

White's Bomb Lifts South Brunswick Over Trojans 76-74

BY JOHNNY CRAIG
South Brunswick sophomore guard Josh White said it was the special kind of situation that Cougar coach Gene Doane makes his basketball team practice "too much."

However, White wasn't complaining last Friday after he weaved through several West Brunswick defenders to just inside half court and sank a desperation 35-foot bomb with two seconds left to give his South Brunswick Cougars a 76-74 Waccamaw 2-A Conference win over host West Brunswick.

"With five seconds remaining in the game, going the length of the court was no problem," said a drenched Doane following the contest. "We work on special situations like dribbling from foul line to foul line with the clock on with three seconds left in practice. With the extra few seconds I knew he had time to weave his way down court."

"Granted, you won't make many shots like Josh made tonight, but the area at the top of the key is where he shoots from during spot drills in practice. The game-winner came just a little ways beyond this same area," added Doane, who donned a tuxedo for the contest in praise of his team's unbeaten league season.

In addition to giving South Brunswick 14-0 WC regular-season record, the win also gave the Cougars (20-3 overall) the county cage championship and their fourth straight triumph over the Trojans.

The Cougars, now riding a 14-game winning streak, clinched the league championship earlier last week (Tuesday) with a 72-70 win over Whiteville (see story this section). As result, South Brunswick earned a first-round bye in the sectional playoffs that begin Monday and were to have been one of two boys opening-round host sites for the Waccamaw Conference tournament on Tuesday.

An estimated crowd of 2,200 packed the hot and steamy Trojan gym filling the bleachers and lining the floor from end to end.

Each team took a turn at controlling the tempo in the first half.

South Brunswick outscored the Trojans 10-2 in the final 2:31 of the opening quarter to take a 20-14 lead. Sparking the Cougar rally was White's three-point goal and a pair of layups by Preston McGriff who scored eight of his 12 points in the first half.

West Brunswick took its biggest lead of the game, 31-24, on an 11-0 spurt during a three-minute period of the second quarter.

The Trojans trailed 24-20 when Lonnie Mitchell sank two free throws to start the scoring run.

Included in the West Brunswick scoring were two Ricky Daniels slam dunks that sent the over-capacity crowd into a frenzy.

Neither team scored in the final 2:30 of the half as the Trojans claimed a 33-26 advantage.

South Brunswick quickly pulled even with the Trojans early in the second half.

Greg Williams' three-point play with 6:08 left in the third quarter got the Cougars within 35-34 and South Brunswick scored six unanswered points two minutes later, including two straight Butch Fullwood baskets, to take a 40-39 lead.

The lead changed hands six times in the final 3:33 of the period with South Brunswick taking a 50-49 advantage at the end of the quarter on a Williams jumper with four seconds left.

West Brunswick took a 57-52 lead in the first two minutes of the fourth quarter on the play of

LaPerry Hill, James Clarida and Adam Johnson. The trio scored the first eight Trojan points of the period.

South Brunswick retook the lead, 62-61, with 3:57 to play with the help of a 6-2 spurt. Williams, Fullwood and freshman Kevin Smith, who scored 15 points, including 11 in the final quarter, sparked the Cougars.

Daniels took control for the Trojans in the final 3:29 including scoring seven straight points to give West Brunswick its biggest lead of the second half, 68-62 with 3:14 to play.

South Brunswick rallied once more, outscoring the Trojans 8-2 over the next 1:10. Kevin Smith connected on a three-point goal and then scored two quick baskets in a five-second span to tie the game 70-70 with 1:37 left.

Hill's driving layup gave the Trojans a 72-70 lead with 1:25 to play and White's three-point goal

put South Brunswick ahead 73-72 with only 55 seconds remaining.

Daniels put West Brunswick on top for the final time, 74-73 with what looked to be the winning basket after rebounding a missed shot.

"Kevin Smith really killed us down the stretch," said West Brunswick coach Billy Mims. "We've got a lot of respect for Williams, White and McGriff but I honestly didn't think Smith could shoot that good."

"I thought we defended White's game-winning shot as good as we could. We had a hand in his face when he went up for the shot but it just fell in. The kids did exactly what I wanted them to do."

"Lonnie Mitchell got in foul trouble and had to sit out awhile. However, James Clarida came in and did a good job in his absence."

"We played good enough to win but just didn't get a total team effort out of some of our key players."

"South Brunswick can hurt you in a lot of different ways. They've got a lot of depth," added Mims.

Daniels led West Brunswick (11-3, 19-4) with 29 points followed by Johnson with 10 and Mitchell nine.

Williams scored 21 points to lead South Brunswick followed by Smith's 15 and White's 12. McGriff added 12 points for the Cougars.

Score By Quarters

South Brunswick 20 6 24 25—76
West Brunswick 14 19 16 25—74

South Brunswick scoring: White 14, Williams 21, K. Smith 15, Fullwood 6, Johnson 3, Parker 2, McGriff 12, M. Smith 4.

West Brunswick scoring: Bowen 2, Johnson 10, Marlowe 6, Hill 7, Mitchell 9, Daniels 29, Clarida 4.

East Bladen

Earlier last week (Tuesday), West Brunswick defeated host East Bladen 83-72 as Daniels scored 30 points and Hill 23.

Ron Davis led East Bladen (7-7, 10-10) with 19 points and Andre Grey added 16.

East Bladen took the early lead jumping out to a 26-17 advantage before the Trojans used a 25-point second period to go ahead at halftime, 42-38.

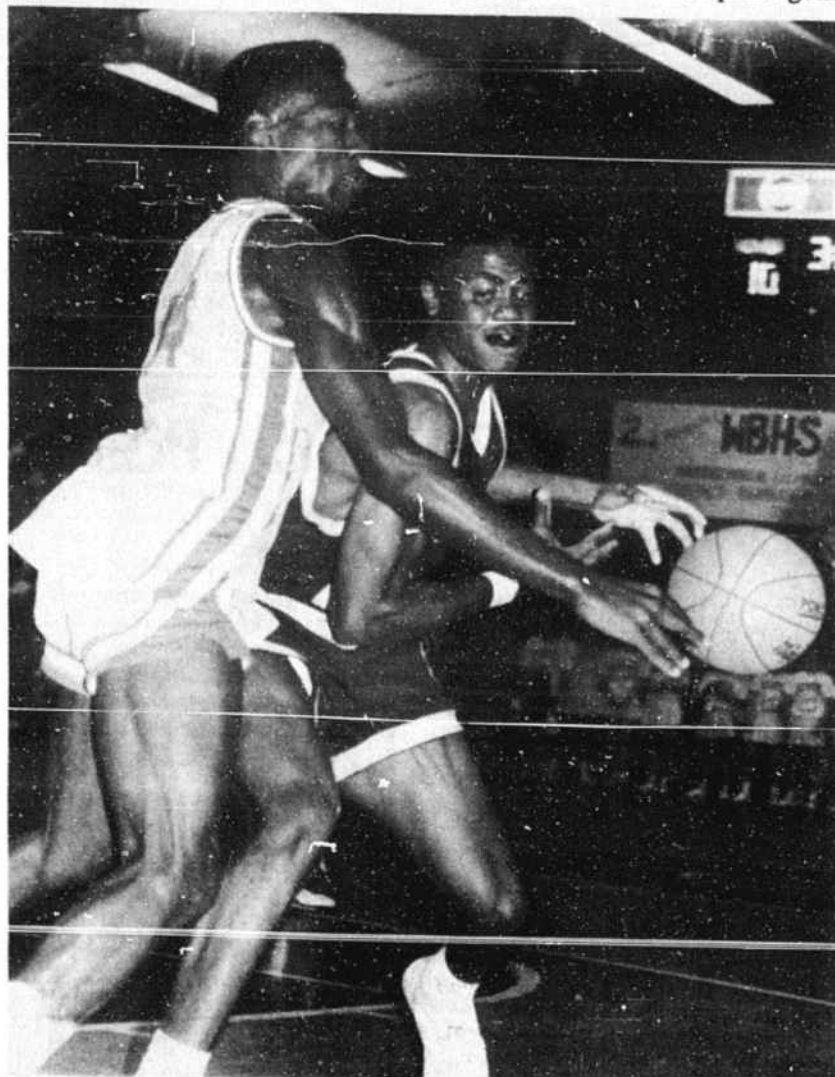
West Brunswick padded its lead in the third quarter extending its advantage to 58-51 before outscoring East Bladen 25-21 in the final period to preserve the win.

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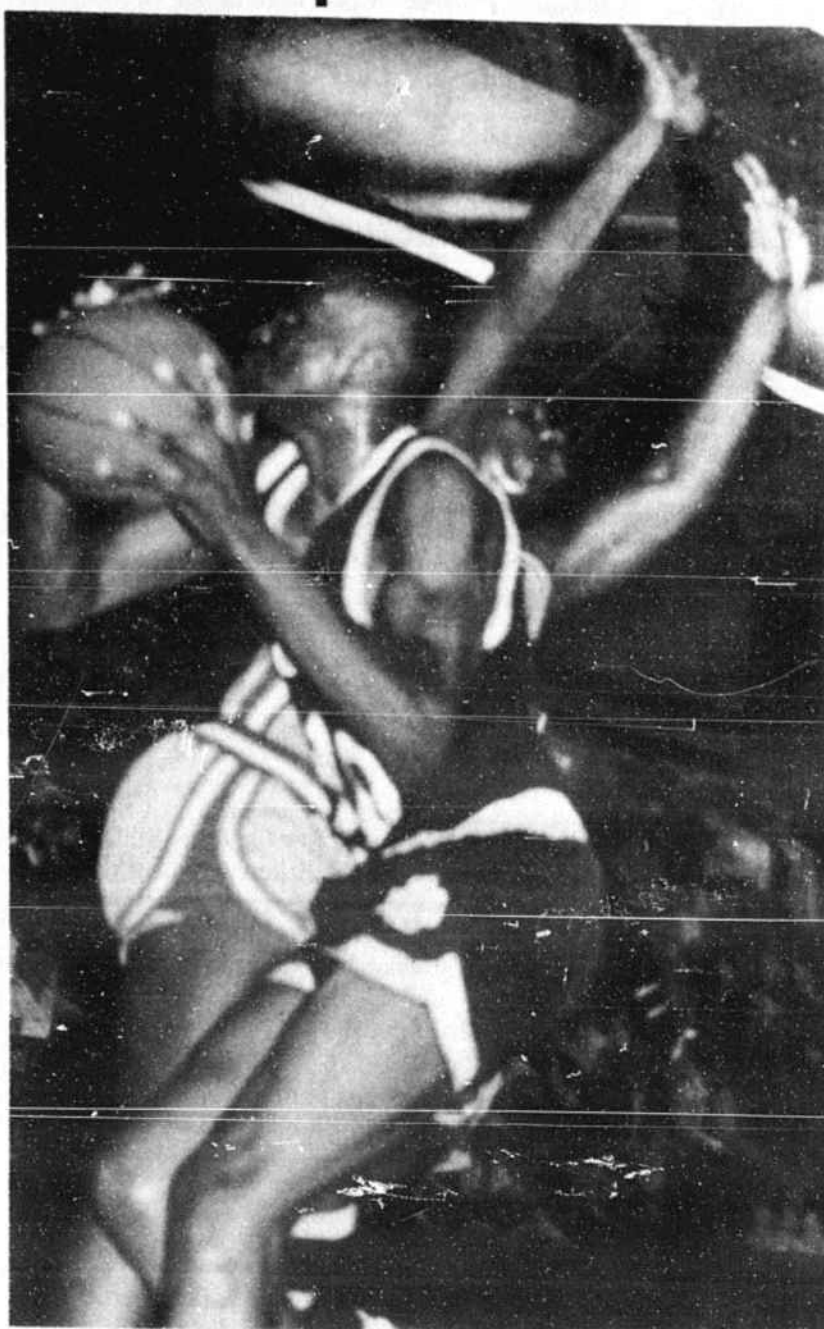
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West Brunswick scoring: Bowens 4, Johnson 2, Hill 23, Mitchell 12, Hughes 4, Reeves 8, Daniels 30.

East Bladen scoring: Rhoda 6, Powell 10, Davis 19, Hood 3, Johnson 12, Grey 16, Johnson 6.



TIGHT GAME—Last Friday's South Brunswick—West Brunswick boys' basketball game was a tight affair as the Trojans' Jerry Reeves (left) and the Cougars' Greg Williams (right) indicate. South Brunswick won the Waccamaw 2-A Conference regular-season finale over the Trojans 76-74 on Josh White's three-point bomb at the buzzer.



TO THE BASKET—South Brunswick's Carl Parker takes the ball to the basket against Shawn Bowns of West Brunswick in last Friday's big intercounty battle in the final night of the prep regular season. South Brunswick won 76-74 before a standing-room-only crowd on Josh White's 35-foot jumper at the buzzer.

Pirates Win Basketball Crown

The Shallotte Middle School boys basketball team won the county championship last week with a 65-44 win over Leland Middle School.

Timmy Daniels and Chris Mintz each scored 23 points to pace the attack for Shallotte Middle, which led by 16 points at halftime.

Eric Johnson led the Pirate defense, which tightened up in the second half to secure the win Feb. 18.

Shallotte Middle had reached the county tournament final by beating Waccamaw Elementary School Feb. 13.

Daniels scored 20 points in leading the Pirates to the 43-38 win over Waccamaw.

Mintz chipped in with 13 points, and Johnson made two key steals

late in the game for Shallotte. Wade Ashley led Waccamaw scorers with 22 points.

The Shallotte Middle Pirates were coached by Ron Champion, John Brown and Robin Butler.

Eighth graders who played in their final game for the Pirates last week were Dexter Bass, Gabe Cooper, Aaron Hankins, Tony Hewett, Cameron Kinlaw, Neil Warren, Johnson, Daniels and Mintz.

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Jimmy Pierce, with the Hi & Dry Doubles, bowled a 715 series with scores of 235, 225 and 255 to lead action at Little River Lanes at Little River, S.C., the week of Feb. 11.

In the same league, other high scores were as follows: Bob Fluegel, 556; Shiril Good, 516.

River Rollers: Marie Brown, 519.

Survivors: Fred Small, 223, 594; Bill Rudden, 529; Frank Chibi, 531; Martin Nelson, 528; Harvey Schield, 531; Bob Correll, 564; Faye Gray, 223.

Monday Madness: Art Vella, 237, 617; Gene Weldon, 523; Ricky Watts, 516; Donald Erickson, 519; Jim Card, 509; Tom Houk, 514, 223; Bruce Anderson, 515; Mike Stanley, 581; Rhonda Livingston, 590; Bill Cramer, 549; Joey Vereen, 506; Buddy Stone, 544; Charles Chestnut, 536; Bruce Mitchell, 503; Eddie Platt, 508.

Dixie Men: Larry King, 241, 247 and 680; Wash Dayton, 222, 592; Bill Seybert, 508; Ray Neat, 523; Bob Heithaus, 538; Gary O'Connell, 513; Steve Smith, 582; Frank Jurczak, 257, 614; Rupert Bellamy, 547; Johnny Johnson, 524; Bill Zerfass, 549.

Town Criers: Kelly Todd, 234; Alan Freeman, 505; Doug Mehne, 222, 563; John Barlow, 500; Joyce Freeman, 532.

Carolina Shores: Bill Miller, 200, 520; Tom Kennedy, 528; Paul Hogman, 500; Mike Stachwiak, 544.

Tee Time: Joe Stanley, 556.

Windjammer: Benny Ravida, 504.

State of Confusion: Steve Simmons, 244, 580; Ronnie Birchfield, 506; Rick Stanley, 507; William Gaitner, 531; Waddell Evans, 534; Pete Thomas, 541; David Crocker, 528; Bill Shoemaker, 564; Ray King, 625; Tammy Haynes, 514; Welton Smith, 222; Bob Hassler, 502; Harvey Schield, 502; Don Wheeler, 532; Dave Haddock, 527; Joe Raitano, 524; Ed Reed, 510; Doug Scott, 552; Joe Spautz, 553; Karen Moshoures, 517.

Wednesday Nite Classic: Jimmy Pierce, 221, 223, 632; Mike Stanley, 224, 516; Mark Shriner, 235, 244, 680; Donald Erickson, 513; Howard Hudson, 536; Tom Kennedy, 543; Bob Hassler, 510; Waddell Evans, 538; Maurice Webster, 527; Buddy Stone, 569; Bob Hassler, 229; Hope Willard, 542; Randy Vereen, 533; Bill Shoemaker, 516; Jim Roth, 533; Martin Nelson, 575; Chris Chappell, 224, 533; Waddell Evans, 222; Bill Shoemaker, 255, 224, 688; Steve Smith, 517; Martin Nelson, 508; Donald Erickson, 539; Lee Frink, 515; Buddy Stone, 531; Hope Willard, 504; Ed Scher, 532; Ray

Neat, 538; Rupert Bellamy, 259, 599; Jim Roth, 560; Johnny Johnson, 278, 637; Ken Beasley, 534; Mike Stanley, 531; Lindsey Walton, 518; Howard Hudson, 518; Randy Vereen, 510; Shelton Inman, 540; Jock Horner, 503; John Howsare, 557; Tom Kennedy, 559.

Vamps: Tony Whitaker, 523; Randy Tankersley, 527.

Wholly Bowlers: Steve Bishop, 221, 567; Howard Hudson, 512; Darrell Peters, 546; Mike Stanley, 529; Eddie Rowell, 551; Marty McDowell, 540; Joe Spautz, 536; Jim Hedrick, 501; Cecil Suggs, 527; Lois Dalglish, 532.

Mama's Nite Out: Marie Brown, 541; Betty Johnson, 510; Laura McIntyre, 514.

Baytree: Bob Aiken, 527.

TGIF: Ray Neat, 557; Ruth Gilreath, 518.

Mama's & Papa's Too: Fred Baer, 238, 515; John Hill, 500; Steve Reynolds, 555; Mike Kilpatrick, 522; Ginny Anzelone, 524.

Saturday Superstar: (Youth): Jamie Hooks, 152; Nathan Tadlock, 162, 168, 450; Josh Palmer, 174, 157, 164, 495; Jeff Ballou, 163, 202, 504; Robert Siau, 182, 441; Tammy Adams, 151, 165, 458; Britt Johnson, 159, 450; Derek Frink, 154, 418; Brian Livingston, 308; Curtis Vereen, 313; Kelvin Bellamy, 321; and Adrian Vereen, 301.

Brunswick Youth Wrestlers Advance To State Tourney

Some 35 Brunswick County wrestlers qualified for the North Carolina Youth Wrestling Tournament scheduled Saturday at Southern Pines, after finishing first or second in last weekend's Regional III tourney at South Brunswick High School.

Thirteen county grapplers qualified in both the 8-and-under and 11-12 year age divisions while nine others advanced in the 9-10 year-old group and one in the 13-14 year-old bracket.

Also advancing to the state tournament from the regional event were 32 other wrestlers from Wilmington.

Results—Ages 8-and-Under
36-40 Pounds: J. Skipper (Brunswick); 41-45 Pounds (Group A): T. Robertson (BC), Allard (Wilmington); 41-45 Pounds (Group B): B. Skipper (BC); 46-50 Pounds (Group A): Y. Edwards (W), D. Gough (W); 46-50 Pounds (Group B): P.

Bhramayana (W), B. Burckhalter (BC); 51-55 Pounds (Group A): A. Gough (W), S. Bache (W); 51-55 Pounds (Group B): A. Price (BC), J. Yermah (W); 56-60 Pounds (Group A): S. Coles (BC), B. Philpott (W), D. Mabon (W); 56-60 Pounds (Group B): A. Letourneau (BC), D. Freeman (BC); 61-65 Pounds (Group A): H. Brooks (BC); 61-65 Pounds (Group B): R. Levandoski (BC), D. Vorderburg (W); 66-70 Pounds: C. Fowler (BC), D. Daniels (W); 71-75 Pounds: B. Miller (W); Heavyweight (Group A): J. Hearn (W), N. Galdo (BC); Heavyweight (Group B): W. Kidd (W), G. Daniels (BC)

Results—Ages 9-10
46-50 Pounds: I. Knott (BC); 51-55 Pounds: J. Letourneau (BC); 56-60 Pounds: J. Wemyss (BC), H. Joyner (W), J. Manlove (BC); 61-65 Pounds: P. Powell (BC), K. Knott (BC), S. Carter (W); 66-70 Pounds: J. Philpott (W), R. Capezza (BC), J.

Horrell (BC); 71-75 Pounds: J. Odom (W), D. Seelars (W); 76-80 Pounds: M. Todd (W); 91-95 Pounds: M. Jackson (BC), M. Phelps (W), S. Marshburn (W); 111-115 Pounds: T. Wade (W)

Results—Ages 11-12

65-70 Pounds: C. Cowan (BC); 71-75 Pounds: K. Prevatte (BC); 76-80 Pounds: W. Burckhalter (BC), S. Powell (W); 81-85 Pounds: B. Hobbs (BC), J. Bullock (BC); 86-90 Pounds: B. Noble (BC); 91-95 Pounds: T. Rogers (BC), L. Stewart (BC); 96-100 Pounds: B. Bracey (BC), N. Neabon (W); 110-114 Pounds: P. Gore (BC); 116-120 Pounds: R. Johnson (W); 120-130 Pounds: T. Ennett (BC); 151-165 Pounds: A. King (BC)

Results—Ages 13-14

90-95 Pounds: C. Kennedy (BC), 96-100 Pounds: B. Nye (W); 106-100 Pounds: E. Johnson (W); 120-125 Pounds: B. Bache (W); 136-

145 Pounds: K. Scott (W); 146-155

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