socastee (1-0) then dropped a 63-48 decision to Hoggard.

West Brunswick (1-2) will host Hoggard in a rematch Friday.

Eric Simmons led the Trojans in the loss to Socastee with six points while Simmons, Daniels and Eric Hardy combined for 34 points in the Hoggard defeat.

Tracy Jackson, Carlton Prickett and Bob Robinson led Hoggard (1-1) as the trio combined for 42 points.

The Trojan JV will be at home Tuesday for its final nonconference game against Topsail.

S. Brunswick Nips SW Onslow

South Brunswick upped its record to 2-1 last week with a 51-45 nonconference win over Southwest Onslow.

Bo Wise led the Cougars with 20 points and Dean Farny-Daval had 11.

South Brunswick continued nonleague play Friday hosting New Hanover (Wilmington).

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