# FAIRMONT OUSTS WEST IN TOURNEY SEMI-FINALS Trojans Attain First 20-Win Cage Season In 13 Years

#### BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick recorded its first 20-win season in 13 years with last Tuesday's 79-58 romp over visiting West Columbus in the opening round of the Waccamaw 2-A Conference boys' basketball tournament.

The Trojans (20-5) were ousted from the WC tourney on Thursday in an 86-82 loss to Fairmont in the semifinal round at North Brunswick.

Prior to the current campaign, West Brunswick's last 20-win season came in 1978-79 when the late Gary Taylor's final Trojan squad finished 24-4.

The Trojans were to have opened play in the Eastern 2-A Sectional IV tournament earlier this week (Tuesday) hosting the fourth-place team of the Capital Area Conference.

At press time West Brunswick coach Billy Mims indicated the Trojans' most likely opponent would be Clayton. The winner of the Tuesday contest will travel to meet the Central Tar Heel Conference runnerup tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

#### Fairmont

A quicker Fairmont team overcame late foul trouble and staved off a furious West Brunswick rally in the final period to down the Trojans for the second straight time this season, 86-82.

LaPerry Hill led the Trojans with 28 points and Ricky Daniels was held to 18 points, his second-lowest point total of the season. Jerry Reaves added 15 for West Brunswick.

DeMorris Winningham scored 24 points to lead Fairmont (20-6). Jonathan Grissett added 19 points and James Moore 18 for the Golden Tornadoes.

"We just didn't rise to the challenge tonight," said Mims following the loss. "We also just went cold shooting the ball at the wrong times also.

"We got right back in the game

early in the fourth quarter but suffered a mental lapse. Fairmont is a super-quick team and they are also such a young team."

"I stressed to our players after the game that we have had a great season but we don't want to end it on a sour note like tonight. We plan to continue our season a little while longer in the state playoffs."

After trailing by only one point, 42-41 at the half, West Brunswick fell behind by nine, 66-57 at the end of the third quarter.

The Golden Tornado lead came despite Grissett and LaMont Taylor each being charged with their fourth foul in the final three minutes of the quarter.

However, the Trojans opened the fourth period with a 6-0 spurt including four points from Hill to close the gap to 66-63.

After Fairmont increased its lead back to 76-69 with 3:35 to play, West Brunswick staged yet another rally scoring six straight points to get within 76-75 with 1:49 left.

A pair of Daniels free throws with 1:01 to play kept the Trojans within one, 78-77, but Fairmont pulled away with seven unanswered points in the next 27 seconds to ice the victory.

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The lead changed hands 11 times in a see-saw first half. The Trojans largest first-quarter lead, 10-6, came on Hill's jumper with 2:25 to play.

Grissett sank a pair of free throws with 37 seconds left to equal Fairmont's largest opening-period lead, 17-14.

West Branswick regained the lead, 21-20 with six straight points including a Hill three-point goal with 6:50 left in the first half.

Neither team led by more than three points in the remaining minutes of the first half. Winningham's jumper with five seconds left gave the Golden Tornadoes their 42-41 halftime edge.

Another Hill three-pointer and an Adam Johnson jumper with 6:45 to



HILL TAKES AIM-West Brunswick guard LaPerry Hill takes aim on the basket during the Trojans' 86-82 loss to Fairmont in the semifinals of the Waccamaw 2-A Conference basketball tournament last Thursday at North Brunswick. Hill scored 28 points to lead the Trojans. Trailing the play for Fairmont is James Moore (31).

play in the third quarter gave the Trojans their final lead of the game, 46-44.

Fairmont went on a 6-0 tear for a 50-46 advantage and kept the lead for good.

## Score By Quarters

Fairmont 17 25 24 20-86 West Brunswick 14 27 16 25-82 Fairmont scoring: Watson 9, Grissett 19, Addison 7, Winningham 24, Moore 18, Taylor 9. West Brunswick scoring: Bowens

3, Johnson 6, Grissett 5, Hill 28, Mitchell 7, Reaves 15, Daniels 18. West Columbus

West Brunswick jumped on the seventh-seeded West Columbus Vikings early and cruised to an easy 79-58 win in Tuesday's opening round of the Waccamaw Conference tournament.

Daniels scored 16 of his teamleading 28 points in the first half as the Trojans led by as many as 19 points on a half-dozen occasions. Aldwin Lance scored 12 points

and Reaves 11 to aid the Trojan cause.

Rashad Roberts led West Columbus (7-16) with 16 points and Keno Jones added 15.

West Brunswick opened a 10-0 lead in the first quarter enroute to a 12-5 advantage at the end of the period.

The Trojans then outscored West Columbus 14-2 to start the second quarter and led 41-23 at halftime.

Daniels highlighted the third quarter with a two-handed reverse slam dunk with 4:50 to play in the period that ignited the Trojan crowd and gave West Brunswick a 48-27 lead.

West Columbus managed to cut the Trojan lead to 54-39 at the end of the third quarter but West Brunswick went on a 12-2 spree midway in the final period for its biggest lead of the game, 72-47.

Score By Quarters West Columbus 5 18 16 19-58 West Brunswick 12 29 13 25-79 West Columbus scoring: Frink 7, Dawson 2, Green 2, McDonald 8, Lathany 8, Jones 15, Roberts 16.

West Brunswick scoring: Bowens 3, Marlowe 8, Grissett 4, Lance 12, Mitchell 8, Reaves 11, Daniels 28, Clarida 5.

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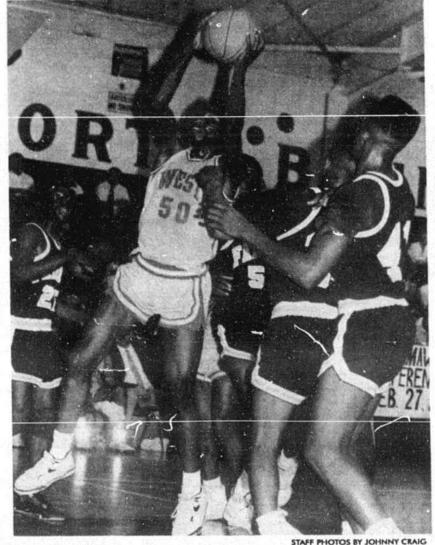
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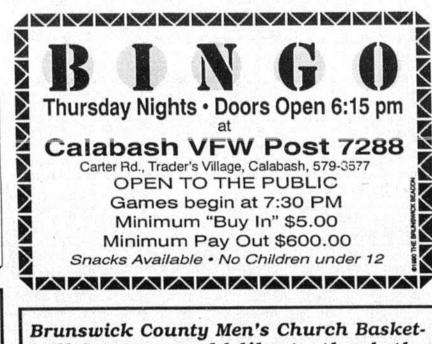
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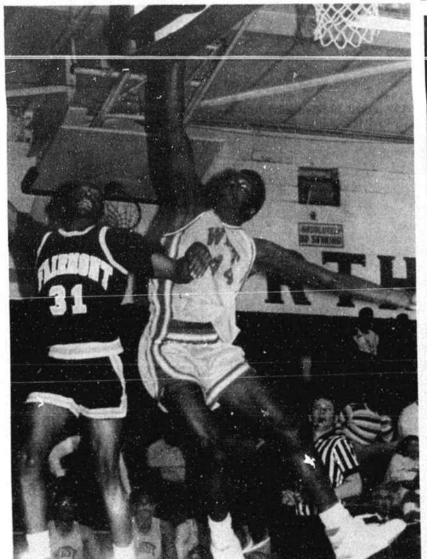
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DANIELS DRAWS CROWD-West Brunswick's Ricky Daniels (50) draws a host of four Fairmont Golden Tornadoes as he grabs a rebound in last Thursday's semifinal round game of the Waccamaw 2-A Conference Tournament. Fairmont won the contest 86-82 to advance to the tourney finals. Daniels scored 18 points in the loss. Among the Fairmont defenders are, from left, DeMorris Winningham, Johnathan Grissett and Calvin Vaught (41).







**REAVES TO THE BASKET—West Brunswick's Jerry Reaves go** up and over Fairmont's James Moore (31) for a shot in semifinal action of the Waccamaw 2-A Conference Tournament last Thursday at North Brunswick. Reaves scored 15 points to help the Trojan cause.

# McGregor To Address Students

Gilbert McGregor, broadcaster in-aid to Wake Forest where he for the Charlotte Hornets radio network and former Wake Forest University basketball player, was scheduled to address area students and several other groups in Southport this week.

McGregor was scheduled to meet with students at South Brunswick Middle School and South Bruns-wick High School this (Thursday) morning and the Southport Lions Club at noon. The appearances are sponsored by United Carolina Bank.

A native of Raeford, McGregor became an academic and athletic success at Hoke County High School. He earned an athletic grant-

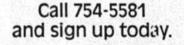
played from 1968 to 1971, according to a UCB news release.

McGregor became a sixth-round draft choice of the Cincinnati Royals in 1971. After playing in the Na-tional Basketball Association for one year, he completed his professional career in Europe.

McGregor has served as academic advisor at Wake Forest University and has worked with the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce. He served as an analyst for ESPN during the 1988 NCAA Basketball Tournament and was an analyst for the Winston-Salem State radio network.

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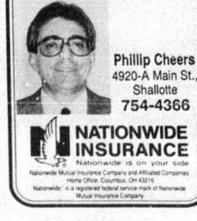




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