

SPORTING SCENE

Fourth Prep Grid Jamboree Scheduled In Wilmington

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South Brunswick will be among six area grid teams participating in the fourth annual United Carolina Bank High School Football Jamboree scheduled for Friday, August 17, at Wilmington's Legion Stadium.

The Cougars, under the leadership of new head coach Bill Hewett, the former Whiteville veteran mentor, are in hopes of improving upon last year's 5-5 finish.

South will face Midwestern 4-A Conference member New Hanover in the first of three scrimmages scheduled. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m., with a punting and field goal kicking contest.

In other play following the South-New Hanover matchup, Hoggard will meet Whiteville and Lancy will face Wallace-Rose Hill.

Teams will play for the equivalent of one half (two quarters).

In addition to the scrimmages, six Jamboree scholarships will also be awarded, one per school. The scholarships are valued at \$500 each and funded from the first \$3,000 of gate receipts.

Last year approximately 3,500 fans attended. Admission this year is \$3 per person.

Jamborees such as the one in Wilmington are super events for both players, coaches and fans. No where can prep football fans see as many teams in one evening and at one place as they can at a jamboree. Coaches get to evaluate players while also scouting possible future opponents while also picking up ideas for the season. And the players not only "get their feet wet" for the coming season but also get to see other teams play as well.

Last year West Brunswick participated in the Myrtle Beach—Sun Jews Jamboree—a showcase event played in the heart of one of South Carolina's prep football hotbeds.

It's just a shame the Trojans weren't invited back this year to the south-of-the-border event. It could be sour grapes from the South Carolina contingent after the 2-A Trojans (the only North Carolina team participating) went on to shutout a big 3-A Socastee team 7-0 in front of the home fans.

Mintz Looking Good For Dodgers

Former North Brunswick and Mount Olive College baseball star Stephen Mintz is doing it all for the Los Angeles Dodgers' Northwest Rookie League team in Yakima, Washington.

Mintz is playing both catcher and pitcher and excelling both on the mound and at the plate.

When pitching, Mintz relies on a 91 mile-per-hour fastball and a slider. At the plate, Mintz is hitting at a .308 pace including a 3-for-4 effort last week in one game as a designated hitter.

Used primarily as a shore reliever, Mintz has a 1-1 record with a 5.59 earned run average and 12 strikeouts in 9.2 innings.

Former South Brunswick catching star Wynn Beck is hitting at a .275 clip with the Madison, Wisconsin, Athletics. Beck has played in 80 games and belted six home runs and 41 RBIs. Madison is a member of the Midwest League and a Class A team with the Oakland Athletics organization.



Some Tricks Of The Trade

Cameron Kinlaw, left, and Cain Bellamy, both of Shallotte, practice their bike-riding skills last week in the parking lot of a Shallotte shopping center. With such tricks that they are capable of performing, they prove there's more than one way to ride a bike. However, it might not be advisable for everybody to attempt such bike tricks!

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Hang Gliding Trip, Other Recreation Offered

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is offering a weekend hang gliding trip to Kitty Hawk Aug. 24-26.

Certified flying instructors will provide lessons for beginners and people who have hang glided before and want to do it again.

The trip is open to anyone over 21 years of age. Space is limited and a \$55 deposit must be paid by Aug. 10.

For more information, call Emma McGraw at the parks and recreation office at 253-4357 or 1800-222-4790.

Beach Day Set

Volleyball, sand castle building and live music will be offered at the

Summer Fun Beach Day Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Long Beach Cabana.

Registration for volleyball begins at 11:30 a.m. and each team must have at least six players. *Tornado*, a rhythm and blues band from Greensboro, will provide entertainment.

The beach day is sponsored by the Brunswick County and Long Beach parks and recreation departments. For information, call 253-4357 or 278-5518.

Canoe Trip Planned

A canoe trip down Town Creek and Rice Creek has been scheduled Sunday, Aug. 19, by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Each person must provide their

own canoe. For information, call Emma McGraw at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Safety Program Set

The Long Beach Police and Recreation departments will sponsor a Public Safety and Citizen Awareness program Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Long Beach Recreation Center.

For more information, call the Police Department at 278-5595 or the Recreation Department at 278-5518.

Trips Are Announced

A white-water rafting trip to West Virginia is among the Adventure Bound trips that will be offered through the Brunswick County

Parks and Recreation Department this fall.

The rafting trip is for experienced people and is scheduled Sept. 23-26.

Other Adventure Bound programs planned for this fall include a horseback-riding trip to Burkemount Mountain Oct. 12-14, a rock-climbing and rappelling trip for beginners to Pisgah National Forest Nov. 2-4 and a skiing weekend at Appalachian Ski Resort Dec. 7-9.

The programs are open to anyone 21 years old or older. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited.

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This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Final Round of the NCNB/Sea Trail Pro-Am Golf Tournament, Sea Trail Golf Links

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

West Brunswick at Loris, S.C., pre-season prep football scrimmage, 7 p.m.

Fayetteville Pine Forest at South Brunswick, pre-season prep football scrimmage, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

West Brunswick Junior Varsity Football Practice, beginning at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

West Brunswick at Tabor City, pre-season prep football scrimmage, 7 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.

Brunswick County Bows From Dixie Boys' Tourney

The Brunswick County all-stars suffered their second loss in as many games last Tuesday while being eliminated from the North Carolina Dixie Boys' Baseball Tournament at Sylva.

Eventual state champion Columbus County defeated Brunswick County 17-6 in the five-inning contest. Demetrius Bell was the losing pitcher for the local squad.

Brunswick took a 4-2 lead in the first inning but Columbus scored six

times in the second for an 8-4 advantage.

Columbus County went on to score in every inning including another big six-run effort in the fifth.

Brunswick County, guilty of seven errors, was also outit by Columbus 11-8.

Columbus County went on to blank Dallas 10-0 last Wednesday to win the state title. The winner will advance to the Dixie Boys' World Series in Eufavla, Alabama, beginning Aug. 11.

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