

**SPORTING SCENE**

**County Interscholastic Athletics Given Good Marks By State**

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Interscholastic athletics in the Brunswick County schools were commended last week following an early-January inspection by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

All three high schools as well as all four middle schools that offer interscholastic athletics were included in the inspection.

"I was favorably impressed with the Brunswick County schools staff and administration," said Timothy Brayboy, a consultant for athletics for the department. "They are to be commended for providing a safe, comfortable and attractive environment in which students may pursue an educational experience. I also commend them for providing students with the opportunity for mental, physical and social growth through participation in the academic curriculum and in extracurricular activities, including a program of interscholastic athletics."

At least a half-dozen areas of the county schools athletics were praised by Brayboy including the programs' compliance with Title IX which mandates equal opportunity for both boys and girls.

"We were especially pleased with our Title IX performance," said Nelson Best, athletic director for the Brunswick County Schools. "This is a regulation that was passed by the congress in 1975 which requires equal opportunity for everyone and no segregation among the sexes. This regulation includes such things as athletics as well as all other opportunities for men and women. We began compliance with physical education when it was first passed and it has since spread from there."

Brayboy also complimented the schools on clean, well-maintained and adequate athletic facilities.

"The school principals are providing excellent supervision of the schools' athletic staff and programs and there is guidance from the central administrative office giving outstanding assistance to these programs," added Brayboy.

The sports medicine program provided for students participating in athletics was also praised.

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Among the top recommendations to county schools were construction of a field house at each high school and a continued effort to broaden the athletic programs at the middle schools for both boys and girls.

"During the last three years we have added volleyball and just last year soccer and softball to our middle schools' athletic programs," said Best. "I don't see any more immediate expansion but possibly the addition of track and field in the next two to three years."

"Track would be a good addition to the middle schools because it carries over into so many other sports."

South Brunswick Middle School has already shown interest in beginning a track program according to Best.

Construction of an athletic field house at all three county high schools is of major importance to Best.

"I feel that a field house should have always been of major importance to the high schools for athletic growth. It takes such a load off the gymnasiums and keeps the gym floors from being abused."

"I know field houses are an expensive item but we still need to plan ahead. When the economy improves, we need to be prepared and continue to improve our athletic facilities. All three high schools are interested but it just depends upon the funding," said Best.

Other recommendations from Brayboy included maintaining a compliance with Title IX and availability of qualified athletic trainers.

"The schools need to continue a self-evaluation of the programs for compliance with Title IX and scrutinize the teaching staffs for persons to serve as head coaches," added Brayboy.

Brayboy made a special recommendation for the need of a teacher/athletic trainer at North Brunswick High School.

"This hiring should be given a top priority," he said. Best stated that North is already making plans to hire a teacher/athletic trainer.

"North principal James McAdams has already mentioned that the first teacher vacancy at the school will be hopefully be used to fill this need," said Best. "Four courses are required by the state to serve as a trainer including those in basic first aid, CPR and advanced athletic training."

Brayboy also recommended that all high school principals regularly review the guidelines and requirements of a teacher/athletic trainer and make sure the person serving in the role follows State Board of Education policy.

**Waccamaw 2-A Conference Basketball Standings as of Monday, Jan. 28**

Boys			Girls		
Team	Conf.	Overall	Team	Conf.	Overall
South Brunswick	6-0	12-3	Fairmont	6-0	11-1
West Brunswick	6-1	14-2	West Brunswick	6-1	13-2
Fairmont	7-2	15-2	West Columbus	4-2	10-4
Whiteville	4-3	11-4	Whiteville	4-3	10-6
East Bladen	3-4	6-6	South Brunswick	3-3	7-8
West Columbus	1-5	6-7	South Robeson	1-4	3-7
South Robeson	1-5	5-11	East Bladen	1-5	2-9
North Brunswick	1-7	5-10	North Brunswick	0-6	1-12

**Calvary Tops Camp Methodist; Leads Church Cage League**

Calvary Baptist maintained its lead in the Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League last Monday with a 55-50 win over Camp Methodist.

In other loop games played at Shallotte Middle School last week, Shallotte Presbyterian defeated Shallotte First Baptist 44-36 and Zion Baptist edged Longwood Baptist 48-39.

Church league play continues Monday with three more games set for the Shallotte Middle School

gym—Calvary vs. Zion Baptist at 6:30 p.m., First Baptist vs. Camp Methodist at 7:45 p.m. and Longwood vs. Shallotte Presbyterian at 9 p.m.

**Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League Standings as of Friday, Jan. 25**

Team	W	L
Calvary Baptist	6	1
Shallotte Presbyterian	5	2
Zion Baptist	4	3
Longwood Baptist	2	5
Shallotte First Baptist	2	5
Camp Methodist	2	5

**Turntables Rip Warriors; Remain Unbeaten In Men's League Play**

Melvin Johnson scored 30 points to lead the Turntables past the Warriors 92-69 last Wednesday to remain undefeated in Brunswick County Men's Basketball League play.

The Turntables improved to 9-0 with the win while the Warriors, led by Roger Vaught's 17, dropped to 3-7.

The second-place Young Guns improved to 7-2 with a 104-89 win over the Lakers. Chris Johnson scored 20 points to lead the Guns while Leo Smith led the Lakers with 25.

In other league action last week, Igloo Freeze won its first game of the season with an 88-74 decision against the Sonics. Chris Hoover pumped in 37 points to lead the Freeze and Gilbert Green's 16 was tops for the Sonics.

Also, the Warriors handed the Lakers their second loss of the week

on Thursday, 82-68. Tony Graham scored 21 points to lead the Warriors and Leon Smith led the Lakers with 23.

League play continues tonight (Thursday) with two games scheduled—Warriors vs. Young Guns at 7:30 p.m. and Sonics vs. Turntables at 8:45 p.m.

Two more contests are set for next Wednesday with the Rockets meeting the Warriors at 7 p.m. and the Turntables battling the Young Guns at 8:15 p.m.

**Brunswick County Men's Basketball League Standings as of Tuesday, Jan. 29**

Team	W	L
Turntables	9	0
Young Guns	7	2
Rockets	5	4
Lakers	4	6
Sonics	3	5
Warriors	3	7
Igloo Freeze	1	8

**This Week In Brunswick Sports**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31**

□ Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School  
Warriors vs. Young Guns, 7:30 p.m.  
Sonics vs. Turntables, 8:45 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

□ West Brunswick at Fairmont; JV, girls' and boys' basketball, 5 p.m.  
□ West Columbus at North Brunswick; JV, girls' and boys' basketball, 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

□ Brunswick County Prep Wrestling Tournament Championship at South Brunswick, 10 a.m.  
□ Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League at Shallotte, Leland and South Brunswick Middle Schools; ages 8 and under, 9-11 a.m.; ages 9-13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

□ Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School  
Calvary Baptist vs. Zion Baptist, 6:30 p.m.  
Shallotte First Baptist vs. Camp Methodist, 7:45 p.m.  
Longwood Baptist vs. Shallotte Presbyterian, 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

□ West Brunswick at South Robeson; JV, girls' and boys' basketball, 5 p.m.  
□ South Brunswick at North Brunswick; JV, girls' and boys' basketball, 5 p.m.  
□ Myrtle Beach, S.C. at West Brunswick, wrestling, 7 p.m.  
□ 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.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

□ Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School  
Rockets vs. Warriors, 7 p.m.  
Turntables vs. Young Guns, 8:15 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.

**South Brunswick Cougars Take Pair From Whiteville**

South Brunswick swept a Waccamaw 2-A Conference basketball doubleheader from host Whiteville last Tuesday, winning the boys' game 56-55 while also claiming the girls' contest 43-33.

The league win was the first of two last week for the Cougar boys who also edged West Brunswick 74-63 on Friday.

Greg Williams led the way for the Cougars with 17 points while Derrick Randall paced Whiteville (4-3, 11-4) with 19 points including 17 in the second half.

South Brunswick trailed 12-8 in the first quarter before using a 14-point second period to take a 22-20 halftime lead.

Preston McGriff, the Cougars' junior center, scored nine of his 17 points in the third period to lead South but it wasn't enough as Whiteville retook the lead, 41-39 at the end of the quarter.

The Cougars (6-0, 12-3) opened a 52-44 lead with five minutes left in the contest but a furious 11-0 Whiteville rally enabled the Wolfpack to claim a 55-52 edge just 2:30 later. Randall led the Whiteville run with five points and Gerald Hemingway scored three of his 12 points during the spurt as well.

Cougar guard Josh White sank a pair of free throws with 1:23 remaining to cut the Whiteville lead to 55-54.

McGriff scored the winning points on a short jumper with 43

seconds to play on a pass from White.

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Jodi Brown scored 10 points and Allison Cumbec added nine to lead the South Brunswick girls in their 43-33 win.

Beverly McCray led Whiteville (4-3, 10-6) with 17 points.

The Lady Cougars led 22-12 at halftime but Tonja Jones' three-point goal to start the final period brought Whiteville within 28-23.

Four straight Whiteville points by Regina Garcia and Barbara Register with just over six minutes to play cut the Lady Wolfpack deficit to 30-27. However, South Brunswick (3-3, 7-8) outscored Whiteville 13-6 in the time remaining to preserve the win.

Whiteville won the junior varsity game, 63-49. Scooter More led the Cougars with 15 points.

**Boys' Results**

Score By Quarters  
South Brunswick 8 14 17 17—57  
Whiteville 12 8 21 14—56

South Brunswick scoring: White 13, Williams 17, Smith 8, Parker 4, McGriff 14.

Whiteville scoring: Harwood 6, Randall 19, Baldwin 8, Hemingway 12, Harriant 6, Smith 2, Hall 2.

**Girls Results**

South Brunswick scoring: Hankins 6, Cumbec 9, Isenburg 4, Bryant 6, Brown 10, Sellers 6, Hargrove 2.

Whiteville scoring: McCray 17, Register 4, Garcia 6, Jones 4, Miller 2.

**Fairmont, South Robeson Sweep North Brunswick**

North Brunswick went 0-for-2 in Waccamaw 2-A Conference basketball play last week with an 89-54 loss to visiting Fairmont on Friday and a 65-50 road loss to South Robeson last Tuesday.

The twin losses dropped the Scorpions to 1-7 in the WC and 5-10 overall.

Greg Waddell scored 19 points in the loss to Fairmont while Terrence Watson led the Golden Tornadoes (7-2, 15-2) with 26. Demorris Winningham added 13 points and Robert McKinnis 11 points for Fairmont.

North Brunswick fell behind early trailing 20-11 in the first quarter as Fairmont sailed to a 42-25 halftime lead.

The Golden Tornadoes continued to roll in the third period increasing their lead to 66-36 before outscoring North Brunswick 23-18 in the final quarter.

Fairmont also on the junior varsity game, 65-38.

The win for South Robeson over the Scorpions was the Mustangs first in WC play this season. South Robeson improved to 1-5 in the league and 5-11 overall.

North Brunswick continues league action Friday hosting West Columbus and hosts South Brunswick next Tuesday.

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**Score By Quarters**

Fairmont 20 22 24 23—89  
North Brunswick 11 14 11 18—54  
Fairmont scoring: Johnson 5, Watson 26, Addison 3, Winningham 13, Moore 4, Hunt 2, Taylor 5, Calvin Vaught 5, McKinnis 11, Charles Vaught 8, Grissett 6, Walker 1.

North Brunswick scoring: Baldwin 2, D. Waddell 8, Ballard 5, G. Waddell 19, Freeman 10, Toomer 4, Walker 4, O'Neal 2, Cobb 2.

**Lady Scorpions Drop Pair**

The North Brunswick Lady Scorpions remained in search of their first Waccamaw 2-A Conference basketball win after dropping a pair of league games to Fairmont, 67-43, and South Robeson, 46-33, last week.

The pair of losses dropped North Brunswick to 0-6 in the WC and 1-12 overall.

Meanwhile, league-leading Fairmont improved to 6-0 in the loop and 11-1 overall while South Robeson upped its record to 1-4 and 3-7 respectively.

The Lady Scorpions continue conference play Friday entertaining West Columbus and host South Brunswick next Tuesday.

**Dixie Youth Baseball Registration Slated**

The Bolivia Dixie Youth Baseball League will hold registration the next three Saturdays for area boys and girls interested in playing baseball or softball this year.

Registration will be held Feb. 2, 9 and 16 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Town Creek Park. Children who live in the Bolivia, Winnabow and Boiling Spring Lakes areas are eligible to play.

Children ages 5 to 7 can register for T-ball. Boys and girls ages 8 and 9 can register for minor league baseball or softball, and children ages 10 to 12 can sign up for major league baseball or softball. Youths

ages 13 and 14 can register for Dixie Boys baseball or Dixie Girls softball.

The registration fee is \$15 per child through Feb. 17 and \$20 per child after that date. All fees have to be paid before a child can play a regular-season game. Parents must bring a birth certificate to the registration if their child is playing their first year in the league.

"We are looking forward to another good year with the kids," President Burt Walls said. "We encourage all kids to come out and play ball with us. Our goal is for the kids to have a good time playing ball."

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