

Trojans Near 300th Cage Victory As Season Begins

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West Brunswick's 300th boys' basketball victory could possibly come before the Christmas holidays next month as the Trojans prepare for the opening of the school's 19th cage season.

The Trojans tip off the new prep season Friday hosting Wallace-Rose Hill of the East Central 2-A Conference. West Brunswick will play eight games prior to the holiday break including nonconference contests against the Bulldogs, Southern Wayne, Nakina and Williams Township.

Provided West Brunswick wins its first seven games of the schedule, victory number 300 would come against Williams Township on Dec. 18 when the Trojans visit the Aggies.

The Trojans have compiled a 293-141 record in 18 seasons including last year's 16-9 Waccamaw 2-A Conference co-championship campaign. Coach Billy Mims, the fourth basketball mentor in school history, is in hopes he has just enough senior savvy on the roster to blend with a host of underclassmen to enable the Trojans to go well beyond victory number 300 this year.

Last year's squad produced the Trojans' first conference title since the 1984-85 season when West captured a share of the Three Rivers 3-A Conference championship. And last season's 16 wins was the most since the 1983-84 campaign when the Trojans went 18-6 and won the TRC title outright.

The 1989-90 record-setting year also snapped back-to-back losing seasons after the Trojans struggled to a 6-16 finish in 1988-89 in Mims' first campaign and a 4-17 showing in 1987-88.

The 18 previous seasons of Trojan basketball feature some five 20-win seasons and a 1974-75 state 3-A championship among the most notable feats.

The Trojans reeled off 13 straight winning seasons in the school's first years beginning in 1972 before suffering their first losing campaign in 1985-86 with a 7-16 finish.

This year's Waccamaw Conference boys' race appears to be the most competitive yet with no fewer than five of the league's eight teams having legitimate title hopes.

One of the most improved teams could be Fairmont. The Golden Tornadoes return their entire starting five from a team that advanced to the finals of the league tournament before losing to eventual winner East Bladen.

After finishing fifth in the regular season standings with a 6-8 loop record, Fairmont defeated Whiteville and West Brunswick before giving East Bladen a scare in the tourney title game.

Whiteville should also be much improved this season after last year's disappointing 14-10 finish. Last season marked the first time in five years the Wolfpack failed to win 20 games and head coach Glenn McKoy has three returning starters in Carlos Baldwin, a 6-foot-3 center who averaged 23.5 points per game last year, Derrick Randall, a 6-foot guard who averaged 10.5 ppg, and Gerald Hemingway, a 6-5 forward who also averaged 10.5 ppg.

East Bladen will again be among the top teams to beat despite losing three starters from last year's 19-6 season. Starting guard Ricardo Melvin returns to lead the Cougars in defense of their WC crown.

Both West and South Brunswick will be among the top teams despite several key losses from a year ago. Both have just enough veteran players to blend with a host of new faces to key the Trojans' and Cougars' title chances.

South Brunswick recorded the best record in school basketball history last year at 20-8 that included advancing to the Eastern 2-A Sectional III tournament finals.

Robeson County will provide the teams to beat in the girls division as Fairmont and South Robeson finished one-two last year in the regular season.

Fairmont lost only one WC game a year ago enroute to a 17-2 overall record.

Five of the eight WC girls' teams finished with winning overall records last year—South Robeson (15-5), Whiteville (15-7), East Bladen (12-8) and West Brunswick (11-10) and Fairmont.

West Brunswick, like the Fairmont boys' squad, returns its entire starting lineup from a year ago and should be among the top teams battling for the league title.

Seven County Gridders Named To All-Waccamaw Conference Team

Seven players from West, South and North Brunswick received All-Waccamaw 2-A Conference football honors last week following a vote of league coaches.

Both West and South Brunswick named three players each to the elite list while North Brunswick added one selection.

Timmy Clemmons, a 5-foot-7, 192-pound offensive guard/defensive tackle; Daniel Russ, a 6-3, 190-pound junior linebacker/tight end; and Aldwin Lance, a 5-7, 162-pound junior running back/defensive back and county player of the year, were selected from West Brunswick (4-3, 6-4).

Terry Tolley, a 6-foot, 175-pound senior linebacker; Todd Vice, a 6-1, 175-pound junior quarterback; and Gregg Williams, a 6-3, 180-pound senior split end, were named from South Brunswick (4-3, 6-5).

Gregg Waddell, a 155-pound senior end/

punter, was the lone selection from North Brunswick (0-7, 0-10).

County players receiving honorable mention included Jeff Letino and Charles Thorpe of West Brunswick; Mike Cole and Keith Burke of South Brunswick; and James Walker of North Brunswick.

League co-champions South Robeson and Whiteville led in the balloting with six selections each, followed by third-place East Bladen with four, South and West Brunswick, Fairmont (two), West Columbus (one) and North Brunswick.

Tracy Jacobs, Chris Watson, William Odum, Martin Oxendine and Thomas Rowdey were named from South Robeson (6-1, 8-3).

Selected from Whiteville (6-1, 9-3) were Carlos Baldwin, Michael Milligan, Aziz Carroll, Dennis Smith and Rachon Shirden.

Ricardo Melvin, Les Hill, John Lewis and

Monte Davis were named from East Bladen (5-2, 8-4).

Rounding out the All-WC team were Taft Stephens and Jamie Bartley of Fairmont (2-5, 3-7) and Terry Williams of West Columbus (1-6, 3-7).

South Robeson's Bill Scherest and Whiteville's Brian Aldridge shared Waccamaw 2-A Conference Coach of the Year honors after guiding their respective teams to a share of the league championship. *****

Other honorable mentions went to Willie Davis, Jeff Thompson, Robert Hunt, Eric McCallum and Tony Ragmon of South Robeson; Laron Cogdell, Derrick Randall, Chris Smith, Beau Ramey and Vance Harritan of Whiteville; Tim Cain, Tyrone Matthis, Kenneth Brown and Gary Rhoda of East Bladen; and Reggie Bromell of West Columbus.

4 County Girls Pick Up All-Waccamaw Conference Volleyball Honors

West Brunswick's Perry Culpepper and Meg Small, South Brunswick's Tosha Sellers and North Brunswick's April Gance were all named to the All-Waccamaw 2-A Conference volleyball team last week following a vote of league coaches.

Culpepper, a senior and Small, a junior, helped lead the Lady Trojans to a 6-6 conference record and 8-13 overall record and a berth in the state playoffs for the first time in

nearly 10 years.

Gance was one of only two girls named to the All-WC team for the second straight year. West Columbus' Jana Bowen was the other two-time selection.

North Brunswick finished seventh in the WC with a 3-9 league record and 6-11 overall mark while South Brunswick finished in the conference cellar with both 0-12 loop and overall records.

League champion Whiteville (12-0, 16-7) led in the balloting with three selections—Beverly McCray, Tammy Hinson and Kristi Gilbert. Second-place East Bladen (10-2, 12-7) placed two on the squad in Kim Lewis and Renetta Leach.

Rounding out the 12-girl team were Shalonda Townsend and Jennifer Renfrow from Fairmont (6-6, 6-6) and Bowen of West Columbus (5-7, 5-11).

County girls receiving honorable mention included Monique King of West Brunswick, Tabitha King of North Brunswick and Tracey Coates of South Brunswick.

Other honorable mentions went to Rasheemah Hemingway, Shannon Register and Rachel Russ of Whiteville; Kelly Green and Beverly Taylor of East Bladen; and Tiffany Barber and Erika Bthea of Fairmont.

This Week In Brunswick Sports

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- Wallace-Rose Hill at West Brunswick; JV, boys' and girls' varsity basketball, 5 p.m.
- Topsail at South Brunswick; JV, boys' and girls' varsity basketball, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Acme-Delco; JV, boys' and girls' varsity basketball, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

- Southern Wayne at West Brunswick; JV, boys' and girls' varsity basketball, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- Brunswick County Co-Ed Volleyball League at Shallotte Middle School
- Brunswick Community College vs. Richard Jones Construction, 7 p.m.
- Larry's Bar vs. Tar Heels, 7:45 p.m.
- Gene's Body Shop vs. Roberto's Pizza, 8:30 p.m.
- Milliken's vs. Beach Bums, 9:15 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.

Tar Heels, Milliken's, Beach Bums Unbeaten In Volleyball

The Beach Bums, Tar Heels and Milliken's all remained unbeaten in Brunswick County adult co-ed volleyball league play last Tuesday.

The Tar Heels swept past Roberto's Pizza 15-5, 15-5, while the Beach Bums defeated Brunswick Community College 15-4, 15-10 and Milliken's downed Larry's Bar 15-4, 15-5. All three winners currently lead the eight-team league with identical 2-0 records.

In the only other match played last week, Gene's Body Shop defeated Richard Jones Construction 15-13, 15-13.

League play continues Tuesday at the Shallotte Middle School gym

with four matches scheduled—Brunswick Community College vs. Jones Construction, 7 p.m.; Larry's Bar vs. Tar Heels, 7:45 p.m.; Gene's Body Shop vs. Roberto's, 8:30 p.m.; and Milliken's vs. Beach Bums, 9:15 p.m.

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| Beach Bums | 2 | 0 |
| Milliken's | 2 | 0 |
| Tar Heels | 2 | 0 |
| Gene's Body Shop | 1 | 1 |
| Roberto's Pizza | 1 | 1 |
| Brunswick C. College | 0 | 2 |
| Larry's Bar | 0 | 2 |
| R. Jones Construction | 0 | 2 |

Former Cougar Receives Grid Honors At College

Former South Brunswick standout and Wingate College senior Nick DiFoggio was named last week to the All-South Atlantic Conference football second-team as a defensive back.

The 6-foot, 160-pounder from Yaupon Beach helped the Bulldogs (6-4) to their first winning season in five years of football since the sport began at the NAIA Division I school in 1985.

DiFoggio was a two-way starter for South Brunswick as a senior in 1986 playing both quarterback and defensive back. The Cougars went on that season to win the Waccamaw 2-A Conference championship, the school's first and only league football title.

South Brunswick also advanced

to the state playoffs in 1986 for the first time in school history.

DiFoggio was joined by two other teammates on the All-SAC first team (offensive lineman Jerry Ratchford and defensive lineman Stan Blair) and two others on the second team, offensive lineman Frank Manns and linebacker Shawn Brown. *****

Heath Hewett, the former Whiteville all-state quarterback and son of South Brunswick head coach Bill Hewett, received All-SAC second-team honors as well.

Hewett, a 6-foot, 185-pound sophomore, quarterbacked the Elon College Fighting Christians this fall after spending two years as a Clemson University reserve.

County Wrestlers Place In Buccaneer Tourney

Three Brunswick County wrestlers were among the top winners in the Buccaneer Classic Wrestling Tournament junior division in Wilmington last weekend.

Roddie Jones won the 108-pound weight class while Blake Hobbs was second in the 150-pound class.

David Tan finished third in the 126-pound division.

The Buccaneer Wrestling Club was the overall winner of the tournament, taking 11 of the 13 events.

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High Bowling Scores Tallied

Top scores for the week of Nov. 12 have been announced by Little River Lanes at Little River, S.C.

They are as follows:
Vamps: Johnny Johnson, 521; Randy Tankersley, 519.

Wednesday Nite Classic: Johnny Johnson, 233, 222, 628; Howard Hudson, 235, 548; Martin Nelson, 547; Lee Frink, 528; Lindsay Walton, 523; Ken Deuker, 544; Eugene McKelvey, 515; Jimmy Pierce, 557; John Howsare, 557; Steve Smith, 648; Frank Marvaso, 519; Milton Williams, 518; Robbie Robinson, 533; Buddy Stone, 539; Randy Vee-reen, 523; Donald Erickson, 557; Mark Shriner, 579.

Early Risers: Grace Mahony, no score given.

Tee Time: Eddie Carroll, 222, 612; Paul Fulford, 504; Theron Johnson, 570; Joe Stanley, 256, 593.
Town Criers: Alan Freeman, 501; Dwight Barlow, 545; Joyce Freeman, 525; Doug Mehne, 508; Ken Freeman, 542.

Carolina Shore: Bob Krivos, 210, 501; Al Smith, 292; Robert Kilgore, 209, 520; Al Decker, 216; Tom Kennedy, 502; Ernie Koepfel, 517; Kathleen Deming, 532.

Coffee/Donut: Randy Vereen, 502.

Monday Madness: Bruce Anderson, 220, 531; Gene Weldon, 533; Tom Griffin, 222, 568; Joey Vereen, 533; Ernest Schubeck, 528; Art Vella, 586; Lori Mintz, 504; Joseph Livingston, 505; Tim Goggin, 502; Gordon Leroy, 548; Buddy Stone, 581; David Williams, 558; Gloria Adams, 505; Teresa Morton, 554.

Dixie Men: Mal Evans, 225, 598; Bill Zerfass, 541; Mark Evans, 514; Ken McNutt, 567; Larry King, 555; Bill Seybert, 550; Doug Spicer, 579; Johnny Johnson, 630; Rupert Bellamy, 526; Dick Guarino, 500; Ed Molter, 503; Frank Marvaso, 561; Wilbert Batten, 557; Joe Taitano, 557.

Survivors: Ralph Minor, 224, 536; Bob Correll, 504; Dick Loester, 527; Chuck Dugan, 543; Harvey Schield, 234, 591; Bill Elson, 505; Gene McKelvey, 569.

River Rollers: Mary Sheraff, 513.

Mama's Nite Out: Jeanette Sabiston, 502.

Wholly Bowlers: Eddie Rowell, 226, 600; Arty Karlson, 541; Joe Spautz, 505; George Gallitz, 222, 624; Robert King, 531; Darrell Peters, 517; Cecil Suggs, 511; Brenda Bostian, 509; Bob Peterson, 503; Bob Davis, 536; Robbie Robinson, 525; George Gallitz, 624; Mary Sheraff, 506.

TGIF: Gary Haas, 223; Jimmy Sharp, 547.

Mama's and Papa's: Dick Anzelone, 225, 560; Fred Baer, 511; Helen Nelson, 507; Charles Faron, 519.

Superstars: Junior/Major—Jeremy Hayes, 169, 433; Jeff Ballou, 163, 422; Jacob Doster, 168, 171, 486; Robert Siau, 198, 181, 493; Tammy Adams, 180, 163, 471; Amanda Stone, 406; Ross McGillicuddy, 170; Richard Saunders, 152; Derek Frink, 407; Bantam/Prep—Brian Livingston, 137, 380; and Bumper—Kitt Gore, 88.

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