

Diamond Trojans Roll To 3-0 Start

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The West Brunswick Trojans opened the prep baseball season last week with their best start in three years going 3-for-3 with nonconference wins over Nakina (twice) and Loris, S.C.

The Trojans opened with a 7-0 shutout over Nakina last Tuesday then edged Loris 7-4 on Thursday. Earlier this week (Monday) West picked up its second win over Nakina 5-2 to run its record to a perfect 3-0.

Not included in the three-game streak was a game against Acme-Delco Friday that was halted by rain. The Trojans led 6-1 in the bottom of the fourth inning when play was terminated. The game was scheduled to be concluded yesterday (Wednesday) prior to the second scheduled contest against Acme-Delco.

Nakina (second game)

West Brunswick ran its record to a perfect 3-0 Monday behind the two-hit pitching of Tommy Love that paced the Trojans to a 5-2 win over the host Indians.

Love went the distance for the Trojans and struck out six with only back-to-back hits in the sixth inning spoiling his no-hit bid.

West Brunswick took the early lead with a pair of runs in the second inning. Jeff Mintz's double and Love's RBI-single powered the runs and the Trojans never trailed.

The Trojans took a 3-0 lead in the top of the third when Dino Daniels walked and scored on Corey Hankins' hit.

Nakina scored its first run in the bottom of the third on two Trojan errors, three walks issued by Love and a sacrifice.

West increased its lead to 4-1 in the fourth on three hits by Eric Hardy, Mintz and Talbert Williams.

Both teams tallied one final run in the fifth inning.

Daniels scored on Kyle Jones' RBI-single after getting a one-out single and stealing second base.

Nakina scored in the bottom of the inning on two more Trojan errors and Love's hitting of Kevin McKeithan.

David Whaley was the losing pitcher for Nakina. Guy Faulk and Patrick Harris had the only hits for the Indians.

West Brunswick				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
P. Jones 2b	4	0	0	0
Babson ss	4	0	1	0
Daniels 1b	3	2	1	0
Hankins cf	3	0	1	1
K. Jones c	3	1	1	0
King 3b	0	0	0	0
Hardy 3b,c	3	1	1	0
Mintz lf	2	1	2	1
Love p	3	0	2	1
Williams rf	3	0	1	1
Totals	29	5	10	5

Nakina				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
McKeithan ss	1	1	0	0
Butler 3b	2	0	0	0
Suggs 3b	2	0	0	0
Chestnut 1b	2	0	0	0
Ward cf	3	0	0	0
Jerold cf	1	0	0	0
Whaley p	4	0	0	0
Etheridge c	2	0	0	0
Lee rf	0	0	0	0
Faulk rf	2	0	1	0
Harris lf	2	0	1	0
Fields 2b	0	1	0	0
Hughes 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	23	2	2	0

West Brunswick				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
West Brunswick	021	110	0	5-10-6
Nakina	001	010	0	2-2-2

Loris, S.C.
Paul Jones went 3-for-3 with two RBIs while Dino Daniels had two hits and three RBIs in three trips to the

plate to lead West Brunswick to a 7-4 win over the visiting Loris Lions last Thursday.

Jones collected three hits and walked once, and included RBI-singles in the fourth and sixth innings. Meanwhile, Daniels belted the team's first homerun with a solo blast in the fifth inning. Daniels also added a first-inning triple and walked once in the sixth.

Trojan pitcher Tommy Love got the first of his two wins during the week scattering six hits over seven innings and striking out five.

Love walked three and was charged with only two earned runs.

The Trojans trailed 4-3 after two innings but added single runs in each of the remaining frames to rally for the win.

Daniels' triple scored Scottie Babson for the first West Brunswick run. Daniels later scored himself to help build a 2-0 Trojan lead.

Loris also scored once in the first inning then added three runs in the second on Richard Norman's double, David Herring's single and a three-base Trojan fielding error.

West tied the game 4-4 in the third inning when Babson scored on a Loris throwing error, two stolen bases and a walk issued to Kyle Jones.

The Trojans took the lead 5-4 in the fourth when Jeremy King walked and then scored on Paul Jones' RBI-single.

Daniels' fifth-inning homer gave West a 6-4 advantage and Jeff Mintz scored the final Trojan run in the sixth after a hit and stolen base.

John Thompkins was the losing pitcher for Loris while Herring and Paul Stanley had two hits each to lead the Lions at the plate.

Loris, S.C.				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
R. Norman ss	4	1	1	0
Herring 3b	3	2	2	1
B. Norman cf	3	0	1	1
Stanley rf	4	0	2	0
Graham c	4	0	0	0
Mishoe dh	3	0	0	0
Thompkins p	0	0	0	0
Norris 1b	3	0	0	0
Sarvis 2b	3	0	0	0
Jordan 2b	0	0	0	0
McDowell lf	1	1	0	0
Totals	28	4	6	2

West Brunswick				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
P. Jones 2b	3	0	3	2
Babson ss	4	2	0	0
Daniels dh	3	2	2	2
Hankins cf	3	0	0	0
K. Jones 2b	3	0	0	0
Hardy 3b	3	0	0	0
King 1b	2	2	1	0
Mintz lf	3	1	1	0
Love p	2	2	0	0
Totals	26	7	7	5

Loris				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Loris	130	000	0	4-6-2
West Brunswick	211	111	X	7-7-5

Nakina (first game)
Winning pitcher Dino Daniels and reliever Billy Inman combined for a three-hit shutout last Tuesday to lead the Trojans past visiting Nakina 7-0 in the season-opening game for both teams.

Daniels went six innings and struck out 10 while yielding just three hits and walked one before being relieved by Inman.

Inman faced three batters in one inning and struck out two.

Paul Jones and Scottie Babson collected three hits each to lead the Trojans at the plate while Corey Hankins had two hits and three RBIs.

West took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Hankins scored after a

walk and stolen base.

The Trojans struck for two more runs in the third for a 3-0 lead on Hankins' two-run single that scored Jeff Mintz and Paul Jones.

West Brunswick opened a 5-0 lead in the fifth inning on Hankins' RBI-single that scored Eric Hardy. Hankins later scored on Kyle Jones' two-out single.

The Trojans added two final runs in the sixth on Babson's two-run single that brought home Mintz and Paul Jones.

Kevin McKeithan, Rhett Butler and Jeramie Hughes had the only hits for Nakina while Jerome Ward was the Indians' losing pitcher.

Nakina				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
McKeithan ss	2	0	1	0
Whaley ss	1	0	0	0
Suggs 3b	2	0	0	0
Gore 3b	1	0	0	0
Faulk lf	3	0	0	0
Hughes 2b	2	0	1	0
Butler 2b	1	0	1	0
Chestnut 1b	2	0	0	0
Ward p	2	0	0	0
Puckett ph	1	0	0	0
Etheridge c	2	0	0	0
Gerald c	1	0	0	0
Lee rf	1	0	0	0
Fields rf	1	0	0	0
Harris cf	0	0	0	0
Dickery cf	1	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	3	0

West Brunswick				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
P. Jones 2b	4	2	3	0
Babson ss	3	0	3	2
Daniels p	4	0	1	0
Hardy 3b	3	1	0	0
Hankins cf	2	2	2	3
K. Jones c	3	0	1	0
Love rf	3	0	0	0
Williams rf	0	0	0	0
King 1b	2	0	0	0
Inman 1b	1	0	0	0
Mintz lf	1	2	0	0
Totals	26	7	10	5

Nakina				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Nakina	000	000	0	0-0-3-1
West Brunswick	012	022	X	7-10-1

Pitcher				
IP	H	R	ER	BB
Ward (L, 0-1)	6	10	7	7
Daniels (W, 1-0)	6	3	0	1
Inman (S)	1	0	0	0

Vikings, Wildcats Down Cougar Tracksters

Hoggard won a three-team track meet over New Hanover and host South Brunswick last week in the opening competition for all squads.

Hoggard won the meet with 81 points while New Hanover took second with 58 and South Brunswick third with 47.

Results				
Shotput: Lindsay (H), 46-7;	Discus: Baity (NH), 114-7;	High Jump: Fuller (NH), 6-8;	Long Jump: Ross (NH), 20-4;	Triple Jump: Fuller (NH), 43-7;
Pole Vault: Pierce (H), 10-0;	3,200-Meter Relay: South Brunswick (Sanderiin, Bryant, Spaulding, Fullwood), 9:32;	110 High Hurdles: McClure (H), 17.2;	100-Meter: McCracken (SB), 10.9;	800-Meter Relay: South Brunswick (Bean, Burst, Hopkins, Parker), 1:39;
1,600 Meters: Rivenbark (H), 5:06;	400-Meter Relay: New Hanover, 45.9;	400-Meters: Ray (SB), 54.0;	300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles: McClure (H), 46.2;	800-Meters: Rivenbark (H), 19.3;
200-Meters: Burst (SB), 23.6;	3,200-Meters: Thompson (NH), 11:27;	1,600-Meter Relay: Hoggard, 3:57.		



Special Olympic Medals Presented

Students in the Brunswick Interagency Program recently brought home medals from a Special Olympics bowling competition held in Winston-Salem. Pictured here are (back row, from left) Kelvin Williams, Brian McMillian, Larry Long, (front row, from left) Mike Mintz, Gloria Harvey and Timothy Russ.

SPORTING SCENE

Trojan Bats, Pitching Off To Hot Start

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The West Brunswick Trojan baseball team is off to its best start in three years after sweeping non-conference opponents Nakina (twice) and Loris, S.C. last week in the opening week of action.

The Trojans have been impressive both at the plate and on the mound in the three games which do not include a 7-1 lead over Acme-Delco last Friday after four innings when the game was postponed due to rain.

Trojan second baseman Paul Jones is leading West at the plate with a .545 start on 6-for-11 batting. Not far behind Dino Daniels who is hitting at a .400 clip while also being one of the leading pitchers.

Centerfielder Corey Hankins is also off to a torid start with a .375

average that includes a team-leading four runs batted in (RBI).

Shortstop Scottie Babson is also hitting at a .364 pace going 4-for-11 in plate appearances thus far.

Tommy Love has won his first two starts on the mound for the Trojans in complete-game fashion. Love has thrown 14 innings and yielded just two earned runs and struck out 11.

Daniels is 1-0 after throwing six innings against Nakina in the Trojans opener. Daniels struck out 10 in the shutout and gave up only three hits.

The Trojan pitching staff boasts of a 0.67 earned run average (ERA).

Whiteville Eliminated

Whiteville, the remaining Waccamaw 2-A Conference basketball team in post season play, was

eliminated last week by Greene County 75-54 in the opening round of the eastern regional boys tournament.

The loss ended the Wolfpack's season at 21-3 after going unbeaten though the regular season in league play and being ranked among the top eastern 2-A teams.

Pender, the Sectional II boys' winner, went on to win the regional tournament after edging Whiteville in early post-season play. The Patriots advanced to the regional finals with an 84-78 win over Bunn in the semifinals.

Hoggard Bombs Lady Cougs 28-9

Hoggard handed South Brunswick its second girls' softball loss of the season last week with a 28-9 non-conference defeat of the Lady Cougars.

Robin Blakely led South Brunswick (0-2) with two hits.

Christine Bradley had five RBIs on three homeruns and a single to lead Hoggard. Kristi Wiggins had four RBIs on a homer and three singles and Lisa Roberts added four RBIs on two homers for the Lady Vikings.

Julie O'Shields rounded out the Hoggard attack with three RBIs on a home run, double and single.

Trojan Netters Rip East Bladen

The West Brunswick boys tennis team opened defense of their Waccamaw 2-A Conference championship Monday with an 8-1 rout of host East Bladen.

The win improved the Trojans to 1-0 in league play, 3-2 overall and snapped a two-match losing streak after back-to-back defeats to Laney last week.

Bryan Cheers, Eddie Jones, Raymond Howard, Jamie Wilson, Mike Marshall and Martin Bolick were all winners in singles play for the Trojans while the teams of Bryan Cheers—Jones and Wendell Cheers—Bolick won in doubles action.

East Bladen dropped to 0-1, 1-1 with the loss.

West Brunswick continues league action Monday at Fairmont before returning home to host South Robeson on Wednesday. All matches begin at 4 p.m.

Singles—B. Cheers (WB) def. Hatcher (EB), 6-0, 6-0; E. Jones (WB) def. Creech (EB), 6-0, 6-0; Howard

(WB) def. Melvin (EB), 6-2, 6-0; Wilson (WB) def. Beall (EB), 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; Marshall (WB) def. Sasser (EB), 6-1, 6-0; Bolick (WB) def. Gaylord (EB), 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles—B. Cheers—E. Jones (WB) def. Hatcher—Creech (EB), 8-1; Melvin—Beall (EB) def. Watson—M. Jones (EB), 9-7; W. Cheers—Bolick (WB) def. Sasser—Gaylord (EB), 8-5.



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- East Bladen at West Brunswick (JV baseball)
- St. Pauls, Fairmont at West Brunswick (track)
- South Brunswick at Williams Township (baseball)
- South Brunswick at West Columbus (JV baseball)
- South Brunswick at Laney (softball)

Friday, March 25

- West Brunswick at East Bladen (baseball, JV baseball, softball)
- West Columbus at South Brunswick (baseball, softball)

Monday, March 28

- West Brunswick at Whiteville (JV baseball)
- West Brunswick at Fairmont (tennis)
- West Brunswick, South Brunswick at Whiteville (golf)
- South Brunswick at North Brunswick (JV baseball)
- South Brunswick at South Robeson (tennis)

Tuesday, March 29

- Whiteville at West Brunswick (baseball, softball)
- North Brunswick at South Brunswick (baseball, softball)

Wednesday, March 30

- Fairmont at West Brunswick (JV baseball)
- South Robeson at West Brunswick (tennis)
- South Brunswick at Hoggard (golf)
- Fairmont at South Brunswick (tennis)



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