



**TROJAN PURSUIT**—West Brunswick lineman Jon Gore (56) stops Orrum running back Thomas Smith (43) for short yardage during last Friday's 55-26 Trojan

win over the Raiders. Smith was one of Orrum's offensive leaders running for 25 yards and catching two passes for 35 yards.



**SCORE NULLIFIED**—West Brunswick tailback Ronald Lance (32) walks back to the huddle in disgust after his touchdown run was called back due to a Tro-

jan penalty. Lance finished the game with four touchdowns and 346 yards rushing on 28 carries. With Lance is Orrum linebacker Chris Parker (45).

# West Brunswick Trojans Wear Down Orrum 55-26

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The final 55-26 score appeared to be a romp in the park for West Brunswick in its season-opening football win over the visiting Orrum Raiders last Friday.

However, it was only 11 minutes earlier that West Brunswick, clinging to a 21-20 lead, was fighting for its life as the pesky Raiders were determined to rain on the Trojans' opening parade.

Reality set in moments later as West Brunswick opened a scoring marathon and the Trojans' 34-point fourth quarter and an eventual rout was beginning to take shape.

"The offensive line really took control of the game and did a tremendous job. We were able to move the ball from start to finish and kept up the intensity throughout the game," said West Brunswick coach Marshall Seay.

"Quarterback Raymond Howard (sophomore) did a super job and showed leadership in his first varsity start.

"I was disappointed in our defense, especially in the secondary. Orrum exposed some secondary problems that we were concerned with prior to the game. We have three new starters in the secondary as well as both new defensive ends that all lack experience. But, we do have full confidence that they will improve."

The win snapped a seven-year, season-opening jinx for West Brunswick as the Trojans had not won their first game of the year since 1980. The Trojans not only won their opening game that season but went on to capture the Three Rivers 3-A Conference championship and advance to the state playoffs (the last time either event occurred.)

West Brunswick scored on its first three possessions of the first half and, with the exception of its opening possession of the third quarter, scored on every drive of the second half.

Senior tailback Ronald Lance became the leading rusher in the state this season after one week with 346 yards on 28 carries. Included were touchdown runs of four, five, two and 45-yards.

The Trojan defense set up West Brunswick's first score after Orrum fumbled on its opening possession.



**GAME INSTRUCTIONS**—West Brunswick assistant coach Paul Pendleton gives advice to offensive linemen Sean Rogers during the Trojans season opener

last Friday against Orrum. The Trojans went on to win, 55-26, their first season-opening triumph in seven years.

Trojan defensive lineman Craig Fogle recovered quarterback Freddie Ellis' fumble near midfield with 8:18 to play in the opening quarter.

West Brunswick then drove 44 yards in nine plays with Lance scoring from the four yard line with 3:42 left. Travis Snead kicked the first of seven straight extra points to give West Brunswick a 7-0 lead.

Quarterback Raymond Howard sparked the Trojans on their next possession completing three passes in the scoring drive including a 14-yard toss to Gary Gore and a 21-yard strike to Tony Graham on a key fourth down situation.

Lance scored following the pass to Graham on a five-yard scamper. Snead added the extra point and West Brunswick mounted a 14-0 lead with 9:49 left in the half.

Orrum scored on its next possession—the first of two long Raider touchdown drives in the game.

Ellis discovered a vulnerable Trojan defensive secondary and kept the drive alive with two key passes on third and fourth-down situations.

Facing third-and-nine on the Trojan 40 yard line, Ellis hit Randy Britt for an 18-yard strike to the West Brunswick 22.

Four plays later and facing a fourth-and-11 situation, Ellis connected with running back Cleveland Rogers for a 23-yard touchdown pass.

Rogers added the extra point and brought the Raiders within 14-7 with

4:39 left.

A three-play scoring drive by the Trojans followed with Lance carrying all the way and getting his second touchdown on a two-yard run with 3:36 to play. Snead kicked the extra point for a 21-7 West Brunswick lead.

Ellis continued to burn the Trojan secondary on Orrum's next drive. The junior quarterback completed a 30-yard toss to Timmy Britt and three plays later connected with William Campbell for a 34-yard scoring strike.

Rogers followed with his second extra point and the Raiders closed to 21-14 at the half.

The Trojans managed just one opening possession in the third quarter as Orrum took control with 8:51 to play and kept the ball until the final 18 seconds of the period.

The Raiders drove 57 yards in 16 plays behind the running of Thomas Smith and Rogers. Rogers scored on a 10-yard drive up the middle for the touchdown to pull Orrum to within 21-20 of the Trojans.

The two-point conversion pass was deflected by Lance and the Trojans maintained the lead.

Two plays later, Lance broke loose for a 45-yard touchdown run, his final score of the night, with 11:27 to play in the game. Snead added the extra point for a 28-20 West Brunswick lead.

Graham made the first of two fourth-quarter pass interceptions on

Orrum's next possession and the Trojans quickly turned the miscue into a touchdown.

On the Trojans' second play, Bryant scored once more on a 12-yard touchdown run and Snead's extra point conversion gave West Brunswick a 49-20 advantage.

The Raiders managed one more score on the next play—a 79-yard bomb from Ellis to flanker Dwight Thompson with 2:40 remaining. The two-point conversion failed and Orrum trailed 49-26.

West Brunswick managed one more score with less than a minute remaining.

Following Orrum's onside kick, the Trojans drove 50 yards in four plays with Howard connecting with flanker Randy Daniels for a 27-yard touchdown completion.

"We entered tonight's game thinking the defense was ahead of the offense," added Seay. "We opened a week early tonight and our offensive scheme is very complex and a lot for the kids to learn."

"The only offensive disappointment was our number of penalties. This is an area we are going to have to really work on," said Seay on the Trojans' 120 yards in penalties.

Several West Brunswick offensive linemen drew praise from Trojan assistant coach Paul Pendleton.

"Right tackle Jeff Russ and right guard Charlie Eaton really hustled as did the entire line paving the way for a super offensive performance."

The 55-point production by the Trojans was the second-highest total in school history. West Brunswick scored 56 in a 1977 win over Acme-Delco.

Against Orrum, West Brunswick banged out 512 yards in total offense (444 yards on the ground).

Behind Lance's 346-yard performance was Bryant with 64 yards and two touchdowns on three carries.

Corey Hankins ran for 16 yards on two carries and Bossy Clemmons added an 11-yard carry.

Clemmons led the Trojan defense as well with nine tackles. Graham had eight tackles plus a pair of pass interceptions.

Ellis led Orrum completing nine of 16 passes for 232 yards and three touchdowns.

Smith was the Raiders' leading rusher with 25 yards while making two pass receptions for 35 yards.

Rogers ran for 33 yards and had one 23-yard pass reception and a touchdown.

Randy Britt caught two Ellis

passes for 27 yards while Timmy Britt also made two receptions for 34 yards.

Orrum continues nonconference play Friday at Waccamaw Conference opponent Fairmont. West Brunswick has an open date and returns to action Sept. 11 hosting Littlefield.

Orrum	West Brunswick	
15	First Downs	20
68	Rushing Yardage	444
232	Passing Yardage	68
16-9	Passes Att.-Comp.	9-4
2	Passes Int. By	1
1-38	Punts (No. Avg.)	1-32
2	Fumbles Lost	0
45	Yards Penalized	120

Orrum	West Brunswick		
0	14	0	12-26
7	14	0	34-55

## SCORING SUMMARY

- (WB) Lance, 4-yard run (Snead kick).
- (WB) Lance, 5-yard run (Snead kick).
- (O) Rogers, 23-yard pass from Ellis (Rogers kick).
- (WB) Lance, 2-yard run (Snead kick).
- (O) W. Campbell, 34-yard pass from Ellis (Rogers kick).
- (O) Rogers, 10-yard run (pass failed).
- (WB) Lance, 45-yard run (Snead kick).
- (WB) C. Hankins, 13-yard run (Snead kick).
- (WB) Bryant, 52-yard run (Snead kick).
- (O) Thompson, 79-yard pass from Ellis (pass failed).
- (WB) Randy Daniels, 27-yard pass from Howard (pass failed).



**RAIDER PASS COMPLETION**—Orrum tight end Kandy Britt (88) is brought down after a pass reception during last Friday's season opener at West Brunswick. Closing in for the Trojans is Corey Hankins (right). Orrum quarterback Freddie Ellis finished the game leading the Raiders with 9-for-16 passing for 232 yards and three touchdowns.

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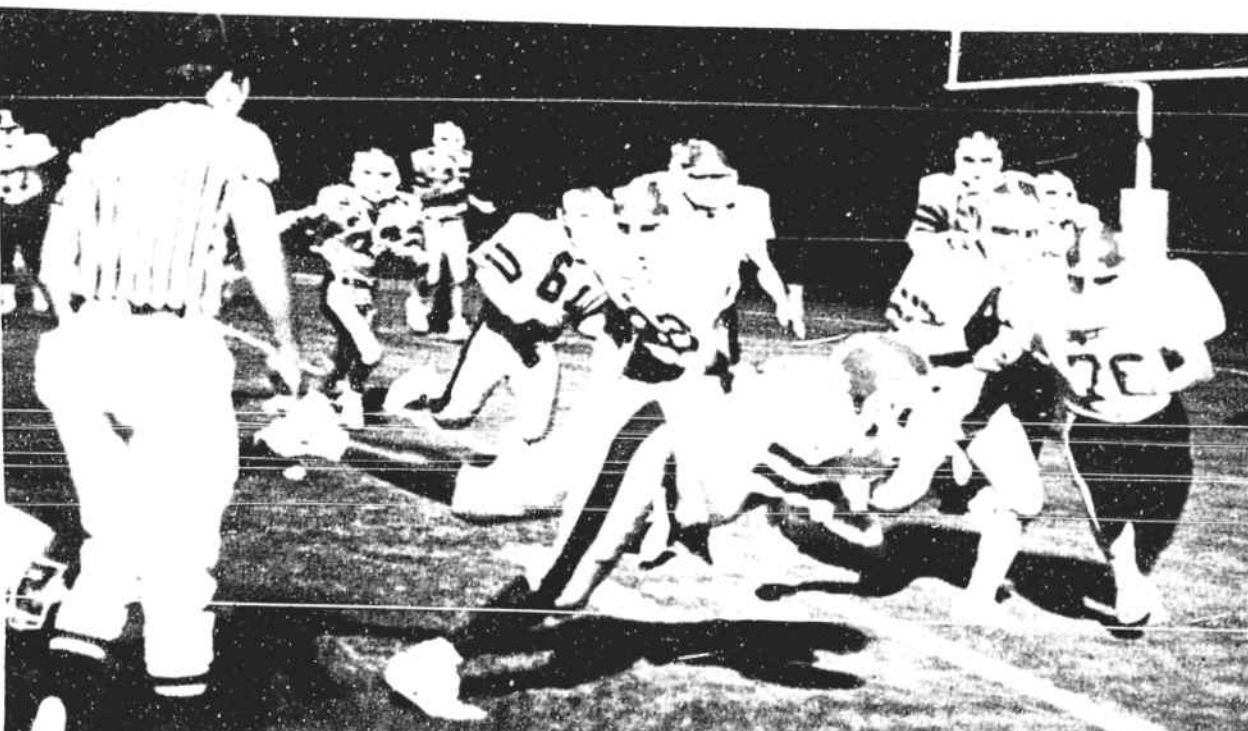
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**END ZONE DIVE**—West Brunswick's Ronald Lance dives for the end zone after being tripped up by an Orrum defender. Lance scored four touchdowns (346

yards rushing) last Friday to help lead the Trojans to a 55-26 season-opening win over the Raiders.