

TOP AGGIES, INDIANS

Trojans Roll To 4th Straight Win

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick remained unbeaten after four games of the prep basketball season last week with a pair of wins over Southern 1-A Conference opponents Williams Township and Nakina.

The Trojans ripped visiting Williams 68-51 last Thursday after taking a 69-47 decision from host Nakina on Tuesday.

West Brunswick (4-0) continues nonconference play Friday hosting Nakina in a return matchup. The Trojans also visit Williams Township on Tuesday and complete their pre-Christmas schedule Wednesday by traveling to Wallace-Rose Hill.

Williams Township

Ricky Daniels scored a season-high 31 points and collected 12 rebounds to lead the Trojans to their fourth straight win to open the season. The results left West with its best season start since the 1980-81 campaign when the Trojans won their first 11 of the year.

The Trojans jumped on the Aggies early taking a 10-point, first-quarter lead before opening a 19-point halftime margin. West continued to pull away in the third quarter and Trojan coach Billy Mims inserted his reserves for the final period.

"We were able to play all 11 players tonight which was good," said Mims. "It was a total team effort. We have more guys making good passes and giving up a shot for a possibly easier shot elsewhere on the court this season than ever before."

Rounding out the top Trojan scorers were point guards Shawn Bowers with nine points and Jerome Marlowe, eight.

Daniels helped West break from a 7-7 tie in the game's first four minutes by scoring eight points on a 10-0 Trojan run for a 17-7 lead with a minute to play in the period.

The Trojans then outscored the Aggies 8-2 to start the second quarter for a 28-12 lead with 4:31 to play in the half. Williams Township

managed just two points in the final two minutes of the half while West extended its lead to 39-20 at the break.

Williams could never get closer than 14 points to the Trojans in the

third quarter.

West outscored the Aggies 14-4 in the final 3:21 of the third quarter to extend its lead to a commanding 58-36.

LaPerry Hill and Lonnie Mitchell led Trojan reserves in the final period scoring four points each.

Carl Wright led Williams (2-2) with 15 points followed by Brandon Simmons with seven.

Score By Quarters

Williams Township 10 10 16 15—51

West Brunswick 20 19 19 10—68

Williams Township scoring: Griffin 5, B. Simmons 7, Stewart 5, Carmichael 2, S. Simmons 6, McPherson 6, Rabon 1, Benton 4, Wright 15.

West Brunswick scoring: Bowers 9, Johnson 3, Marlowe 8, Lance 3, Hill 4, Mitchell 4, Hughes 3, Reeves 4, Daniels 30.

Nakina

A pair of West Brunswick offensive spears in the second and third quarters helped propel the Trojans to their 69-47 win over Nakina last Tuesday.

Daniels poured in 23 points and Bowers added 10 to lead the Trojans.

Julick Brooks led Nakina with 15 points followed by Nehemiah Barrett with 14.

West took a 10-7 lead in the first quarter before outscoring the Indians 19-9 in the second period for a 29-16 halftime advantage.

Another 19-point effort in the third period enabled the Trojans to widen their margin to 48-28 at the end of the quarter and West went on to outscore Nakina 21-19 in the final eight minutes.

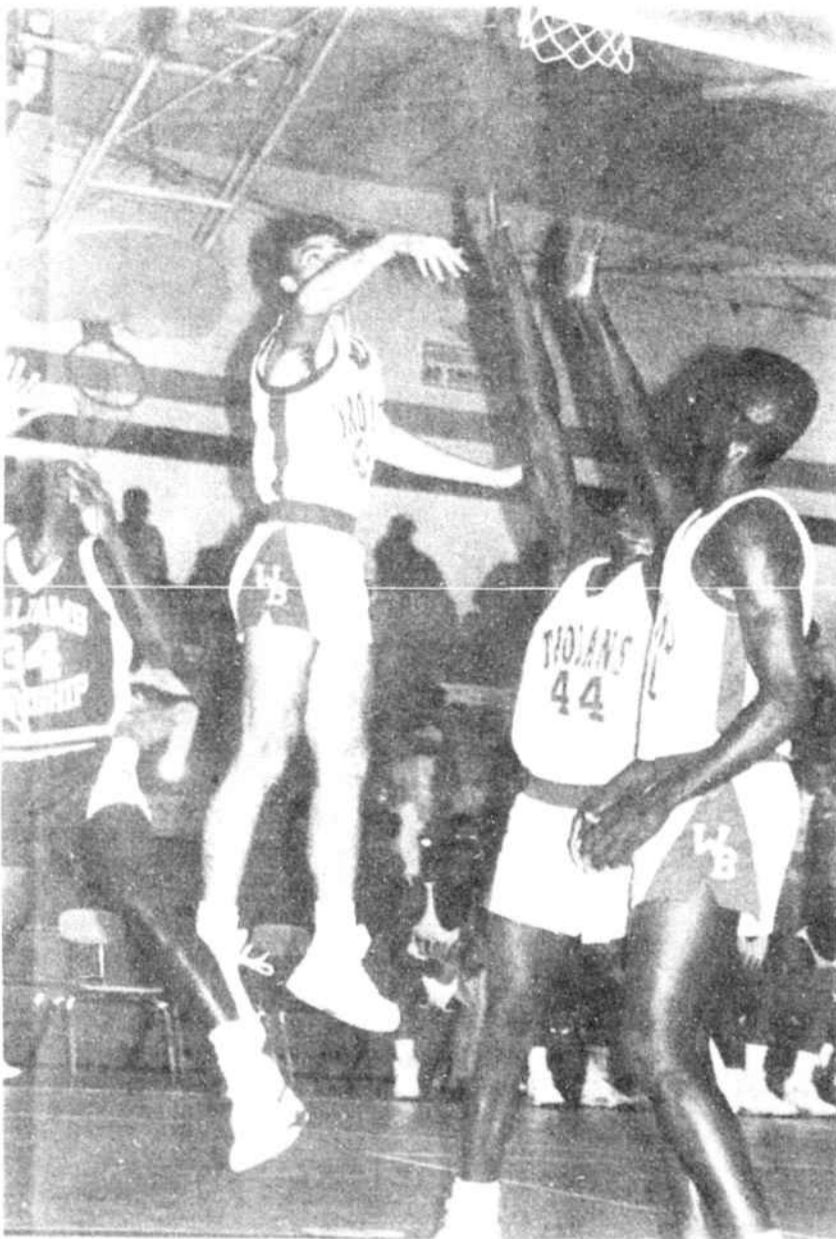
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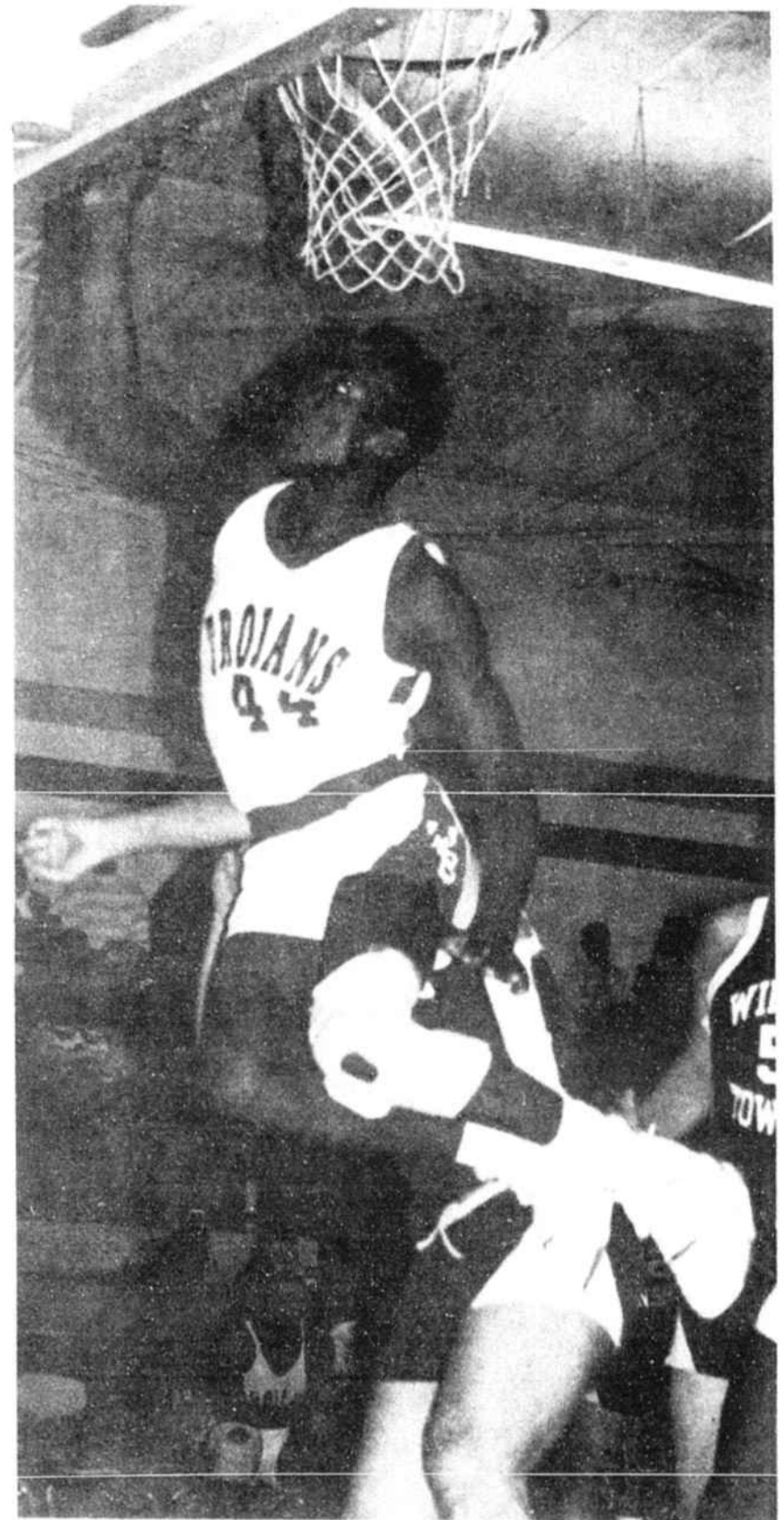
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West Brunswick scoring: Bowers 10, Johnson 2, Marlowe 2, Grissett 7, Lance 9, Hill 5, Mitchell 2, Reeves 7, Daniels 23, Clarida 2.

Nakina scoring: Ravenall 6, McClellion 7, Barrett 14, Brooks 15, Register 3, Osborne 2.



BASKET SURROUNDED—West Brunswick's Patrick Hughes (in air), Jerry Reeves (44) and Ricky Daniels (right) have the basket surrounded during the Trojans' 68-51 win over Williams Township last Thursday. On the play for the Aggies is Jo Jo Carmichael (34).



REEVES LAYUP—Jerry Reeves (44) scores on a layup in West Brunswick's 68-51 romp over Williams Township last Thursday. Reeves scored seven points in the win, the Trojans' fourth straight to open the season.

SPORTING SCENE

Trojans Enjoying Best Cage Start In Decade

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The West Brunswick Trojans are off and running to their best basketball start in 10 years after winning their first four games of the season.

Not since the 1980-81 campaign when the Trojans opened the season with 11 straight wins has a West Brunswick cage team enjoyed so much success so early.

And the West boys' team isn't the only school squad enjoying such a successful beginning.

The Lady Trojans are also 4-0 after the first two weeks of the season—their best start of a cage season in at least a dozen years.

Among the Trojan early-season victims are East Central 2-A Conference opponent Wallace-Rose Hill, Williams Township and Nakina of the Southern 1-A Conference and Mideastern 4-A Conference foe Southern Wayne.

Both unbeaten marks were to have received severe tests earlier this week (Tuesday) with a return matchup at Southern Wayne.

The Saints boast of one of the top underclassman players in America in 6-foot-9 Charles Kornegay. Just a junior, Kornegay scored 26 points in Southern Wayne's 65-64 loss to the Trojans two weeks ago.

However, it was West Brunswick's Ricky Daniels who sparked the Trojan win over the Saints with a slam dunk and a block of a Kornegay layup in the final minute.

Daniels leads West in scoring averaging 23.5 points per game after four contests. The 6-6 senior is the only Trojan averaging in double figures.

Daniels has scored 20-plus points in each contest including a season-high 30 in last Thursday's 68-51 win over Williams Township.

Junior forward Jerry Reeves is averaging 8.8 points per contest followed by junior point guard Shawn Bowers (8.5) and Aldwin Lance (6). Bowers scored 16 points against both Wallace-Rose Hill and Nakina. Coach Billy Mims has awarded the two at the starting position during the first four games of the season.

Sophomore forward Lonnie Mitchell is scoring at a 5.3 point-per-game clip.

The Lady Trojans have two players averaging double-figure scores in Rebecca Buffkin (15.3) and Christy King (13). Buffkin scored a season-high 22 in West's 63-56 win over Nakina.

Cynthia Williams is right behind the pair scoring at an 8.3 point-per-game average after a season-high 12 against Nakina. Forward Pam Detrie is averaging 6.8 points per contest.

Looking back to that 1980-81 season, the Trojans had quite a start in breezing through their first 11 games without a loss.

West opened the year defeating Acme-Delco and followed with victories over North Myrtle Beach, S.C. and South Brunswick. The Trojans then downed North Brunswick in back-to-back contests and closed out their pre-Christmas schedule with their second wins over Acme-Delco and South Brunswick for a perfect 7-0 record.

West opened play in its own Trojan Holiday Invitational Tournament with its third win over North Brunswick in the four-team event. The Trojans managed a narrow, two-point win over Loris, S.C. in the tourney finals.

West resumed regular-season play when school resumed after the holidays and the Trojans picked up right where they left off.

The Trojans took their second wins of the season over both South Brunswick and North Myrtle Beach to run their unblemished mark to 11-0.

However, West dropped a 69-67 loss to West Columbus in mid-January in the teams' Three Rivers 3-A Conference opener and the Trojans went on to finish the campaign at 16-6.

Hurray For Tar Heel Preps

Garner's Brad Stevens kicked a 37-yard field goal to give North Carolina a 10-7 win over South Carolina in the 54th annual Shrine Bowl prep football game last Saturday in Charlotte.

The game helped raise over \$2.71 million this

year for the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled and Burned Children.

The Tar Heel win also cut South Carolina's lead in the series to 29-21-4.

Championship Weekend Ends Grid Season

North Carolina's win in the Shrine Bowl came despite eight Tar Heel teams playing for state championships over the weekend in Chapel Hill.

East Central Conference champion Clinton won the 2-A state title Saturday afternoon with a 14-6 edging of Thomasville. The win capped a perfect 15-0 season for the Dark Horses and were one of three eastern N.C. teams claiming state championships.

Two other state title streaks remained intact over the weekend including the other championship contest played Saturday.

Richmond County nipped West Forsyth 9-7 in the 4-A title contest for its third straight state championship. The Raiders (14-1) scored the game-winning touchdown as time expired on a deflected pass.

Richmond's recent domination of the 4-A ranks rivals that of Greensboro Page in the mid 1980's and Wilson Fike of the late 1960's. Both teams won three consecutive 4-A titles during their respective glory years.

Swain County (13-2) also won its third straight 1-A championship Friday with a 40-14 romp over Roanoke.

Roanoke had advanced to the title game after a come-from-behind win over nearby Tabor City in the eastern finals two weeks ago.

Burlington Cummings (15-0) won the 3-A championship with a 32-26 triumph over Statesville on Friday.

Cummings quarterback Donnie Davis set a national prep single-season passing record in the contest. His 304-yard effort against Statesville gave him 4,456 yards this season to pass Mission, Texas quarterback Lupe Rodriguez's 1987 mark of 4,179 yards.



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