

Returning Veterans Give West Cagers Brighter Outlook

BY JOHNNY CRAIG
Basketball season at West Brunswick won't get underway for another two weeks yet, but second-year Trojan head coach Billy Mims is anxiously looking forward to the upcoming campaign.

"Sparkling Mims' bright outlook is the return of a host of veteran players who will give the Trojans the most depth and experience they have had in many years."

"So far we're looking good in practice," said Mims earlier this week. "The players have matured a lot in a year and we believe we can put together a competitive effort this time around."

The Trojans struggled last year to a sixth-place finish (4-10) in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference and 6-16 overall in only the school's third losing season.

Leading the way this season will be the return of 6-foot-4, junior forward Ricky Daniels. Daniels averaged 21 points per game as a sophomore while gaining all-county and all-conference honors.

Forward Jeff Bernard (6-2, sr.) returns but will miss the Trojans first two games while playing in the Shrine Bowl football game in Charlotte next month.

Sophomore guard Aldwin Lance is a good shooter and has been impressive defensively, according to Mims.

Other veterans include Charles Moore (6-1, sr.), Andre Gore (6-2), center Charles Morgan (6-5), Daniel Russ and Timmy Farmer. Joining the group will be newcomer Lonnie Mitchell (6-3, fr.).

"We scrimmaged at North Myrtle Beach, S.C. last weekend and looked good. New players Garrett Godwin (6-2 guard) and Jimmy Johnson also performed well with the more experienced ones."

"We will be a little deeper this year," said Mims. "It will take the football players a few weeks to get into basketball shape. They are all learning the system in practice. The kids are improving each day but are a long way from peaking."

The Trojans begin the season Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Hoggard, then entertain Acme-Delco on Dec. 8 in their home opener. West also has two games against Wallace-Rose Hill prior to the Christmas holidays and will begin WC play in early January.

The Trojans are also participating in the Whiteville Christmas Tournament on Dec. 28-29.

Both North and South Brunswick open their cage seasons against Topsail the week before the Trojans. North visits Topsail on Tuesday, Nov. 28 and South hosts the Pirates on Friday, Dec. 1.



To The Rescue

Reno Coleman, a line foreman for Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. in Columbus County, is shown in action during the recent North Carolina Statewide Pole-Top Rescue Competition held in Raleigh. Coleman, who has been employed by BEMC 15 years, finished fifth in a field of 27 with a time of 1 minute, 57.16 seconds. The competition simulated a pole-top rescue mission in which the lineman must radio an emergency call from his truck, put on climbing gear and tool belt, climb a 35-foot pole, lower a 120-pound dummy to safety and perform lifesaving procedures. Judging was based on speed and safety; the contest focuses attention on the need for linemen to be prepared to respond quickly when an injury occurs. The winning time was 1:48:78.

SPORTING SCENE

Cougars Survive To Grid Eastern Semifinals

BY JOHNNY CRAIG
The Waccamaw 2-A Conference football champion East Bladen Cougars will host undefeated Clayton Friday in one of two eastern 2-A state playoff semifinal games.

The Cougars (10-2) were the only WC team to survive the opening round of the playoffs as both West Brunswick and Whiteville were eliminated.

Clayton is not a stranger to the WC as the Comets knocked off West Brunswick 27-6 in the Trojans' postseason opener.

The Comets are 12-0 and are among three of the four undefeated eastern 2-A teams remaining.

There are still four unbeaten 4-A teams left in the playoffs, two in the 3-A ranks and one in the 1-A classification.

East Bladen nipped North Pitt, 24-21 in double overtime last Friday to earn the right to host the Comets.

Meanwhile, Clayton stunned Wallace-Rose Hill 42-22 to gain the bracket opposite the Cougars.

In some extraordinary playoff performances last Friday, Charlotte Catholic running back Vee Hood has an unbelievable showing in leading the Cougars to a 38-27 win over Newton-Conover. Hood, a 6-foot-3, 185-pound senior, ran for 264 yards and five touchdowns on 24 carries.

Richmond County, defending state 4-A champion and top-ranked in the classification, won its 27th consecutive game with a 39-26 triumph over 1987 champion Garner. More than 12,000 fans were in attendance at the game in Garner.

In another 4-A all-star performance, South View (Hope Mills) fullback Rodney Bryant ran for 297 yards and three touchdowns in leading the Tigers to a 42-8 rout of Goldsboro.

Defending state 3-A champion

Burlington Cummings won its 27th straight game as well with a 28-26 edging of Morehead (Eden).

In the 3-A ranks, Statesville (11-0) got its sixth shutout of the season with a 27-0 win over Central Cabarrus.

Clinton running back Jeremiah Williams entered last Friday's playoff game against Northampton East with 1,294 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns. Williams complemented his totals with 160 yards and two more touchdowns on just 12 carries to help the Dark Horses (10-1) to a 35-12 win.

In the 1-A classification, Currituck (11-0) scored more than 55 points for the second straight week with a 67-8 ripping of Swansboro in another second-round game.

Defending 1-A champion Swain County also had a scoring marathon in its 53-6 win over Polk County.

Bears Top Indians

Wife Kerry and I drew last week's honeymoon to a close Saturday stopping by Hickory for Lenoir-Rhyne College's final game of the season against rival Catawba.

The Bears took a 24-10 win to finish 5-6 overall after claiming a share of the South Atlantic Conference championship last year with Catawba and Carson-Newman.

Former West Brunswick standout Corey Hankins, now with the Catawba Indians, was in uniform Saturday but failed to see action.

Lenoir-Rhyne's 10,000-seat stadium took a new look this fall with a major renovation project that included a new press box.

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RECREATION BRIEFS

Keep In Shape Over Holidays

During the holidays, most people eat more, and that means exercising more is also a good idea in order to keep off extra pounds.

Exercise classes are offered countywide by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Low impact (no bouncing, with one foot always on the floor) aerobic and exercise classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Lockwood Folly Community Building, Stanbury Road; and starting Dec. 4, at the Waccamaw Community Building also. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Leland Community Building. Cost is \$20, or \$3 per visit on a drop-in basis.

An aerobic and exercise class for

mature individuals is open to anyone 55 and older and meets at two locations: Long Beach Recreation Center and Lockwood Folly Community Building. There is no charge. For more information contact Emma Thomas at the department, 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Ski in Boone

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a ski trip to Boone Jan. 12-14, with a \$35 deposit required by Dec. 12. The group will stay at Camp Broadstone at Valle Crucis, and will ski at Hawk's Nest and Sugar Mountain.

To sign up or for more information call Emma Thomas, special events coordinator, 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790, Ext. 257.

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Tar Heel Fans Can Follow Hoop Games

Tar Heel basketball fans will be able to follow their team during the 1989-90 season by tuning in to a local radio station.

Radio coverage of the play-by-play of University of North Carolina basketball will be broadcast on WDZD FM 93.5 in Shallotte. Coverage begins Nov. 24 at 6:20 p.m. when the Tar Heels take on the Dukes of James Madison University in the Maui Classic.

Coverage begins 40 minutes before tip-off with *The ACC TODAY*, featuring reports from every ACC game, interviews with UNC Head Coach Dean Smith, UNC players and opposing coaches.

Woody Durham will be providing play-by-play for his 19th year, with Mick Mixon providing color. After the game, Durham will join Coach Smith and players in the locker room for additional comment.

Brunswick County Youth Athletic Association

P.O. Box 2884, Shallotte, NC 28459

Youth Basketball Registration

Eligibility: Youth 9-13 years of age; any participant who has not reached his/her (14th) fourteenth birthday on or before January 1 is eligible to participate.

Fees: \$15.00 Includes team shirt and recreation accident insurance.

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Instruction: Program will be supervised by BCYAA Staff members who have been certified by the NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS COACHES ASSOCIATION. Program will last 10 weeks and will be held on Sat. mornings from 9:00-12:00. The first two weeks will be entirely devoted to instruction.

Registration

Shallotte Area

West Brunswick High Gym
Dec. 2 1pm-3pm
Dec. 9 8am-9:30am

Southport/Leland Area

Southport Parks & Rec. Dept.
201 E. Moore St., Southport, NC 28461
457-9150
Dec. 4-8 9am-5pm

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