

Hoggard, Socastee Hand Trojans Defeats

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick dropped its first two losses of the season last week in a pair of nonconference road contests at Socastee, SC, and Hoggard.

The Trojans began the week with an 84-69 loss in the season opener for the Socastee Braves then suffered a 70-60 setback to unbeaten Hoggard.

The pair of defeats left West Brunswick with a 1-2 overall mark as the Trojans routed Topsail two weeks ago in their opener.

After playing its first three games of the year away, West Brunswick returns home Friday to host Hoggard in its second home contest. The Trojans will play their third straight home game Tuesday hosting Topsail in their final nonleague matchup of the season.

Hoggard

The quick-starting Hoggard Vikings jumped to early first and second-quarter leads then held off any Trojan rally attempts to claim its second win of the season in a 70-60 triumph over West Brunswick.

Although the Trojans jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the opening minutes, Hoggard got on track and by the end of the first period owning a 20-12 advantage.

The Vikings continued to pour it on in the second quarter enroute to a 37-23 halftime lead.

West Brunswick was able to cut the Hoggard lead to nine points, 50-41, at the end of the third quarter but the Vikings never relinquished their lead in the final period.

The game was a barrage of fouls as the two teams were whistled for 48 fouls with the Trojans guilty of 29.

Randy Daniels came off the bench to lead West Brunswick scoring with 18 points while Donnie Vansteen had nine.

Kick Bierwiler led Hoggard with 18 points followed by Greg Sidberry with 16 and Daniel Swann 13.

Score By Quarters

W. Brunswick 12 11 18 19—60
Hoggard 20 17 13 20—70

West Brunswick Scoring: C. Johnson 6, Vansteen 9, Lance 4, Julian Johnson 7, Mintz 2, Gore 2, Bernard 4, Timmy Bellamy 6, Joel Johnson 2, Daniels 18.

Hoggard Scoring: Sidberry 16, Swann 13, Webb 7, Stallings 8, Edens 3, Bierwiler 18, Davis 2, Laughter 3.

Socastee, SC

A 17-2 second-quarter spurt by the Braves led to a disadvantage West Brunswick was unable to overcome last Tuesday as Socastee won its season opener in an 84-69 win over the Trojans.

"The difference in the game was our too many unforced turnovers in the second quarter," said West

Brunswick coach Harold Johnson.

"Their quick lead hurt us the rest of the night and we were forced to play catch-up basketball with them.

"Near the end we just seemed to run out of gas. Their half-court trap defense worked well as did their lob under the basket by the guard for easy points," added Johnson.

The two teams traded baskets ear-

ly until the Trojans went on a streak of their own.

West Brunswick outscored Socastee 8-1 during a 2:01 stretch midway in the opening period for a 13-8 lead before the Braves were able to recover for a 13-13 tie at the end of the quarter.

After the Trojans had taken a 14-13 lead on Ronald Lance's, free throw, Socastee broke loose.

West Brunswick could manage only two points in the next 4:28 of the quarter as the Braves jumped out to a 30-16 lead.

Socastee opened its biggest lead of the half, 36-19, with 1:47 left on a Neil Chestnut's jumper.

The Braves matched their 17-point lead once more before settling for a 41-25 halftime advantage.

West Brunswick used an 11-2 spree midway in the third quarter to pull within 49-38 with 2:52 to play. However, the Trojans could get no closer than eight, 52-44, on Chris Bryant's layup with 56 seconds to play in the period.

West Brunswick trailed 57-48 at the end of the quarter but by the middle of the final period Socastee had built up its double-digit margin and the Trojans' hopes of victory faded.

"This game was positive despite the outcome," said Johnson. "It showed us things we need to work on. We play them one more time and will have to handle the ball better and cut down on their alley-oop passes to the basket," said Johnson.

West Brunswick's Chris Johnson led all scorers with 25 points while Ronald Lance added 11 for the Trojans.

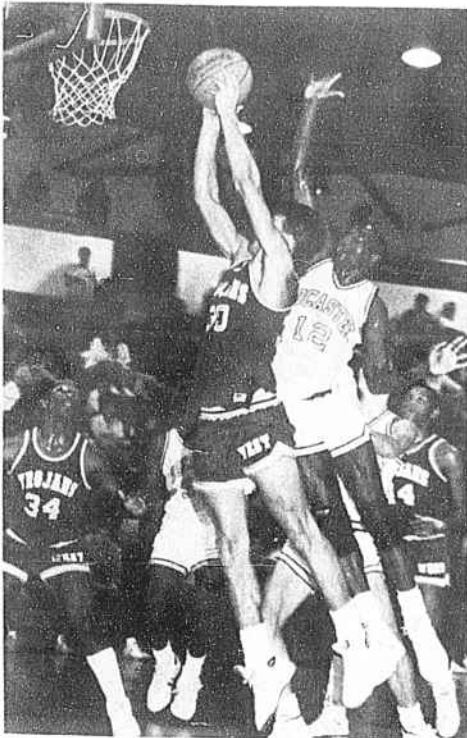
Derrick Hayes led four Braves in double figures with 19 points followed by Greg Gorum with 18, Eric Hayes 15 and Tim Sessions 13.

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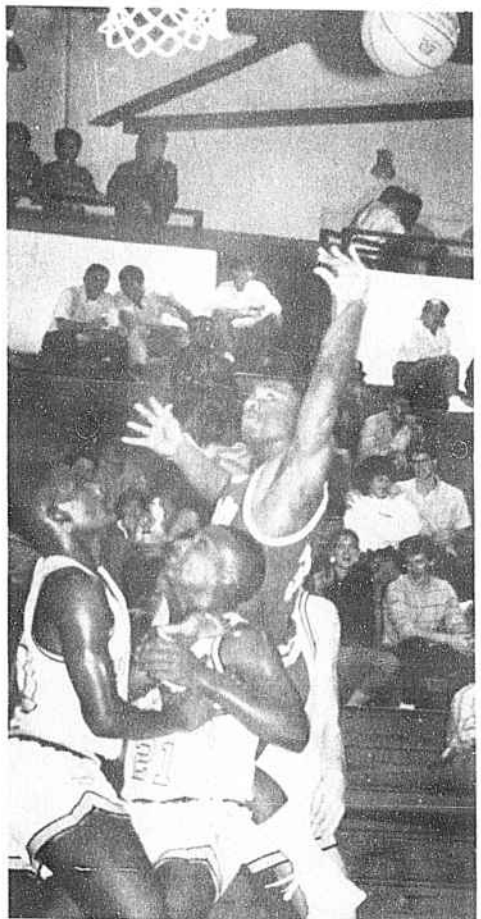
W. Brunswick 13 12 23 21—69
Socastee 13 28 16 27—64

West Brunswick Scoring: C. Johnson 25, Vansteen 7, F. Johnson 2, Lance 11, J. Johnson 9, Bryant 6, Mintz 2, Gore 7, Timmy Bellamy, Bernard, Terrence Bellamy, Turner, Daniels.

Socastee Scoring: Sessions 13, D. Hayes 19, Leslie 6, Gorum 18, Small 2, E. Hayes 15, Chestnut 5, Shumaker 4, Sullivan 2, Stewart, Carnes, Holmes.



TRAJAN LAYUP—Donnie Vansteen (30) drives in for a layup in last week's 84-69 loss to Socastee, SC. Following Vansteen is Tim Sessions (12) for the Braves while Craig Johnson (31) of the Trojans moves in for a possible rebound. West Brunswick hosts Hoggard Friday in next action.



SEASON HIGH—West Brunswick's Chris Johnson goes over a pair of Socastee defenders for a layup during the Trojans' nonconference loss to the Braves last week. Johnson scored a season-high 25 points despite the defeat. Below Johnson for Socastee is Robert Stewart (left) and Eric Hayes (21).

Waccamaw Roundball Teams Continue Action

With the exception of the Whiteville boys and girls teams, all Waccamaw 2-A Conference basketball squads have opened the new 1986-87 high school season.

The Wolfpack won't open its schedule as the football team is still involved in the state playoffs. A Whiteville win in last Friday's eastern grid championship could move the Wolfpack into the state championship and postpone the school's first cage game to as late as

December 16.

Outside Brunswick County, West Columbus has played the most games having twice defeated Nakina in its three games thus far. Playing their second 1-A opponent of the season last Tuesday, the Viking boys were upset by Williams Township 56-42. The loss dropped West Columbus to 2-1 overall.

The Lady Vikings remained unbeaten at 3-0 with a 54-38 win over Williams Township. The West Colum-

bus girls crushed Nakina in their earlier two meetings as the win over the Lady Farmers was their closest contest of the young season.

The Fairmont girls are also unbeaten (2-0) after an easy opening win over Orrum and then blasting 1-A Magnolia 74-27 last week.

The Fairmont boys are 1-1 with a narrow win over Magnolia in their opener then dropping a 76-50 loss to Orrum.

Magnolia was also South Robeson's

first victim of the season as both Mustang teams trounced the 1-A school.

The Lady Mustangs saw their overall mark dip to 1-1 last Tuesday in a 90-47 loss to Red Springs.

East Bladen split a pair of games with Clinton early last week with the Cougar boys edging the Dark Horses 60-59.

Clinton upset East Bladen in the girls contest 87-73.

Whiteville Ousted From Grid Playoffs

Waccamaw Conference runnerup Whiteville was eliminated in the state football playoffs last Friday by Ahoskie, 33-31, in the eastern 2-A championship.

The Wolfpack ended the year 12-2 after finishing 6-1 in the WC behind champion South Brunswick.

Ahoskie (13-1), runners-up in the Northeastern Conference, will visit defending state 2-A champion Lexington (13-1) in the title game Friday. Lexington won the western championship with a 27-21 win over Newton-Conover.

The teams fought to a 14-14 tie at the end of the first quarter with Whiteville scoring on quarterback Heath Hewitt's 35-yard touchdown pass to receiver Chester McGlockton and tailback Roosevelt Colson's 66-yard TD run. John Plasky kicked the extra point following each score.

The Wolfpack held a 24-20 halftime lead as Hewitt threw to Glockton for another scoring completion—this one good for 15 yards. Plasky then kicked the extra point and added a 37-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the half.

The Cougars went ahead 26-24 with the only points in the third quarter and took a 33-24 lead after scoring first in the final period.

Whiteville could muster only one more score on Hewitt's third touchdown pass of the game, a 16-yard loss to Herman Jones with less than four minutes to play.

Colson finished the game as Whiteville's leading rusher with 137 yards and Hewitt completed eight of 17 passes for 123 yards and one interception.

Youth Basketball League Opens

Registration for the Brunswick County Youth Basketball League will be held Saturday, December 13, at the West Brunswick High School gym.

Boys and girls between the ages of 10-12 can sign up for the league beginning at 10 a.m. Players must not reach age 13 by January 1, 1987, in order to participate.

Registration fee is \$10 per player. In addition to players, the league is also in need of volunteer coaches.

For more information contact Doug White at the Parks and Recreation Department at 253-1357.

Lady Scorp Split With Topsail, Acme-Delco

The North Brunswick Lady Scorpions divided a pair of nonconference basketball games last week with Topsail and Acme-Delco.

The Lady Scorp opened the week with a 36-30 loss to Topsail but rebounded to take a 50-34 win over Acme-Delco.

Tracy Jenkins led North Brunswick (2-1) with 15 points in the loss to Topsail and 14 in the win over the Lady Trojans.

Esther Rochelle led Topsail (3-0) with 15 points and Joya Ellis added 14.

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