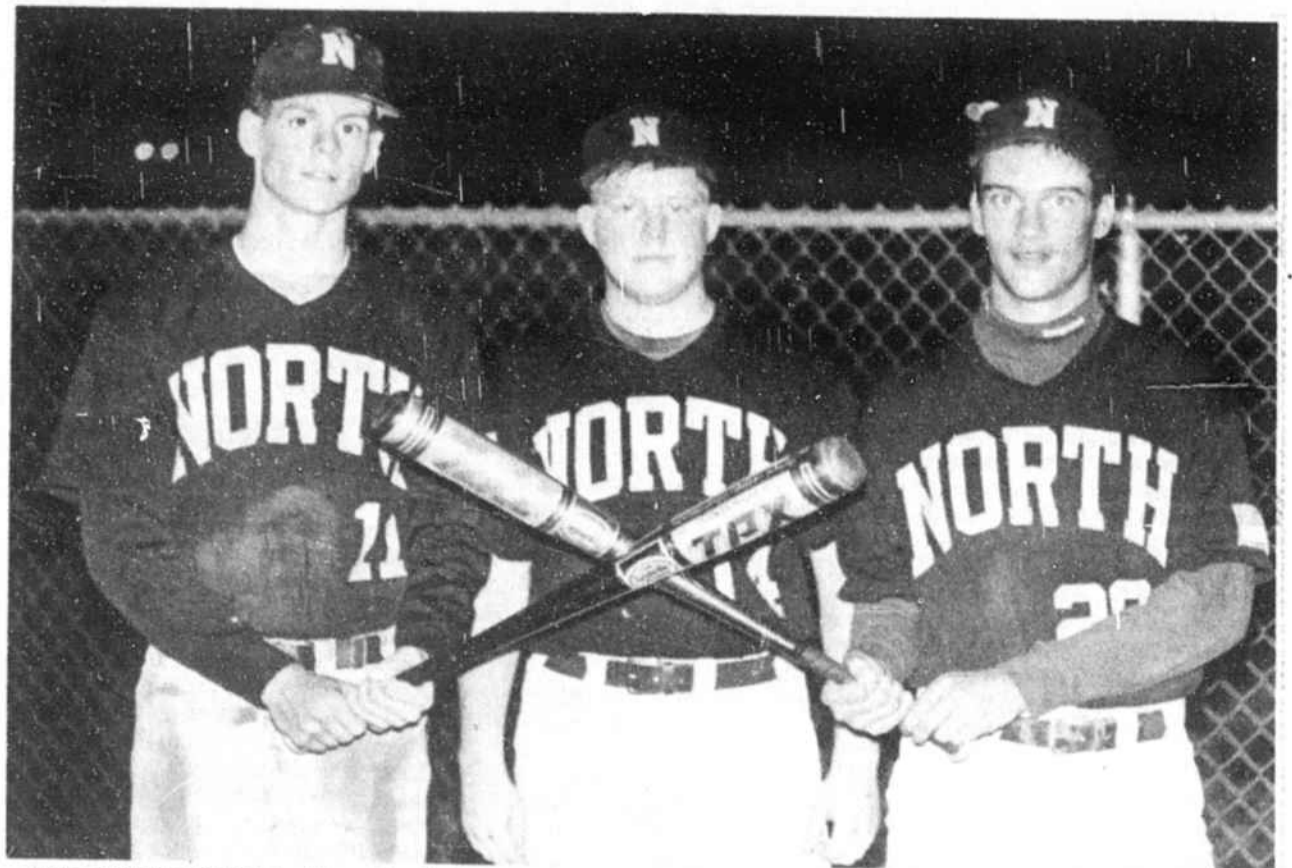




**PREGAME INSTRUCTION**—West Brunswick baseball coach Mike Alderson (center, standing) gives his team some pregame tips prior to the Trojans' Waccamaw 2-A Conference game against North Brunswick last Friday. North outlasted the Trojans 5-4 to clinch the county title and increased its grip on second place in the league. Brian Alderson (standing, left) was the losing pitcher giving up nine hits and going the distance. Seated are, from left, Ronnie Bradley, Keane Bellamy, Aaron Butler, Aldwin Lance and Adam Johnson.



**COLLEGE BOUND**—The North Brunswick baseball team sports three college-bound players this spring including, from left, Chris McBride, Chris Walker and David McDowell. McBride and McDowell (1990 Brunswick County baseball player of the year) have both signed with UNC-Wilmington while Walker recently signed with UNC-Asheville.

**SCORPS TAKE COUNTY TITLE 5-4**

# North Brunswick Snaps Trojans' Four-Game Win Streak

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick's season-high, four-game winning streak came to a halt last Friday in a 5-4 loss to North Brunswick that also clinched the Scorpions' second consecutive county prep baseball title.

After winning three straight games the week before, West Brunswick ran its unbeaten string to four in last Tuesday's 6-3 Waccamaw 2-A Conference win against West Columbus.

However, North Brunswick rode the five-hit, seven strike-out pitching performance of senior Chris Walker to its second win of the season against the Trojans. The pair of decisions over West, coupled with a sweep of South Brunswick earlier this spring, gave the Scorpions the county diamond title for a second straight season.

"We just didn't get the hits when we needed them," said West Brunswick head coach Mike Alderson of the loss to the Scorpions. "The pitchers for both teams had good nights and kept the game close the whole way. North Brunswick just got their hits at the most opportune time and that was the difference."

The North Brunswick win enabled the Scorpions (8-4, 11-9) to remain tied with East Bladen for second place while the Trojans (7-5, 10-9-1) dropped to sole possession of fourth. The top four teams of the regular season advance to the state 2-A playoffs that begin Tuesday at various sites. West Brunswick hosts South Brunswick and North Brunswick visits Fairmont in the final night of regular season play Friday.

"Our defense turned in some

great plays tonight," said North Brunswick coach Keith Moore. "This was the toughest game we have played in quite a while."

Walker echoed Moore's feelings of the battle with the Trojans.

"West Brunswick is the toughest opponent I've faced as a pitcher all season. It felt great to get the win," said Walker who earlier this month signed a grant-in-aid to play at UNC-Asheville next spring.

West Brunswick jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning sparked by Brian Alderson's double to right field, Aldwin Lance's leadoff single and a Scorpion fielding error charged to Demetrius Bell.

North Brunswick tied the game 2-2 with a pair of runs in the third.

Jared McGee, David McDowell and Chris McBride lined three straight singles off losing pitcher

Brian Alderson. Lee Miller's error at third base only added to the Trojans' problems in the inning.

West Brunswick took its final lead of the game 3-2 with a single run in the fourth inning.

Gregg Mott scored following a leadoff double to left field, took third on a wild pitch and scored on Blake Bradley's RBI-single.

The Scorpions retook the lead for good in the fifth, 4-3, with two runs on McBride's double to right that scored McGee and McDowell.

McBride was picked off at second on the same play by shortstop Scott Gore following right fielder Ronnie Bradley's throw back to Alderson.

North scored its final run in the sixth inning when Bell walked, stole second and scored on Tommy Clark's two-out, RBI-single.

The Trojans threatened in the seventh with Lance scoring on Ronnie Bradley's sacrifice fly but Walker got Bryan Fleming to ground out to second to end the game.

Alderson was the losing pitcher giving up nine hits, walking three and striking out three.

Lance, Alderson, Alton Johnson, Mott and Blake Bradley all had hits for the Trojans.

McBride went 3-for-4 and batted in two runs to lead North Brunswick.

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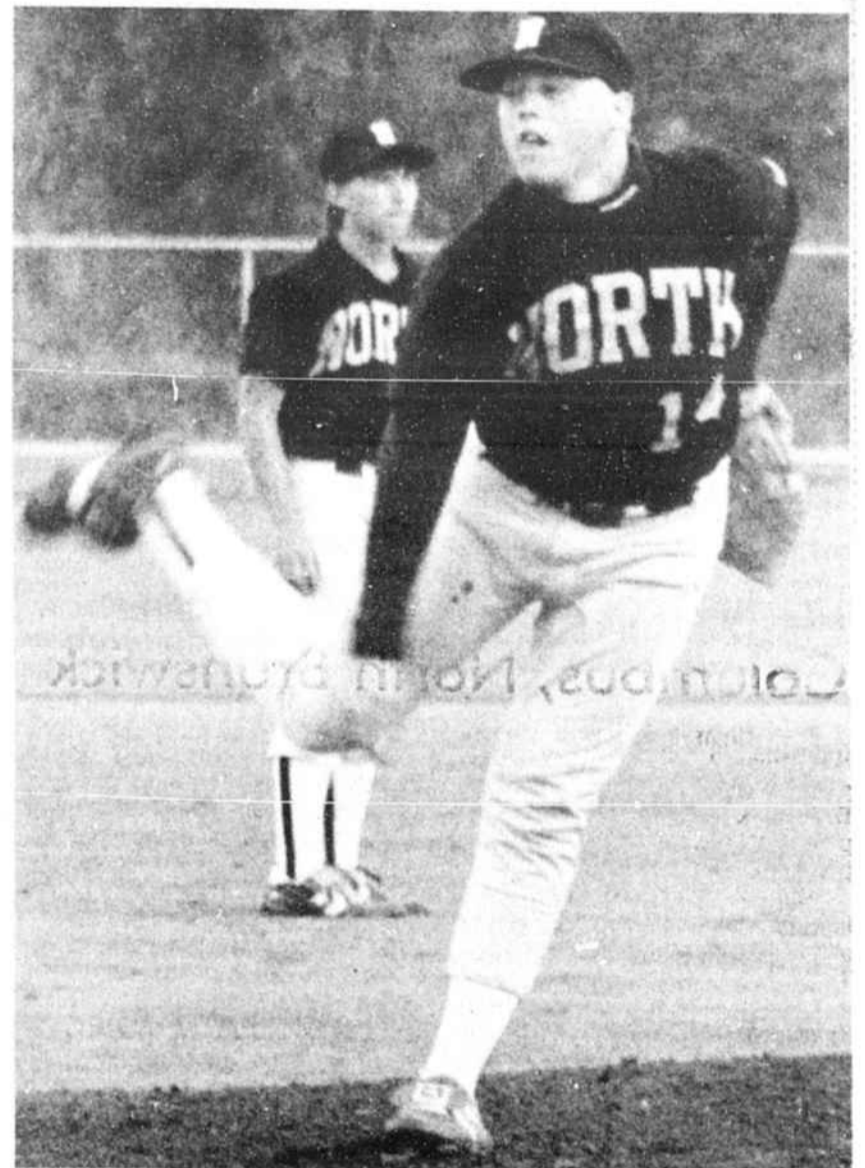
Lance went 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs to lead the Trojans to their 6-3 win over West Columbus.

Miller also had two hits and scored twice to aid winning pitcher George Daniels.

The win was Daniels sixth of the season and Gore provided relief help.

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Brunswick County Little League



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**WINNING PITCHER**—North Brunswick pitcher Chris Walker unwinds during Friday's 5-4 Waccamaw 2-A Conference win over host West Brunswick. The senior went the distance on the mound for the Scorpions striking out seven and yielding five hits.

baseball players will be honored Friday at the Trojan-South Brunswick game which closes out the prep regular season.

All Little League players wearing their jerseys and hats will be admitted to the game free. The contest begins at 7 p.m.



**BACK AT FIRST**—North Brunswick first baseman Chris McBride reaches for a throw from pitcher Chris Walker during Friday's Waccamaw 2-A Conference game against West Brunswick. Scrambling back to the bag for the Trojans is Aldwin Lance. Lance scored two of West Brunswick's four runs but the Scorpions held for a 5-4 win.

## South Cougars Top League Foe Fairmont 9-3

South Brunswick's Shawn Swain hurled a two-hitter through five innings and struck out seven to lead the host Cougars to a 9-3 Waccamaw 2-A Conference baseball win over Fairmont last Friday.

Swain did not issue a walk during his five-inning stint and received one-inning relief assistance from both Scott Coring and Bret

Tabor.

Scott Phillips led the Cougars' five-hit attack with a double and a single while Jeron Monroe, Ernie Wearren and Todd Vice all had one hit each.

The Cougars (6-6, 11-8) struck for five runs in the first inning and scored four more times in the fourth.

Fairmont scored all three of its

runs in the seventh inning.

South Brunswick concludes its regular season Friday visiting West Brunswick in a 7 p.m. Waccamaw Conference contest.

Fairmont also ends its season Friday entertaining North Brunswick at 7 p.m.

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## Whiteville Clinches WC Diamond Title Over North Brunswick

Whiteville clinched the Waccamaw 2-A Conference prep baseball title last Tuesday with a 6-0 blanking of host North Brunswick behind the two-hit pitching of senior Richie Blackwell.

The Wolfpack improved to a perfect 11-0 in the WC and 17-0 overall while North Brunswick dropped to 8-4 and 11-9.

Blackwell struck out 15 and yielded only a fourth-inning single by Chris McBride and a fifth-inning

single by losing pitcher David McDowell. The southpaw has given up only six hits this season, four to McDowell, and struck out 111 in only 58 innings pitched.

The Scorpions managed only four base runs for the game including two in the opening frame.

Whiteville scored four runs in the second inning for a 4-0 lead and then added two more in the sixth.

Beau Ramey's hit, Ed Burleson's RBI-single and walks to Brian

Etheridge and Carlos Baldwin and a Scorpion throwing error keyed the Whiteville second inning.

Ramey and Burleson both scored in the sixth when North Brunswick committed three errors and McDowell uncorked a wild pitch.

McBride came in for relief of McDowell in the seventh inning as the Scorpion pair combined to limit Whiteville to three hits.

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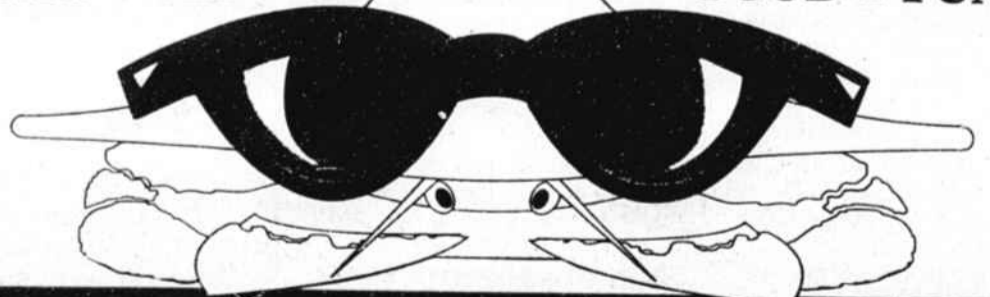
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