

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- ☐ South Brunswick at West Brunswick, JV baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at Fairmont, JV baseball, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- ☐ West Brunswick at South Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick at West Brunswick, softball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ Fairmont at North Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at Fairmont, softball, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- ☐ Over The Oaks 10-K Run and 1-Mile Walk at Southport, 7:30 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- ☐ North Brunswick, South Brunswick and Whiteville at West Brunswick, boys' and girls' track, 3:30 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at Fairmont, boys' tennis, 4 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at South Brunswick, JV baseball, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- ☐ Fairmont at West Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- ☐ North Brunswick, Fairmont and West Columbus at South Brunswick, boys' and girls' track, 3:30 p.m.
- ☐ South Robeson at West Brunswick, boys' tennis, 4 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at Dixon, baseball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ Dixon at North Brunswick, JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ Whiteville at West Brunswick, JV baseball, 5 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.

Fox Hunters Still Want Local Law

BY TERRY POPE

Brunswick County's local fox hunting law will expire July 1, but a state law will then supersede and keep the season open in December.

However, some hunters and trappers believe the state law is too restrictive.

They say it will continue to allow an abundance of foxes to breed in coastal North Carolina, bringing with it a fear of rabies and distemper.

Leland trapper Charles Eddins said he hopes Brunswick County commissioners will forward a new local fox hunting bill to State Rep. David Redwine. The bill would increase bag limits and keep separate trapping and hunting seasons opened for foxes locally.

Commissioners heard from two N.C. Wildlife Commission officers Monday on the current status of local laws on fox hunting.

At the board's April 1 meeting, Eddins asked commissioners to approve a fox hunting bill originally introduced to Redwine in 1985, a bill that never made it to a House

vote. It is the same law Bladen County now has in effect, said Eddins, who will ask commissioners for the law again May 6.

Brunswick County is one of 35 counties that currently has local fox legislation, but the county's law will expire July 1.

At the April 1 board meeting, two commissioners, Frankie Rabon and Donald Shaw, voted to approve the local bill and to forward it to Redwine. Other commissioners said they did not know enough about the laws to vote for the bill.

W. Don Augustine, a N.C. Wildlife enforcement officer, told commissioners Monday that after July 1 a state law will supersede the expired local law in Brunswick County.

The law allows open season on foxes for counties east of Interstate

77, with the exception of Mitchell County, from late November to Jan. 1, Augustine said. The season is for hunting with firearms only.

That law allows a bag limit of two foxes per day, or 10 per season, he said.

"The legislators took the fox law out of our hands several years ago," Augustine said.

Currently, the local law allows 50 permits for fox hunting and trapping in Brunswick County each season. Each permit holder can purchase up to five fox tags for \$3 each before Jan. 1 and an additional five tags afterward if they are not all sold.

The new bill would establish a fox hunting season with weapons from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1 and for trappers from Jan. 2 to Jan. 31. It would also set a season bag limit of 30 foxes.

"With the fur prices down and the trapping not there, that's the reason we have an abundance of them," Augustine said.

A bill is before the state senate that would extend fox hunting sea-

sons in the state, but it has not been adopted. The deadline for filing local bills has passed, but one still stands a chance of making it to the General Assembly if presented to Redwine in time to be substituted for a "dummy" bill, a blank bill filed for flexibility in introducing local legislation after the deadline.

Tom Padgett, a biologist for the N.C. Wildlife Commission, said evidence shows that the fox population in North Carolina is increasing.

A 1985 survey estimates one fox per square mile as a conservative figure, Padgett said. In 1986, hunters and trappers harvested 137 foxes in the state, a figure that grew to 186 foxes in 1987 and to 194 in 1988.

Over the same period, the value of fox furs dropped from \$11 to \$5.95 each, Padgett said.

Eddins said he is afraid rabies and distemper will spread to pets if the foxes are not thinned out by hunters and trappers. Presently, the tags and permits cost more than the pelts are worth, he said.



AUGUSTINE

TO WEST BRUNSWICK

Tar Heel Seniors Coming

University of North Carolina basketball seniors Pete Chilcutt, Rick Fox and King Rice will be among Tar Heel seniors playing in an exhibition game at the West Brunswick gym Saturday, April 27 beginning at 2 p.m.

The program also features an autograph session prior to the game at 1 p.m.

Tickets (\$5 each) are available from various area merchants or by calling the West Brunswick athletic department at 754-7700.

Proceeds will benefit the Trojan basketball program and assist with the costs of West Brunswick players attending summer team camp at High Point College.

FALL TO NORTH BRUNSWICK

Lady Trojans Top West Columbus

The West Brunswick Lady Trojan softball team split a pair of Waccamaw 2-A Conference games last week with a 14-9 win over West Columbus on Tuesday and a 6-5 loss to North Brunswick on Friday.

Jenny Judah hurled the win for visiting West Brunswick against the Lady Vikings while going 2-for-4 at the plate.

Lena Janeda also went 3-for-4 to power West Brunswick and Becky Buffkin had two hits in four trips to the plate.

West Brunswick broke from a 3-1 lead with an eight-run third inning and the Lady Vikings never got closer.

Clementine Martin had four hits

to lead West Columbus while Nishawn Evans had three. Karen Barnhill, Trish Hasty, Michelle Powell and losing pitcher Melissa Hardin all had two hits each for the Lady Vikes.

North Brunswick's Tanya Edge had a home run, triple and two singles to lead the host Lady Scorpions while Tabby King blasted a three-run homer.

Both West and North Brunswick continue league play Friday with a pair of 4 p.m. starts. The Lady Trojans host South Brunswick while the Lady Scorp visit Fairmont.

W. Brunswick 308 030 0—14-17-1
W. Columbus 100 050 3—9-19-6

SPORTING SCENE

The Kind Of Guys Fans Loved To Hate

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

I'll have to admit that I was somewhat saddened to read of the resignation of Notre Dame University basketball coach Digger Phelps earlier this week.

Phelps was the classic coach that college basketball fans along Tobacco Road, myself included, loved to hate. I guess that's the biggest reason he'll be missed from here.

The flamboyant, sometimes brash, coach compiled a 20-year record of 393 wins and 197 losses, but it was perhaps his 1990-91 season of 12-20 that overshadowed his past accomplishments.

Phelps led the Irish to 14 NCAA post-season tournaments and one Final Four appearance.

I'll never forget Notre Dame's 71-70 upset of UCLA in 1974 which stunned the college basketball world and snapped the Bruins' record 88-game winning streak at the same time. That win seemed to ensure Phelps employment status at Notre Dame as he went on to become the winningest Irish basketball coach ever.

I'll also never forget Phelps' remarks following a win over N.C. State in Raleigh back in the late 1970s.

The Atlantic Coast Conference was considered the best college basketball league in the nation back then just as it is now and Phelps couldn't wait to boast after grabbing a win over the Wolfpack in Reynolds Coliseum.

"Tell me another one about the ACC," chuckled Phelps with a kind of arrogant smirk on his face during a post-game television interview. The Irish had just picked up an ACC road win and Phelps was savoring the moment as only he could.

Future basketball games involving ACC teams against the Irish won't ever have that same intensity and special meaning as the way it was with Phelps roaming the sideline. Watching teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference, regardless of the school, pound the Irish on the college hardcourt was always enjoyable.

It is such rivalries that are healthy for college basketball.

With the resignation of Phelps, I was reminded of the way I felt upon hearing of the departure of Lefty Driesell from the University of Maryland back in 1986.

Driesell was another one of those coaches that most area college basketball fans loved to hate.

The fact that Lefty cherished so much defeating the likes of University of North Carolina, N.C. State, Duke and Wake Forest, made the rivalry even more intense.

Every ACC basketball fan probably has his/her own Lefty Driesell "special moment."

When the Terrapins won the ACC tournament title in the early 1980s giving Driesell the ultimate championship that had eluded him all his coaching career he responded by saying, "I'm a tired man right now but I think I'll take this tournament trophy, weld it to the hood of my Cadillac and drive it all through Tobacco Road to show it off."

His statement brought a chuckle from most North Carolina college basketball fans, even the ones who loved to dislike Driesell the most.

Driesell, who was a 1954 Duke graduate, got the last laugh on a Blue Devil student once when his Terrapan team was in Durham for a key league game.

Poking fun of Driesell's bald head, a Duke student went up to the coach prior to the game wearing a skin-head wig and asked Lefty to "autograph his head".

Driesell responded by inking a big "X" on top of the student's wig. When the student asked why Lefty put an "X" on his head, Driesell told him, "I went to Duke so I never learned how to read."

Driesell and Phelps, the kind of guys fans loved to hate, will be missed. And while Driesell is continuing his college career at James Madison, there will always be that unique legacy missing from the Maryland cage program just as it probably will be at Notre Dame now with the absence of Phelps.

Lady Trojans Fourth, West Boys Fifth In Six-Team Track Meet

The West Brunswick boys garnered 27 points for a fifth-place finish in a six-team prep track meet last Wednesday at Whiteville.

The Lady Trojans collected 47 points for a fourth-place standing.

The host Wolfpack won the boys' event with 181.5 points followed by East Duplin with 145.5, West Columbus (121), Red Springs (46), West Brunswick and Fairmont (13).

Whiteville also won the girls' meet with 102 points to edge out second-place West Columbus with 99 points. East Duplin was third with 89 points followed by West Brunswick and Fairmont (22).

Boys' Results

Shotput: Shipman (W), 41-5; Long Jump: McClain (ED), 22-3; Triple Jump: McClain (ED), 44-2; High Jump: McClain (ED), 6-8; Discus: Sheridan (W), 139-9; Pole Vault: Pickett (ED), 10-0; 3,200-Meter Relay: West Columbus, 9:07; 110-Meter High Hurdles: Ward (WC), 15:69; 100 Meters: L. Jones (W), 11.4; 800-Meter Relay: White-

ville, 1:33; 1,600 Meters: Parr (W), 4:57; 400-Meter Relay: East Duplin, 45:53; 400 Meters: K. Jones (WC), 53:96; 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles: Ward (WC), 41:87; 800 Meters: Parr (WC), 2:11; 200 Meters: L. Jones (W), 23.1; 3,200 Meters: E. Jones (ED), 11:23; 1,600-Meter Relay: Whiteville, 3:44.

Girls' Results

Shot Put: Osburne (WC), 33-10; Discus: Smith (WC); Long Jump: Graham (WC), 15-5; Triple Jump: Graham (WC), 32-5; High Jump: Campbell (W), 4-4; 110-Meter High Hurdles: Blackwell (W), 18.8; 100 Meters: Ward (WC), 13.4; 1,600 Meters: Abram (F), 6:09; 400 Meters: Gaines (W), 1:10; 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles: Blackwell (W), 57.3; 800 Meters: McKellar (WC), 2:52; 200 Meters: Ward (WC), 28.3; 3,200 Meters: Abram (F), 13:42; 3,200-Meter Relay: Whiteville; 800-Meter Relay: East Duplin, 1:56; 400-Meter Relay: East Duplin, 56.31; 1,600-Meter Relay: Whiteville, 5:03.

North Boys, South Girls Win In Waccamaw Track

North Brunswick boys and South Brunswick girls squads were winners in a three-team Waccamaw 2-A Conference track and field meet in Leland.

Maduka Ballard sparked the North Brunswick boys to 101 points winning the high jump 6-foot, 7-inch leap. South Brunswick was second with 54 points followed by East Bladen with 31.

The South Brunswick girls collected 60 points to win their meet over North Brunswick (50) and East Bladen (16).

North Brunswick continues league play Monday at 3:30 p.m. with a four-team meet at West Brunswick. Also participating will be South Brunswick and Whiteville.

Boys Results

Discus: Washington (NB), 138-10; Shotput: Johnson (SB), 45-3; Triple Jump: Flamer (NB), 40-8; Long Jump: Walker (NB), 18-6; Pole Vault: Johnson (NB), 10-6; High Jump: Ballard (NB), 6-7; 3,200-Meter Relay: North Brunswick, 9:29; 110-Meter High Hurdles: Washington (EB), 15.2; 100 Meters: Flamer (NB), 11.3; 800-Meter Relay:

North Brunswick, 1:34.7; 1,600 Meters: Holden (NB), 5:08.7; 400-Meter Relay: North Brunswick, 45.8; 400 Meters: Toomer (NB), 52.5; 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles: Washington (EB), 42.7; 800 Meters: Robinson (NB), 2:23; 200 Meters: Flamer (NB), 22.5; 3,200 Meters: Holden (NB), 11:37; 1,600-Meter Relay: North Brunswick, 3:56.

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