

**SPORTING SCENE**

# Ex-Scorp Star Leads Wolfpack To ACC Crown

**BY JOHNNY CRAIG**  
It was only two years ago that basketball standout Chuck Brown starred for the North Brunswick Scorpions and became the county's most recruited prep player ever. Brown's signing with the N.C. State Wolfpack during his senior year made him the top sports story of the year in Brunswick County.

Last weekend Brown came into his own in the area's showcase of sports—the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament.

The 6-foot-8 sophomore started all three tournament games for N.C. State but more importantly led the Wolfpack to a 68-67 upset win over North Carolina in Sunday's league championship game.

Brown led the Wolfpack with 19 points and 10 rebounds—both team-highs coming in 35 minutes of playing time.

The state's former Mr. Basketball connected on six of eight field goals attempts while being perfect at the free throw line in six chances.

Brown played a vital role as well in the Wolfpack's 77-73 double-overtime semifinal win over Wake Forest.

Against the Deacons, Brown scored eight points and pulled down six rebounds.

Brown perhaps gives the Wolfpack their biggest lift with his shooting accuracy. N.C. State has been one of the poorest shooting teams in the ACC this season. A hot-shooting Brown is a welcome sight to Wolfpack cage fans.

**Final Four Predictions**

The ACC has once again won the

right to boast of being the best basketball conference in the country with six of eight league teams receiving NCAA tournament berths.

While this is all fine and dandy for the zillions of area basketball fans, don't expect the ACC's top six to make it to the Final Four in New Orleans.

Both Georgia Tech and N.C. State will likely be first-round victims to fall from the tourney field first.

Virginia's pairing has made it tough for the Cavaliers to get past the second round.

While Duke should survive to the midwest regional semifinals, the Blue Devils will also fail to make the main event.

Clemson appears to have the best chance to make the Final Four. The Tigers will receive a test from Georgetown in the southeast regional semifinals though.

If North Carolina can get past Michigan in the second round of the eastern regionals, the Tar Heels will be in good shape until the regional finals. Look for Purdue to be the best in the east.

And who should join the Boiler-makers in New Orleans but Indiana, Nevada—Las Vegas and Georgetown. A Big Ten final between Indiana and Purdue wouldn't exactly delight area ACC fans but such a showdown looks like the best bet from here.

Indiana's coach-on-a-mission Bob Knight (after last year's upset loss to Cleveland State in the opening round) is just the one to lead the Hoosiers all the way to the title.

# Laurinburg Team Wins District Cage Tourney

Showtime Pizza of Laurinburg topped the Speedy G's of Wilmington 93-80 to win the statewide men's basketball district tournament Saturday held at South Brunswick Middle and High School.

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department served as hosts of the one-day, 13-team tournament.

Showtime, led by Lenwood Graham's 37 points in the championship, will now advance to the eastern state tournament to be held in Scotland County Saturday (March 14).

Franchise, from the host Brunswick County league, finished third and placed the highest of the five local teams participating.

Wilmington Waterbeds took a 2-0 forfeit from Temple Baptist (Wilmington) in the tourney opener while the Turntables (Brunswick County) downed Clint Long Construction (Wilmington), 91-78 in the second game. Mike Armstrong and Ray Bland scored 17 points each to lead the Turntables.

Showtime eliminated Wilmington Waterbeds in the next game 103-67, as Graham scored 23 points.

The Tigers edged the Turntables

91-80 in the next game in a contest between two of the top local teams. Greg Graham scored 26 points to lead the Tigers.

The Tigers were bounced from the tournament in the next contest by Showtime 79-66. Graham tallied 24 to lead Showtime.

The Brunswick County Warriors nipped the Long Shots (Scotland County) in another first-round game 82-81. Robert Thompson scored 34 points to lead the Warriors.

Ponderosa, also from the local league, dropped its opener to the Speedy G's 95-65. Former UNC-Wilmington star Terry Shiver scored 24 points to lead the Speedy G's.

Franchise won its opening game 91-85 over Outer Banks. Harold Boone led Franchise with 22 points. In the fifth-place contest saw Campbell Soup nipped the Warriors 75-70. Moses Davis scored 33 to lead Campbell.

The Speedy G's landed Franchise in fourth place with an 86-80 win over the local team. Shiver scored 30 to lead Speedy G's.

The Speedy G's went on to take third place with a 101-92 win over Campbell Soup as Shiver hit a tourney-high 36.

# Tigers, Warriors Lead Local Roundball League

The Tigers and Warriors remained atop their respective divisions as the Brunswick County men's basketball league moved into its final week of play in the regular season.

The Tigers (11-1) took a 100-94 win over Franchise in league play last week. William Johnson scored 31 points to lead the Tigers.

The Warriors split a pair of games last week in a 92-61 win over Vision and a 65-56 loss to the Turntables.

Robert Thompson scored 26 points to lead the winners while Elbert Johnson hit for 13 as the Turntables handed the Warriors only their second loss of the season.

In other games last week, Franchise topped Nightly News 83-73 behind Harold Boone's 18 points.

Also, Franchise outlasted the Players 68-58. Daren Thurman scored 18 points to lead Franchise.

Ponderosa handed Nightly News its second loss of the week with a 71-67 setback. David Floyd scored 23 to lead Ponderosa.

Vision also dropped its second game of the week as well in a 94-74 loss to the Turntables. Trampus Gause led the Turntables with 25 points. Vision managed to pick up a forfeit over the Sharks in the only other game scheduled.

The regular season ends Thursday with the post-season tourney set for March 18-19 at Shallotte Middle School.

**Brunswick County Men's Basketball League Standings as of Tuesday, March 10**

EASTERN DIVISION		
Team	W	L
Tigers	11	1
Franchise	7	4
Ponderosa	7	5
Nightly News	3	10
Players	1	11
WESTERN DIVISION		
Team	W	L
Warriors	11	2
Turntables	10	2
Vision	8	3
Sharks	4	8

**Upcoming Games**

Thursday, March 12—Vision vs. Ponderosa, 6:30 p.m.; Sharks vs. Players, 7:45 p.m.; Franchise vs. Tigers, 9 p.m.

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**Win Volleyball Series**

Larry's All Stars won the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation co-ed volleyball championship recently in tournament play at the Shallotte Middle School gymnasium. The All Stars defeated the Richard Jones Builders team 15 to 16 in the final game to take the tour-

nament. Pictured above are, kneeling, Larry Hites standing (from the left), Raymond Cortes, Gene Kinlaw, Pam Cheers, Percy Woodard, Mae Moe, Phillip and Mary Fowler.

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# Scorps Stun Jordan-Matthews In Opener

The fifth-place Waccamaw Conference finishing North Brunswick Scorpions pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the first round of the boys state basketball playoffs last Tuesday with a 69-62 win over Central Tar Heel Conference runnerup Jordan-Matthews in the opening game of the 2-A Sectional III tournament.

North Brunswick was eliminated from sectional play on Thursday as Whiteville downed the Scorps 74-64 in second-round action. The loss to the Wolfpack ended the season for North Brunswick (12-11) while Whiteville (22-4) went on to capture the sectional title Saturday with a 59-43 win over West Brunswick.

North Brunswick was beaten in the first round of the Waccamaw Conference tournament last week by West Brunswick but rebounded from the loss to surprise one of the top seeded teams in the sectional, Jordan-Matthews.

**Whiteville**

After all six Waccamaw Conference teams advanced into the second round of the sectional playoffs, league foes North Brunswick and

**Women Open '87 Season**

The Brierwood Ladies Golf Association opened its 1987 season with a captain's choice event on March 7.

Finishing in first place with a score of 71 was the team of Gladys Bowen, Ruth Linder and Thelma Spedel. Other teams that placed were as follows: Nel Justice, Eva Baham and Carol Houghton, 73, second; Glenda Crook, Dot Trostle and Pat Gillotti, 73, third; and Ann Hierman, Verna Meinertzhagen and Esther Smith, 74, fourth.

Following golf, the women held their spring meeting and luncheon at Island House South in Calabash. Officers for the 1987 season are Nel Justice and Lois Beato, co-chairmen; Jane Fleg, secretary; and Ann Hierman, treasurer.

**Mintz Hurls Scorps To 2-0 Start**

Steve Mintz struck out 20 while tossing a three-hitter to power North Brunswick to its second straight win, an 11-2 rout over Acme-Delco last Friday in nonconference baseball action.

Sammy Sealey (six stolen bases) and Kenny Smith led the Scorps on at the plate with two hits each.

**Bolivia Sets Majors Draft**

Registration for Bolivia Dixie Youth major league ball will be held Saturday, March 14, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Town Creek Township Park at Winnabow.

Boys ages 10 to 12 are eligible to try out. They must be accompanied by either a parent or guardian and must have a copy of their birth certificate, said Elizabeth Lesh.

T-ball tryouts will be held March 21.

**Acme-Delco Nips Lady Scorpions**

The North Brunswick Lady Scorpions opened their softball season last Thursday with a 9-6 loss to Acme-Delco in a nonconference matchup.

Misty Price led North Brunswick going 3-for-4 while Rhonda Bowen had three hits including a home run for Acme-Delco.

**Registration Continues**

Registration continues this week for an aerobic exercise class at Union Primary School.

The class is sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department. It will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. through April 15. Cost is \$15 per month for two classes a week or \$10 per month for one class per week.

Also, registration is always open for clogging classes at the Long Beach Recreation Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays.

Contact Emuna Thomas at the department in Bolivia.

**Score By Quarters**

North Brunswick 13 15 15 21—64  
Whiteville 20 17 16 21—74

North Brunswick Scoring: Hill 14, Perkins 11, Blue 16, Bryant 6, Johnson 9, Porter 2, Southerland 3, Waddell 2, McKoy 1.

Whiteville Scoring: Nance 20, McGlockton 14, Shaw 10, Logan 13, Hewett 6, Reaves 5, Gore 4, James 2, Thomas 2.

**Jordan-Matthews**

Myron Perkins scored a career-high 29 points to lift the Scorps to their biggest win of the season—a 69-62 win over highly-regarded Jordan-Matthews in last Tuesday's Sectional II opener.

After trailing 14-12 in the first period, the Scorps managed to pull even with Jordan-Matthews at

the half, 30-30.

North Brunswick nudged ahead in the third quarter 47-34 and then outscored the host Central Tar Heel Conference runners-up 22-16 in the final period for the win.

Leading the way for the Scorps, along with Perkins, were Roscoe Johnson with 19 points and Jim Hill with 12.

Michael Siler led Jordan-Matthews with 28 points and Neal Craven added 16.

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North Brunswick 12 18 17 22—69  
Jordan-Matthews 14 16 14 18—62

North Brunswick Scoring: Hill 12, Bryant 4, Johnson 19, Perkins 29, Blue 3, Waddell 2.

Jordan-Matthews Scoring: M.Siler 28, R.Siler 4, Milliken 2, McSwain 4, Brooks 2, Glover 6, Craven 16.

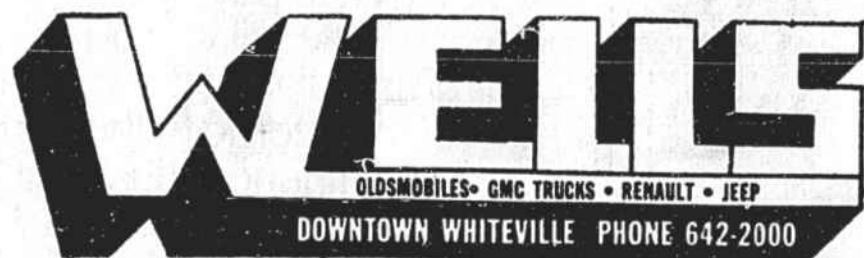


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