



PRE-SEASON INSTRUCTION—West Brunswick assistant coach David Arrowood gives instruction to Aaron Butler during opening-week football drills last week. The Trojans travel to Loris, S.C. Saturday for their first pre-season scrimmage. Game time is 7 p.m.



LINE DRILLS—Among Trojan offensive linemen doing agility drills last week were Wayne Gore (62), Bobby Lovett (50) and Charles Thorpe (53). After two weeks of practice, the Trojans travel to Loris, S.C. for the first of two pre-season scrimmages Saturday at 7 p.m.

Trojan Gridders Gear For Scrimmage After Opening Week

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The West Brunswick Trojans opened two-a-day drills Monday after completing the first week of high school football pre-season practice spent primarily on physical conditioning.

Prior to opening the season August 24 at North Myrtle Beach, S.C., the Trojans will visit Loris, S.C. and Tabor City in a pair of pre-season scrimmages.

Despite the usual August heat during last week's opening drills, Trojan head coach Marshall Seay was pleased with what he saw, especially from the defensive players.

"Our big people on defense have been so impressive with their desire and hustle," said Seay. "Players the size of Alton Johnson (258-pound senior), Bobby Lovett (236, junior), George Daniels (272, junior), Tony Caison (272, junior) and Jamie Galloway (235, senior) really have to endure a lot when it's so hot. They have all come through the first week looking good."

Johnson, Daniels and Caison are returning starters to the defensive line while Galloway is a returning letterman. Lovett is a super-looking junior, according to Seay, who is up from the junior varsity.

Perhaps the Trojans' biggest problem is a chore every prep football coaching staff would love to have—selecting a quarterback from a field of three top candidates.

Brian Fleming (sophomore), Jeff Latino (senior) and Brian Alderson (sophomore) are all battling for the starting spot. Latino, who also starts at linebacker, is the only one of the trio with game experience after having backed up three-year starter Raymond Howard during the 1987-89 seasons.

"It's a good problem to have that many quality players for the same position," added Seay. "We'll have to wait and see what happens between now and our season opener."

And the quarterbacking position is not the only area where a host of Trojans are battling for the starting nod. For the first time in Seay's five years at West, the defensive secondary will have as many as nine players vying for two positions.

Aldwin Lance returns to anchor the secondary at cornerback but the rest of the defensive backfield spots are up for grabs.

"We've never had the luxury of having more people for the secondary than we needed. We hope to thin the numbers down to six players who will be ready to play in that area," said Seay.

A pair of returning starters at defensive end—Aaron Butler and Lonnie Mitchell, both sophomores—are being pushed for playing time by Jerry Reaves (6-foot-3, 170, junior).

A newcomer will join veterans Daniel Russ, Fleming and Latino at linebacker this fall. Jay Faircloth, a freshman from last year's undefeated junior high team, will see lots of playing time according to Seay.

And Faircloth hasn't been the only member of a host of young players that have looked impressive in the first week of practice.

"We've had nine freshmen who have been practicing since the first day. They don't have to report to practice for two weeks but are already out. This group will probably make up the nucleus of our junior varsity team. We expect to field 30 on the JV squad which will also be coached by the varsity staff this fall," said Seay.

Providing good offensive leadership thus far have been returning starters Timmy Clemmons and Charles Thorpe. Both are looked to anchor the offensive line according to Seay.

"In all, we're looking toward

more of an overall solid program this year than last season. We're hoping to get back into the spirit of 1988," said Seay in reference to the Trojans' Waccamaw 2-A Conference championship season.

"We probably have the toughest nonconference schedule in the league. We open against North Myrtle Beach, S.C. (August 24), and they won their last five games of the season last year. We face Southwest Onslow, a traditional 1-A power, in our home opener (August 31) and travel to Saint Pauls (Sep. 7)."

"Our win over Saint Pauls last season was probably our most underrated nonconference win in my five years here," said Seay.

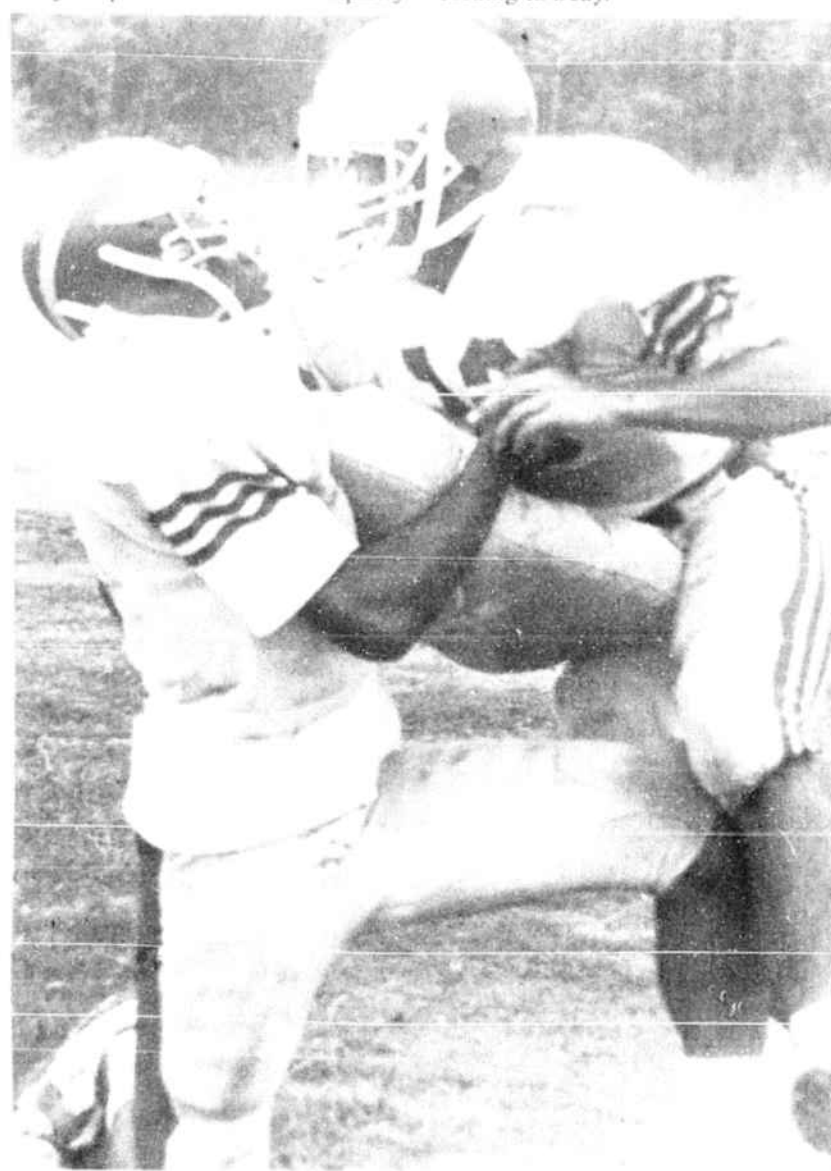
Both Southwest Onslow and Saint Pauls advanced well into the 1-A state playoffs last year and Seay expects both to be equally

strong this fall.

And the Waccamaw Conference race looks to be another difficult battle according to Seay with four league members opening the season with new head coaches.

"South Robeson has a lot of good athletes returning and East Bladen (defending league champions) had a very good junior varsity team last year. Whiteville still looks to be the 'beast of the east' and South Brunswick will have a lot of speed. Both Fairmont and West Columbus have improved coaching staffs while North Brunswick is sort of a question mark at this point."

Junior varsity football practice will begin Monday, August 13, at 7 p.m. Practice will last until 8:30 p.m. All players should have a physical exam prior to practice, according to Seay.



HEAD TO HEAD—Linebackers Jerry Reaves (left) and Jeff Latino go head to head during West Brunswick pre-season football drills last week. The Trojans open the season Friday, August 24, at North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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	7:00-9:00	Survivors	Mixed Seniors	4	(CLOSED)	9/17/90
	7:30-9:30	Dixie Men	Men	5	8/20/90	8/27/90
	8:00-10:00	Mud Madness	Mixed	4	8/27/90	9/10/90
	9:00-11:00	Mixed Trio	Mixed	3	8/20/90	8/20/90
Tuesday	6:00-8:00	Ball League	Mixed	—	8/21/90	8/21/90
	7:00-9:00	Carolina Shores	Mixed	4	(CLOSED)	9/11/90
	8:00-10:00	LCH Lifesavers	Ladies	5	8/21/90	8/21/90
	9:00-11:00	Town Criers	Mixed	5	8/28/90	8/28/90
Wednesday	9:30-11:30	Early Risers	Ladies	3	9/4/90	9/4/90
	1:00-3:00	Windjammer	Mixed	4	(CLOSED)	8/24/90
	6:00-8:00	State of Confusion	Mixed	4	8/29/90	8/29/90
	8:45-10:45	Wed. Nite Classic	Men	4	8/22/90	8/22/90
Thursday	9:30-11:30	Coffee/Donut Lg.	Mixed	—	8/23/90	8/23/90
	6:00-8:00	Wholly Bowlers	Mixed	5	(CLOSED)	8/23/90
	8:00-10:00	Mama's Nite Out	Ladies	5	8/23/90	8/23/90
	9:15-11:15	Tee Time	Men	—	8/23/90	8/23/90
Friday	10:00-11:30	Friday Follies	Mixed Seniors	4	8/24/90	8/24/90
	6:00-8:00	TGIF	Mixed	4	8/24/90	8/24/90
	8:00-10:00	Mamas & Papas	Mixed	4	8/24/90	8/24/90
Saturday	9:30-11:30	Superstars	Youth	—	9/08/90	9/15/90
	6:00-8:00	Sat. Nite Mixed	Mixed	4	8/25/90	8/25/90
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