

King, Clark And McBride Take Top Honors In North Brunswick Athletic Awards

Three-sports star Rhonda King and baseball/basketball standout Tommy Clark, along with senior baseball pitcher Chris McBride took top honors at the North Brunswick Scorpion sports awards ceremony last Monday at the Leland Middle School cafeteria.

King, who participated in volleyball, basketball and softball, and Clark were co-recipients of the school's top sports honor—the United Carolina Bank Scholar Athlete Award.

McBride, who earlier this spring signed a baseball grant with UNC-Asheville, received the North Brunswick Booster Club Scholarship award.

Greg Waddell received the most valuable

player award in football from head coach Gary Baldwin. Other football awards recipients included Jimmy Flamer (most improved), Corey Black (coaches award), Sherod James (Scorpion Award), Jay Walker (most outstanding offense), Ryan Washington (most outstanding defense), and Duane Gibbs (most outstanding lineman).

Reddrick Johnson and Blake Hobbs shared the most valuable player award in junior varsity football.

Volleyball coach Wanda Dunsmore presented four awards including the most valuable player honor to both April Gancy and Tabatha King.

Cassandra Pierce was named most improved while Rhonda King received the

coaches award. Gwen Carmack took the best server honors.

Duane Waddell was named boys' basketball most valuable player by head coach Cliff Gibson and Barry Baldwin received most improved honors.

Clark was awarded again for being the team's leader in assists and Greg Waddell took best defense honors.

Coach Gary Bishop presented the most valuable player award in junior varsity basketball to Demetrius Bell.

Rhonda Moore received most valuable player honors in girls' basketball from coach Charlie Luck.

Other girls' cage honors went to Kim Dowe (most improved), Tosha Robbins

(best offense) and Sharon Martin (best defense).

Roddie Jones took the MVP honors in wrestling from coach Mike Dumas and Keith Bullock received the coaches award.

Crystal Williams was named the most valuable varsity cheerleader by coach Brenda Bozeman and Tenesa Waddell received the most improved award.

Takila Hill took most valuable honors in junior varsity cheerleading by coach Tee Williamson. Jo Caskill was named most improved.

Adrian Black was named the most valuable player in junior varsity baseball by coach Randy Fennell.

Coach Bob Grimes presented awards in

both boys' and girls' track including most valuable honors to Flamer and Shannon Vaught respectively.

The most improved award went to Frankie Mears (boys') and Valerie Smith (girls').

George Kelly was named most valuable player on the Scorpions' first golf team by coach Randy Roberts. Gary Martin received most improved honors.

Varsity baseball and softball awards were not announced due to both teams' participation in the state playoffs.

Principal James McAdams and athletic director Gary Baldwin organized the event while Jim Medlin served as master of ceremonies.

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- Beaufort Post 99 at Brunswick Shores Post 445, American Legion Baseball at West Brunswick, 7:30 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park
- Shallotte First Baptist vs. Camp Methodist, 7 p.m.
- Shallotte First Baptist vs. New Britian Baptist, 8 p.m.
- Ocean View Baptist vs. Supply/Mount Olive, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

- Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park
- Camp Methodist vs. Shallotte First Baptist, 7 p.m.
- Longwood Baptist vs. Calvary Baptist, 8 p.m.
- Ocean View Baptist vs. Letties Grove Pentecostal, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

- Brunswick Baptist Association Co-Ed Softball League at Supply Park
- Soldier Bay Baptist vs. Sunset Harbor Baptist, 1:40 p.m.
- Faith Baptist vs. Antioch Baptist #1, 3:20 p.m.
- Jennies Branch Baptist vs. Antioch Baptist #2, 5 p.m.
- Brunswick Shores Post 445 at Warsaw Post 127, American Legion Baseball, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

- Brunswick County Literacy Council Golf Tournament at Carolina Shores Golf Club, Calabash

MONDAY, JUNE 3

- Brunswick Shores Post 445 at Bladenboro Post 268, American Legion Baseball, 7:30 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Park
- Ocean View Baptist vs. Longwood Baptist, 7 p.m.
- New Britian Baptist vs. Zion Baptist, 8 p.m.
- Supply/Mount Olive Baptist vs. Friendship, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

- Brunswick County Post 68 at Brunswick Shores Post 445, American Legion Baseball at South Brunswick, 7:30 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.

West Trojans Top Clayton, Aycock

ADVANCE TO FINAL 8

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick advanced to the final eight of the state 2-A baseball playoffs for only the second time in school history last week with a pair of post-season wins over Clayton and C.B. Aycock.

The Trojans opened the playoffs last Wednesday with a 3-1, eight-inning road edging of Capital Area Conference champion Clayton and followed up with a 5-4 home win Friday over Eastern Plains Conference runnerup C.B. Aycock.

West Brunswick, now 13-9-1, was to have faced unbeaten Whiteville, the Waccamaw Conference champion, on Tuesday in an eastern semifinal contest.

The Trojans, fourth-place finishers in the WC, had lost both regular-season meetings to the Wolfpack earlier this season, 3-2 in 10 innings on April 25 and 6-1 on March 22.

C.B. Aycock

West Brunswick jumped out to a 4-0 lead against the Golden Falcons and then held on for a 5-4 win in the second-round playoff contest that almost wasn't.

The light rain that soaked the Trojan field last Friday forced the game's starting time back over an hour before the decision was finally made to play.

West Brunswick wasted no time in taking control of the contest scoring single runs in the first two innings and then pushing across two more in the fourth.

Aycock, runnersup in the Eastern Plains Conference, rallied for three runs in the fifth inning and tied the game 4-4 with a solo run in the top of the sixth.

However, the Trojans struck once more in the bottom of the frame for the winning run that pushed the West Brunswick record to 13-9-1 for the season.

Blake Bradley's two-out walk, an Aycock error on relief pitcher Jeff Booth and Aldwin Lance's double to left provided the winning margin.

A final Aycock rally in the seventh foiled after cleanup hitter Ashley Alford led off with a walk before Brian Alderson, the third Trojan pitcher, came in to get the final three outs and end the game.

"Everybody really pulled together. We had some mistakes early and didn't want to have to use as many pitchers as we did," said West Brunswick coach Mike Alderson. "Lee Miller was on the nose tonight with two big hits and Aaron Butler also had a good hit for us."

"Blake Bradley's squeeze bunt that scored Miller for the Trojans' second run was also a big play. We were just able to do similar kinds of things that produced runs," added Alderson, who shaved off his mustache following the win on a bet with the team prior to the game.

"I've had it (the mustache) since being in service after high school but advancing in the state playoffs certainly makes shaving it off worth while," laughed Alderson. "We all made a bet before the game that I would shave it off if we won tonight."

The Trojans managed just a single run in the first inning after an unusual beginning to West Brunswick's turn at bat.

Lance led off the game with a single to left but was picked off at first base by Aycock starting pitcher David Parnish.

Brian Alderson then walked and, like Lance, was thrown out at first by Parnish, only the third left-handed pitcher the Trojans have faced all season.

"Parnish didn't have a lot of velocity but it was tough to adjust to his style after having faced a hard-throwing, right-hander against Clayton in the playoff opener," said Mike Alderson.

With two outs in the inning, Gregg Mott walked, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on Bryan Fleming's double to right field.

Miller led off the second inning with the first of two straight hits to left, went to second on Butler's sacrifice and later scored on Bradley's squeeze.

Miller's second hit, along with two Aycock errors and a walk to Lance keyed a two-run Trojan fourth inning. Miller and Butler both scored to give West Brunswick's its 4-0 advantage.

Aycock managed only a run-scoring single by Brad Matthews in the fifth inning but used four walks, three wild pitches and a Trojan error to pull within 4-3.

Falcon catcher Charles Person scored to tie the game in the sixth after a leadoff walk, back-to-back singles by Booth and Stephen Aycock loaded the bases with no outs. Wayne Moore's fly out to center field and two straight strike outs by freshman reliever Scott Gore ended the big Aycock scoring opportunity.

The Trojans also turned in two fine defensive plays that spoiled a pair of Aycock scoring opportunities.

West first baseman Gregg Mott made an unassisted double play in the fourth inning on Parnish's line drive to the bag.

Fleming also tagged out Alford at the plate as the Falcon center fielder came charging home on Person's missed suicide squeeze in the second inning.

Adam Johnson started the game on the mound for the Trojans throw-

ing four innings, giving up only two hits while striking out five and walking seven.

Gore came in to hurl two innings and yielded three hits, two runs, struck out two and walked three.

Lance went a perfect 2-for-2 for the Trojans while also walking twice. Fleming also had two hits including a double for West Brunswick.

Aycock went 2-for-2 and drew a walk to lead the Falcons who ended their season at 11-9-1.

The last time a Trojan baseball team advanced past the second round of the state playoffs came in 1974 when West Brunswick advanced to the eastern semifinals before losing to Oxford-Webb.

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West Brunswick's playoff venture began last Wednesday with the Trojans' 3-1 edging of Clayton.

Fleming provided the winning runs with a two-out, two-run double in the eighth inning.

West Brunswick trailed 1-0 in the seventh frame when Miller belted an RBI-triple to send the game into extra innings.

Alderson (6-3) was the winning pitcher giving up four hits and striking out five.

West Columbus Ousts Lady Scorps From Softball Playoffs

Waccamaw 2-A Conference champion West Columbus eliminated North Brunswick from the state softball playoffs last Thursday with an 8-6 win over the Lady Scorpions in second-round action.

League runnerup North Brunswick had opened postseason play last Wednesday with a 12-10, eight-inning edging of host Pamlico County.

Tonya Edge went 3-for-4 at the plate with a triple and solo home run to lead North Brunswick against Pamlico, while Beth Edwards, Tabby King and Kim Gancy all had two hits each for the Lady Scorpions.

Rhonda King hurled the win for North Brunswick while Emily Pyland took the loss.

Nikki Small led the Lady Hurricanes at the plate going 3-for-4 with a two-run triple and Daron Voliva also had two hits.

Tabby King's run-scoring single and a Pamlico error led to North Brunswick's winning runs in the eighth inning.

The Lady Scorpions took a 7-4 lead through four innings but Pamlico rallied for three runs each

in the fifth and sixth frames.

King and Gancy both had two hits each to lead North Brunswick in the loss to West Columbus while Edge added a sixth-inning home run.

Patricia Hasty led West Columbus with a two-run double to spark a four-run third inning. Winning pitcher Melissa Hardin also had two hits for the Lady Vikings.

West Columbus opened postseason play with a 9-3 win over Bunn, the third-place team from the Capital Area Conference.

In other first-round games last week, South Brunswick, the third-place finishers in the WC, fell to Louisburg 10-7. The loss ended the Lady Cougars' season at 10-7. Louisburg finished the regular season second in the CAC.

Also, Whiteville dropped its playoff opener to South Granville 19-2. The powerful Lady Viking team, champions of the Capital Area Conference, has captured three state 2-A softball titles in the last four years.

First-Round Results

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The newly formed Brunswick County chapter of the University of North Carolina Educational Foundation will have its inaugural meeting May 30 at the Sea Trail Golf Course Jones-Byrd Clubhouse.

All Carolina fans are invited to come hear former Carolina basketball player and current assistant Coach Dave Hanners and Assistant Football Coach Donnie Thompson review the football and basketball seasons.

Sea Trail Golf Course Jones/Byrd Clubhouse

Thursday, May 30

6:30 PM – Social Hour and Cash Bar
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Cost \$12 per person (includes dinner, tax and tip)

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