

SPORTING SCENE

Former Cougar Leads Region X JUCO Baseball

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Former South Brunswick baseball standout Scott Gales is the Region X Independent Junior College Conference's leading hitter with the Southeastern Community College Rams in Whiteville.

Gales, a freshman, is hitting at a hot .390 clip with 23 hits in 59 plate appearances in games played through April 15.

This is nothing new for the former Cougar as he has been the league's leading hitter for the past three weeks.

Gales went 2-for-2 last week in an 8-1 loss to Louisburg Junior College in the second game of a doubleheader.

SCC freshman Dino Daniels, a former West Brunswick star and county baseball player of the year last spring, saw two innings of relief pitching in the first game against Louisburg, a 9-2 Ram loss.

Gales also saw three-plus innings of pitching duty for the Rams in the first game of a doubleheader against Spartanburg Methodist last weekend. SCC suffered twin losses, 13-2, in the opener and 13-1 in the second contest.

Gales, who was credited with the loss, was one of three Rams pitchers to see action in the opener. SCC hurlers walked 14 batters in the game while giving up only six hits.

In a doubleheader loss to Chowan Junior College earlier last week, Daniels was the losing pitcher going six-plus innings in a 9-4 defeat in the opener.

Daniels yielded only two runs till the seven inning when Chowan exploded for seven runs in the final two frames.

Gales went 2-for-4 in the game including a solo home run in the third inning.

Southeastern is currently 7-18 overall.

Former Scorp To Miss Playoffs

Cleveland Cavalier rookie forward Chuckie Brown, a former North Brunswick and N.C. State basketball standout, broke a bone in his foot during practice last Wednesday and will likely miss the National Basketball Association playoffs that began last weekend.

Brown fractured the fifth metatarsal in his right foot and may possibly need surgery to repair.

The Cavaliers opened the NBA Eastern Conference playoffs last Thursday against the Philadelphia 76ers.

Brown, a second-round NBA draft selection by the Cavaliers last spring, has been a valuable performer for Cleveland this winter since three front-line starters suffered serious injuries prior to the start of the current season.

Fairmont Wins St. Pauls Tourney

North and South Brunswick weren't the only Waccamaw 2-A Conference baseball teams to see tournament action over the Easter holidays.

Fairmont, tied for fourth in the WC, captured the St. Pauls Diamond Classic with wins over the host 1-A Bulldogs and East Central 2-A Conference foe James Kenan.

West Columbus was the winner of the annual Jiggs Powers Invitational at Williams Township defeating Bladenboro for the championship in the eight-team tournament.

Host East Bladen, who currently shares second place in the WC with North Brunswick, suffered a 3-0 loss to Clinton in the championship game of the Elizabethtown Optimist Easter Tournament.

And East Bladen wasn't the only league team to lose its own holiday tournament as host Whiteville saw an "outsider" win its event for the third straight year. Wallace-Rose Hill won this year's Whiteville tourney after Pender had captured the last two titles.

WACCAMAW 2-A CONFERENCE BASEBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 30

Team	Conf.	Overall	Team	Conf.	Overall
Whiteville	7-0	12-2	Fairmont	3-4	6-6
East Bladen	5-2	8-3	South Brunswick	4-5	7-8
North Brunswick	7-2	7-6	West Brunswick	2-7	5-11
West Columbus	3-4	8-6	South Robeson	1-5	1-8

WACCAMAW 2-A CONFERENCE SOFTBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 30

Team	Conf.	Overall	Team	Conf.	Overall
North Brunswick	9-0	10-1	West Columbus	2-5	2-5
Whiteville	6-1	9-2	West Brunswick	2-5	2-6
Fairmont	5-2	8-3	South Brunswick	1-6	2-9
East Bladen	3-4	4-5	South Robeson	1-5	1-5

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, MAY 3

- ☐ Brunswick County boys' and girls' Prep Track and Field Championships, South Brunswick, 3:30 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at Whiteville, JV baseball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ Shalotte Babe Ruth League baseball, Shalotte Township Park, Bears vs. Braves, 7:15 p.m., Colonels vs. Blue Jays, 6 p.m., Rebels vs. Cubs, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- ☐ West Columbus at West Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ Whiteville at North Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at Whiteville, softball, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- ☐ Oak Island Five-Mile and One-Mile Runs, Long Beach, 8 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 7

- ☐ North Brunswick at West Brunswick, JV baseball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ Shalotte Babe Ruth League baseball, Shalotte Township Park, Sea Hawks vs. White Sox, 6 p.m., Indians vs. Colts, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

- ☐ West Brunswick at North Brunswick, softball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at North Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ Shalotte Babe Ruth League baseball, Shalotte Township Park, Bears vs. Braves, 7:15 p.m., Bears vs. Blue Jays, 6 p.m., Rebels vs. Tigers, 7:30 p.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list your sporting contest call or write the *Beacon* with schedules and details.

SCORP BOYS SECOND

North Girls Win Track And Field Tri-Meet

The host North Brunswick girls track squad captured a three-team Waccamaw 2-A Conference meet last Wednesday with 45 points. West Columbus (36) finished second followed by East Bladen (3).

The North boys garnered 61 points to take second in their meet behind winner West Columbus with 83 points. East Bladen finished third with 33.

Boys' Results

Shot Put: Sturdevant (WC), 45-6; Discus: Little (WC), 136-6; Pole Vault: White (NB), 9-6; Long Jump: Green (EB), 20-10; Triple Jump: Munn (NB), 41-4; High Jump: Washington (EB), 6-0; 3,200-Meter Relay: West Columbus, 9:30; 110-Meter High Hurdles: Washington (EB), 15.9; 100 Meters: Williams (WC), 11.5; 800 Meters: Sturdevant (WC), 2:18; 1,600 Meters: Holden

(NB), 5:14; 400-Meter Relay: North Brunswick, 46.2; 400 Meters: Smith (WC), 53.9; 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles: Washington (EB), 42.7; 200 Meters: English (WC), 24.03; 1,600-Meter Relay: West Columbus, 4:01; 800-Meter Relay: North Brunswick, 1:36; 3,200 Meters: Holden (NB), 11:21.

Girls' Results

Shot Put: Osborne (WC), 29-9; Discus: Floyd (WC), 94-3; Long Jump: Robbins (NB), 15-1; Triple Jump: Floyd (WC), 30-7; High Jump: Moore (NB), 4-8; 100-Meter High Hurdles: Robbins (NB), 17.5; 100 Meters: Moore (NB), 13.02; 800 Meters: McClellan (WC), 3:08; 1,600 Meters: McKella (WC), 6:51; 400-Meter Relay: North Brunswick, 55.0; 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles: Robbins (NB), 51.0; 200 Meters: Moore (NB), 28.0.

Scorpions Sweep Past South Brunswick, West Columbus

North Brunswick remained in second place in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference baseball race last week with a sweep of South Brunswick and West Columbus in league play.

The Scorpions (7-2, 7-6) edged host South Brunswick 9-8 Friday after taking an 11-2 romp over West Columbus on Tuesday.

North continues league play Friday hosting first-place Whiteville. The Scorpions also entertain West Brunswick Tuesday. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

South Brunswick

The hitting of Duane Perkins and Corey Harrison powered the Scorpions to their second win of the season over South Brunswick.

Harrison had two doubles while Perkins two hits including a double.

Jeron Monroe went 2-for-3 with three stolen bases to lead the Cougars (4-5, 7-8).

North erupted for all nine runs in the second inning.

David McDowell was the winning pitcher throwing the first three innings before getting relief help from Darius Vernon and Chris Walker.

Line-Score

N. Brunswick	090	000	0—9-9-5
S. Brunswick	102	002	3—8-6-2

West Columbus

The Scorpions rode the pitching and hitting of a pair of juniors, Chris McBride and McDowell, to their 11-2 romp of visiting West Columbus.

McBride hurled a two-hitter and struck out 14 while getting the win. Sophomore Steve Price provided relief help in the late innings.

McDowell was equally effective at the plate with three hits including a three-run homer.

Walker added to North's 13-hit attack with a pair of doubles and Perkins had two hits including a home run. Harrison and Vernon also had two hits each.

North held a 4-2 lead after three innings before blowing the game open with a six-run fourth. The Scorpions added their final run in the sixth.

West Columbus scored both its runs in the second inning.

Line-Score

W. Columbus	020	000	0—2-2-2
N. Brunswick	112	601	X—11-13-1

Lady Scorp Nip West Columbus, Rip S. Brunswick

The North Brunswick Lady Scorpions remained unbeaten in Waccamaw 2-A Conference softball play last week and atop the league standings with a pair of wins over South Brunswick and West Columbus.

North ripped visiting South Brunswick 17-1 last Friday but the Lady Scorp were pushed to the limit in grabbing a 20-18 high-scoring win over host West Columbus.

North Brunswick, now 9-0 in the WC and 10-1 overall, continues league play Friday visiting Whiteville while traveling to West Brunswick Tuesday. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

South Brunswick

Lakita Robinson's four-hit effort along with seven RBIs powered the Lady Scorpions' romp last Friday.

Tabitha King also had three hits and three RBIs and Lolita Hill had three hits and two RBIs for North.

West Columbus

The Lady Scorpions staged the rally of the season in last Tuesday's 20-18 edging of West Columbus. North overcame an 11-run deficit in the early innings to get the win.

Dawn Sholar led the Lady Scorpions with four hits and four RBIs.

West Columbus (2-6, 2-6) opened a 15-4 lead in the third inning before North rallied to get the win.

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