

Seay Resigns As West Athletic Director; Small Named Successor

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Marshall Seay's dual employment as head football coach and athletic director at West Brunswick was partially severed last week when the five-year coaching veteran resigned as Trojan athletic director.

Former West Brunswick boys' and girls' tennis coach Jerry Small was immediately named Seay's successor by school principal Ed Lemon. However, Small won't begin his official duties as Trojan AD until the beginning of the 1991-92 school year.

"The past five years have been very productive for West Brunswick. With tremendous support of our Board of Education, County Commissioners, community and students, we have made great strides towards excellence," said Seay in a letter of resignation to Lemon last Monday. "Our athletic department has come out of the cellar of the Waccamaw Conference and taken its rightful place among the contenders year in and year out."

"Our facilities are very much improved and the participation of our students in athletics has reached an all-time high. The attitudes of our athletes are very good in regards to academics, discipline and athletic improvement," Seay continued.

Seay indicated his prime reason for resigning the athletic director post will be to concentrate on the continuing improvement of the Trojan football program.

"This is a move that I have contemplated for quite some time," said Seay. "I have mixed emotions however, at the present time, I feel that it would be better for our athletic program for me to focus on football."

"Our football program is in need of much attention and my efforts will be expended on my players. Jerry Small has my full respect and support as our new athletic director."

"For the past five years I have been very involved with the upgrading of this department. For the next five

years I wish to concentrate on football," said Seay. "It is my goal to improve on our reputation of 'being tough' and to add to that 'being great,'" explained Seay.

"To take our football program to the next level will be a great challenge. It will require great planning and preparation and a determined effort to see that these things fall into place."

During Seay's five-year tenure as West Brunswick athletic director he coordinated such new facilities including those of baseball and softball parks, improved strength-training, practice fields, coaches office, locker room, two tennis courts, football stadium and track improvements and irrigation systems for all fields.

"I am very pleased with the progress that we have made in facilities over the past five years. It has been a team effort—a real community effort," Seay said.

The Spartanburg, S.C., native came to West Brunswick in May, 1986, and in his five years has be-

come the winningest Trojan football coach in school history with an overall record of 35-18. Seay led the Trojans to the 1988 Waccamaw Conference championship and two Brunswick County grid titles as well.

Seay began his first season in 1986 with only five returning players from a 2-8 team and guided the Trojans to immediate success and a vastly-improved 7-3 campaign.

West Brunswick will feature 26 returning varsity players on the 1991 team that begins play this fall. Also included will be some 25 players from the Trojan junior varsity squad and 30 from the two-year unbeaten West Brunswick junior high team.

"The 1991 team looks like that 1988 bunch," said Seay comparing the upcoming team to the most recent Trojan conference championship squad. "Our team this fall may be even better with more numbers and more size."

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- East Bladen at North Brunswick, JV baseball, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- South Robeson at West Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.
- West Brunswick at South Robeson, softball, 4 p.m.
- East Bladen at North Brunswick, softball, 4 p.m.
- North Brunswick at East Bladen, baseball, 7 p.m.
- West Columbus at South Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- Brunswick Baptist Association Men's Softball League at Supply Park
- Faith Baptist vs. Sunset Harbor Baptist, 1:40 p.m.
- Jennies Branch Baptist vs. Soldier Bay Baptist, 3:20 p.m.
- Antioch Baptist #1 vs. Antioch Baptist #2, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 6

- West Brunswick at East Bladen, boys' tennis, 4 p.m.
- West Columbus at West Brunswick, JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Whiteville, JV baseball, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- West Columbus at West Brunswick, softball, 4 p.m.
- Whiteville at North Brunswick, baseball, 7 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Whiteville, softball, 4 p.m.
- West Brunswick at West Columbus, baseball, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- South Brunswick at West Brunswick, boys' tennis, 4 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.



Bolivia Team Wins Project Fitness

Bolivia Elementary School's Project Fitness Team won the trophy for ages 9 and 10 April 17 at South Brunswick High School. Pictured (front row, from left) are Kendra Brookins, Heath Summerlin, Travis Johnson, Michael Suggs, Tammy Batson; (second row, from left) Tiffany McCoy, Rachael Irving, Parren Williams, Prince Bryant, William Jones, Marilyn Baysa, Tracy Johnson; (third row, from left) Candice Warren, Tabitha Lewis, Rufus Randolph, Mario Tooley, Nanci Totherow; and (back row, from left) Leon Williams, Gary Freeman, Byron Burst, Brenda Cole, physical education instructor Shelley Payton, Jessica Mays, Shanetta McCoy, Ashley Smith, Minnetta Randolph, Renee Wilkes and Jonathan Williams.

Adult, Youth Tennis Clinics Set For May

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will host a series of adult and youth tennis clinics beginning Monday, May 6.

Adult beginner and intermediate levels will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays (May 6, 8, 13, 15) at Shallotte Township Park and on Tuesdays and Thursdays (May 7, 9, 14, 16) at Smithville Township Park near Southport.

The adult beginner clinic will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. while the intermediate will be held from 11 a.m.—none at each site.

Children's beginner clinics will also be available at Shallotte Park beginning Saturday, May 4, from 12 noon till 1 p.m. The children's clinics will also continue on May 11, 18 and 25.

Costs for the clinics will be \$10 per person.

Pam Partington, former head tennis professional and recreation director at Brick Landing Plantation and an 18-year tennis veteran, will teach the clinics.

For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 253-4357 or 800-222-4790.

West JV Tops South Brunswick, Whiteville

The West Brunswick junior varsity baseball team swept a pair of Waccamaw 2-A Conference contests from host South Brunswick and visiting Whiteville last week.

The Trojans defeated South Brunswick 9-5 last Monday and Whiteville 5-4 on Wednesday.

Against South Brunswick, Scott Gore had a third-inning triple and Adam Abbott added two doubles to lead the Trojans (4-2, 6-2).

Gore was the winning pitcher against Whiteville and struck out 17 Wolfpack batters.

Jason Benton had the game-winning RBI.

West Brunswick hosts West Columbus on Monday at 5 p.m. in next action.

Scorpion JV Topples Dixon

North Brunswick defeated visiting Dixon 7-2 last Wednesday in nonconference junior varsity baseball action.

Winning pitcher David Brew carried a no-hitter into the final inning before Dixon spoiled the gem with a pair of hits.

North Brunswick resumes Waccamaw 2-A Conference play Monday visiting Whiteville at 5 p.m.

SOUTH GIRLS TAKE THIRD North Brunswick Boys Win League Track Meet

The North Brunswick and West Columbus boys' track teams battled to a near dead-heat in a Waccamaw 2-A Conference meet at Leland last Wednesday. The Scorpions managed to win the four-team meet with 99 points to nip second-place West Columbus with 98.5 points.

Fairmont finished third in the boys meet with 38 points ahead of South Brunswick with 36.

Fairmont won the girls' meet with 79 points to slip past West Columbus with 72. South Brunswick finished third with 45 points while North Brunswick collected 33.5.

Meter Relay: West Columbus, 9:09; 110-Meter High Hurdles: Ward (WC), 15.38; 100 Meters: Burst (SB), 11.08; 800-Meter Relay: West Columbus, 1:36.03; 400 Meters: Toomer (NB), 51.38; 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles: Ward (WC), 42.7; 800 Meters: Frank (WC), 2:17; 200 Meters: Flamer (NB), 23.5; 400-Meter Relay: North Brunswick, 45.1; 1,600 Meters: Holden (NB), 4:58.5; 3,200 Meters: Holden (NB), 10:51; 1,600-Meter Relay: West Columbus, 3:51.8.

Girls Results

High Jump: Fletcher (SB), 4-9; Triple Jump: Townsend (F), 30-6; Long Jump: Ward (WC), 15-2; Discus: Smith (WC), 97-0; Shot Put: Bellamy (SB), 33-9; 3,200-Meter Relay: Fairmont, 13:38; 100-Meter High Hurdles: Guise (SB), 17.9; 100 Meters: Graham (WC), 13.2; 800-Meter Relay: Fairmont, 2:08; 1,600-

Meters: Abrams (F), 5:56; 400-Meter Relay: North Brunswick, 54.3; 400 Meters: Renfrow (F), 1:11; 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles: Everett (WC), 55.5; 800 Meters: McKeller (WC), 2:50; 200 Meters: Graham (WC), 27.4; 3,200 Meters: Abrams (F), 13:46; 1,600-Meter Relay: Fairmont, 5:06.

Trojan Netters Rout South Robeson

West Brunswick defeated visiting South Robeson 7-2 in Waccamaw 2-A Conference boys' tennis action last Wednesday.

The Trojans, currently in second place in the latest WC standings, visit East Bladen on Monday and concluded the regular season next Wednesday hosting South Brunswick. Both matches begin at 4 p.m.

Results

Singles: Ransom (SR) def. Nelson (WB), 7-6, 6-0; Stanley (WB) def. Robinson (SR), 6-1, 6-3; Dale (WB) def. Jacobs (SR), 6-0, 6-0; Hardy (WB) def. McQueen (SR), 6-0, 6-1; Hewett (WB) def. Shipman (SR), 6-0, 6-0; Mankin (WB) def. Watson (SR), 6-0, 6-2.

Lady Cougars Edge Whiteville

South Brunswick rapped 16 hits last Thursday to edge visiting Whiteville 13-11 in Waccamaw 2-A Conference softball action.

Winning pitcher Andrea Sibbett collected a double and Stacy Isenberg went a perfect 5-for-5 including a triple. Jennifer Barfield also went 3-for-4 for the Lady Cougars.

Tonya Jones had three hits to lead Whiteville while Tammy Hinson and Rochelle Swinton both had two hits. LaShanta Godfrey blasted a grand-slam home run to spark a five-run first inning for the Lady Wolfpack.

Whiteville 502 200 4-13-13-4 S. Brunswick 131 021 3-11-16-2

West Columbus Nips Lady Scorpions

West Columbus edged past visiting North Brunswick 11-10 last Friday in Waccamaw 2-A Conference softball play. Melissa Hardin drove in the game-winning run in the seventh inning for the Lady Vikings.

Clementine Martin tied the game earlier in the same inning with a two-run, bases-loaded single with

two out.

Tanya Edge also had three hits including a double for West Columbus and Rhonda King had a triple and a double.

North Brunswick continued conference play Friday hosting East Bladen and travels to Whiteville on Tuesday. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

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