

Hoggard Rolls Past S. Brunswick 41-14

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

There was nothing fancy about Hoggard's 41-14 nonconference football win over host South Brunswick Monday night. It was just simply power up the middle by a trio of Viking running backs molded from the John Mackey era. The former Baltimore Colt great seemed to just run over the opposition in his hey-days some 25 years ago. Only the Vikings did a more current rendition in overpowering the Cougars.

"Hoggard was just a much better team," said South Brunswick head coach Glenn Sasser. "Their running backs just ran over our defensive people. We had some early chances to score but failed. It was just another case where we have to get more consistent offensively."

Hoggard blew the game open early scoring on all five first-half possessions to rack up a 34-0 lead at intermission.

The Vikings added one final score on the final play of the third quarter for a 41-0 spread before the Cougars finally got on the board on some nifty running by Chris King.

On first down following the Viking

kickoff after their final score, King ran up the middle into the Hoggard secondary, cut right and outran several defenders down the sideline for a 74-yard touchdown. Quarterback Tim Gecat passed to Hans Bean for the two-point conversion to get the Cougars within 41-8 with 11:47 to play.

South struck again on its next possession with Gecat leading the Cougars on a 65-yard scoring drive. The senior signal caller completed three passes of 10, 19 and 30-yards in the five-play drive before King ran the final nine for the touchdown with 7:44 left. The two-point conversion attempt failed and the Cougars trailed by the final 41-14 margin.

Hoggard was able to overcome 155 yards in penalties with a strong running game. The Vikings ran for 406 yards and threw for 51 more giving them 457 yards in total offense.

Quarterback Gabe Henderson, who ran for 50 yards on 12 carries, scored the first Hoggard touchdown on a six-yard dash recovering his own fumble in the end zone. Chris Houghton kick-

ed the first of five extra points to give the Vikings a 7-0 lead with 7:11 to play in the opening period.

South Brunswick failed to capitalize offensively following the Viking touchdown as the Cougars drove to the Hoggard 11 yard-line when Gecat fumbled and defensive lineman John Price recovered.

Hoggard then mounted a short, three-play scoring drive with Dalthan Major rambling 65 yards for the touchdown with 1:25 left in the quarter. Major (5-10, 185, sr.) broke three tackles enroute to the end zone after having carried for 26 yards on just the play before. Houghton added the extra point for a 14-0 Viking lead.

Again the Cougars were able to drive deep into Viking territory but were unable to find the end zone. This time South drove to the Hoggard 10 yard-line before losing the ball on downs.

Hoggard took over and went 91 yards in nine plays with Major scoring his second touchdown on an eight-yard sprint with 4:47 left in the half. Houghton kicked the extra point and Hoggard led 21-0.

The Vikings scored again with 2:11 to play when reserve running back Shawn Moses (5-10, 200, sr.) went in from the three to cap a four-play, 59-yard drive. The big play of the drive came on Henderson's 51-yard pass completion to Todd Ange that gave the Vikings a first-and-goal situation at the five.

Houghton's extra point put Hoggard ahead, 28-0 but the first-half scoring wasn't over yet.

The Vikings were able to muster one final score before the half on another South Brunswick error.

With the Cougars in punt formation, Bean was unable to handle a low snap from center. While attempting to gain control of the ball, Bean's knee touched the ground and the play whistled dead at the South 25 yard-line.

It took Hoggard only four plays following the Cougar error to add in final score. Reserve running back John Bradley (6-0, 225, jr.) ran for a four-yard touchdown on the final play of the half to give the Vikings a 34-0 lead.

The Cougar defense held Hoggard on its first possession of the second half but it didn't take the Vikings long to get the ball back.

Major, playing at a defensive back position, intercepted a Gecat pass just three plays later to set up the final Hoggard score.

Major made the interception at midfield and actually returned it to the Cougars two yard-line but a Viking penalty moved the ball back to the Hoggard 45.

Bradley capped the 11-play drive

with his seven-yard scoring run for his second touchdown of the game with nine seconds left in the third period.

The game had been originally scheduled last Friday but was postponed due to rain.

Major led Hoggard rushing with 174 yards on 10 carries while Steve Washington ran for 107 yards on 12 carries.

King led South Brunswick with 107 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries.

Gecat completed nine of 21 passes for 96 yards.

King caught three Gecat passes for 38 yards while Scott Barfield also made three receptions for 37 yards.

South Brunswick continues non-conference play Friday traveling to Goldsboro to meet its second Mideastern 4-A Conference opponent while Hoggard hosts Terry Sanford (Fayetteville).

THE YARDSTICK

Hoggard	South Brunswick
17	First Downs 11
50-406	Rushes-Yards 28-117
51	Passing Yardage 96
5-1	Passes Att-Comp 21-9
0	Passes Int By 1
3-30	Punts (No-Ave) 2-30
3-0	Fumbles-Lost 6-0
17-155	Penalties-Yards 1-5

Score By Quarters

Hoggard	14	20	7	0-41
South Brunswick	0	0	0	14-14

Scoring Summary

- (H) Henderson, 6-yard run (Houghton kick);
- (H) Major, 65-yard run (Houghton kick);
- (H) Major, 8-yard run (Houghton kick);
- (H) Moses, 3-yard run (Houghton kick);
- (H) Bradley, 4-yard run (kick failed);
- (H) Bradley, 7-yard run (Houghton kick);
- (SB) King, 74-yard run (Gecat pass to Bean);
- (SB) King, 9-yard run (pass failed).

Individual Rushing

Hoggard: Henderson 12-50, Major 10-174, Washington 12-107, Moses 2-17, Bradley 5-30, Hollerman 1-3, Nesbitt 4-12, Sarp 3-12.

South Brunswick: King 12-107, Gecat 12-19, S.Barfield 3-2, Bean 1-minus 13.

Individual Passing

Hoggard: Henderson 1-4-51-0, Sarp 1-0-0-0.

South Brunswick: Gecat 9-21-96-1.

Individual Receiving

Hoggard: Ange 1-51.

South Brunswick: King 3-38, Labelle 2-11, S.Barfield 3-37, Bean 1-10.



BATTLE IN TRENCHES—Cougar guard Brian Vititoe (63) makes a block on Hoggard defensive lineman Brent Pierce (90) during Monday night's non-conference matchup at South Brunswick. Hoggard handed the Cougars a 41-14 loss to drop South to 0-2. The Vikings evened their record at 1-1 with the win.



TWO TOUCHDOWNS—South Brunswick tailback Chris King turns upfield past Hoggard defenders for one of his two touchdowns in Monday's 41-14 non-conference loss to the Vikings. King led the South Brunswick offense with 107 yards on 12 carries.

Trojans Rally Past Littlefield, 33-6

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The West Brunswick Trojans survived an early scare to dominate 1-A Littlefield 33-6 in a nonconference football game Monday night that was postponed from Friday due to rain.

Despite piling up 371 yards in total offense to Littlefield's 31, the Trojans found themselves down early as the Hornets turned a West turnover into a quick touchdown.

West appeared headed for an early lead of its own driving to the Littlefield 10 yard-line. However, Hornet defensive back Shawn Atkinson intercepted a Trojan pass and returned it 90 yards for the score. The two-point conversion pass failed but Littlefield had stunned the Trojans with a 6-0 lead.

The Hornet lead stood through the first quarter but West scored twice in the second period to take control for good.

Wide out Gary Gore scored the first Trojan touchdown on a 33-yard pass

from quarterback Raymond Howard. The extra point attempt failed and the scored remained even, 6-6.

West struck once more via the airways in the quarter when Howard threw a 24-yard scoring strike to Tony Graham. The touchdown gave the Trojans a 12-0 halftime lead as the two-point conversion attempt failed.

West added two more touchdowns in the third quarter for a 27-6 lead.

Fullback Greg McNeil scored the first TD on a one-yard run and also ran for the two-point conversion to give the Trojans a 20-6 lead.

Later in the period, Graham scored his second touchdown on a 55-yard punt return. Martin Bolick then added the extra point.

Tailback Chris Morgan scored the final Trojan touchdown in the fourth quarter on a seven-yard run.

McNeil led the West offense with a

career-high 159 yards on nine carries. Morgan ran for 67 yards on eight carries.

Atkinson led Littlefield rushing with 20 yards on seven carries.

Both teams continue non-conference play Friday with West Brunswick (2-0) entertaining Topsail in its home opener. Meanwhile, Littlefield (0-2) travels to Tar Heel.

THE YARDSTICK

West Brunswick	Littlefield
12	First Downs 2
37-286	Rushes-Yards 28-29
85	Passing Yardage 2
16-9	Passes Att-Comp 4-1
1	Passes Int By 0
2-22	Punts (No-Ave) 7-22
1-0	Fumbles-Lost 3-1
12-110	Penalties-Yards 7-55

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