

# This Week In Brunswick Sports

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

- ☐ Official day of first high school football, girls' tennis and volleyball practice in North Carolina
- ☐ Trojan Tennis Tournament at West Brunswick High School, 9 a.m., continues through Friday

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

- ☐ National Shriners Crippled Children's Open Golf Tournament at Sea Trail Golf Links at Sunset Beach, continues through Sunday

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League Tournament Championship at Waccamaw Park

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list your sporting contest call or write the *Beacon* with schedules and details.

## SPORTING SCENE

### Trojans, Cougars Forecasted Among Top 2-A Grid Teams

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick and South Brunswick prep football teams are considered among the best in the 2-A ranks, according to at least one North Carolina high school gridiron prognosticator.

Arnold Solomon of Kannapolis, publisher of North Carolina Prep Football 1991, has compiled perhaps the state's best and most thorough preseason high school grid magazine ever.

The publication includes schedules, state records, recruiting news, preseason predictions, power ratings and complete 1990 results. It is certainly a must for avid prep football fans.

Solomon lists both Trojan and Cougar teams among the top 18 in the 2-A classification. Joining the county pair are two other Waccamaw Conference members—Whiteville and East Bladen.

Those are lofty predictions for the eight-member Waccamaw Conference without even including defending champion South Robeson and a much-bigger and much-improved Fairmont team.

Solomon sees Whiteville as the WC favorite followed by East Bladen, which returns 14 starters, and West Brunswick.

The publisher sees the Trojans as perhaps the most-improved team in the WC, a league that will be dominated by defense this season.

South Brunswick is forecasted as fourth but could easily finish higher. Rounding out the league, Solomon predicts Fairmont to finish fifth, West Columbus sixth, South Robeson seventh and North Brunswick eighth.

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Speaking of prep football, today (Thursday) is the official opening of preseason practice in North Carolina.

Five of the eight Waccamaw Conference teams will get only four full weeks before kicking off the season on Aug. 30. Three other league members open the year on Sep. 6.

West Brunswick and North Brunswick both open the season on Aug. 30. The Trojans entertain North Myrtle Beach, S.C. in their opener while the Scorpions visit Topsail.

South Brunswick opens its season the next week on Sep. 6, hosting county rival West Brunswick.

Whiteville begins its season on Aug. 30 entertaining defending state 2-A champion Clinton and East Bladen opens its year the same night hosting Clarkton.

Fairmont also begins its season on Aug. 30 at Bladenboro while both defending league champion South Robeson and West Columbus kick off the year on Sep. 6. The Mustangs will travel to Red Springs and the Vikings will host Clinton in the Dark Horses' second week of Waccamaw Conference competition.

### Former County All-Stars

West Brunswick's Ricky Daniels wasn't the first county prep star to play in the annual North Carolina East-West All-Star Games in Greensboro. Daniels scored eight points and grabbed a team-leading nine rebounds to help the East to a 112-110 double-overtime win against the West in the basketball contest. It was the sixth win in the last eight games for the East which also leads the series 24-19.

Daniels joins a list of former county greats including North Brunswick basketball star Chuckie Brown, currently playing for the NBA Cleveland Cavaliers, who was selected in 1985.

Former South Brunswick multisports star Quinton McCracken was named to the East roster for the 1988 football classic and helped his team to a 32-3 romp over the West.

Two Shallotte High School stars—James Varnum and Robert Galloway—are also among the county's East-West All-Star veterans. Varnum was selected to play in the football game in 1954 (a 41-0 rout by the West) and Galloway participated in the basketball contest in 1963 (a 60-47 West triumph).

### Whiteville Dominates East

Whiteville Post 137 won its third straight eastern North Carolina American Legion baseball title Monday with a 13-6 win over Pitt County, thus taking the best-of-seven series in five games.

Monday also marked Whiteville's fifth eastern legion title since 1985. The win upped Post 137's record to an impressive 32-6.

Whiteville will likely face defending state champion Caldwell County later this week for the North Carolina legion title. Caldwell County led Kernersville 3-1 in another best-of-seven series for the western championship earlier this week.

## Ricky Daniels Shines In East-West Cage Game

Former West Brunswick basketball star Ricky Daniels had a superb performance last Tuesday in helping lead the East to a 112-110 double-overtime win over the West in the annual McDonald's East-West Prep All-Star game in Greensboro.

The game, as part of the summer North Carolina Coaches Association clinic, drew 7,009 fans and featured the top graduated prep talent in the state.

Daniels scored eight points and shared the lead in rebounding (9) with state player of the year Donald Williams.

The former two-time Brunswick County player of the year also was a perfect 4-for-4 at the free throw line and connected on two of seven shots from the field in 16 minutes of playing time.

Williams, who is headed for the University of North Carolina after being the state's top prep recruit from Garner, led the East with 29 points including scoring five of the team's eight points in the second overtime.

Daniels, who signed a cage grant with Anderson (S.C.) Junior College this spring, averaged 29.4 points and 10.2 rebounds per game as a senior in leading the Trojans to a 21-6 record and the Eastern 2-A Sectional IV semifinals.

The East squad was coached by Lewis Godwin of Greene Central (Snow Hill).

Leading the West was Tyrone Satterfield (Eastern Alamance) and Shawn Smith (Gastonia Hunter Huss) who scored 19 points each.

Durham Hillside's Andre McCollum, a future teammate of Daniels who is headed to Anderson Junior College, also scored 10 points for the East and shared the lead in assists with three.

The East squad featured plenty of future college players in addition to Daniels and McCollum.

Others included Clinton's Scooter Banks who is headed for Wake Forest and Kinston's Wes Collins who has signed with Furman.

Also Brian Frazier of Roanoke Rapids who

will play for UNC-Greensboro this winter, Algonon Moore of Northeastern who is headed for Chowan Junior College and Jason Smith of Washington who has signed with nearby Coastal Carolina.

Acme-Delco's John Jacques, who signed a grant with Georgetown University this spring, was selected to the East squad but elected not to participate. Jacques is attending summer school at Georgetown.

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The West avenged the East's win in the boys' contest by taking a 78-74 triumph in the girls' game.

Lori Reavis (North Iredell) scored 21 points to lead the West to their first win in the last five contests while also being named the game's most valuable player.

Iris Bethea of Purnell Swett (Pembroke) led the East with 15 points and nine rebounds.

In the football contest played Wednesday, the West took a 41-14 win.

### Babe Ruth Players Cited For Fund-Raising

Four players from the Shallotte Babe Ruth youth baseball league have been honored for raising the most money in a recent fund-raising drive.

Thomas Beaver, Timothy Beaver, B.J. Samek and D.C. Earp raised a total of \$588 selling raffle tickets in a fund-raising effort to benefit the local league.

Thomas and Timothy Beaver shared first place with a \$50 prize while Samek and Earp each won \$25 for finishing second and third respectively.

Charles Harrington of Burbank, California, purchased the winning ticket in the drawing held at the league's awards ceremony July 6.

The raffle helped raise approximately \$4,000 for league expenses.

The local Babe Ruth league (ages 5-12) includes some 20 teams with eight t-ball squads, four minor and four major league teams and four girls' softball squads.

League play began in early May and continued through June 20 at the Shallotte Township Park.



TOP FUND-RAISERS—Helping raise the most money in a recent fund-raising drive for the Shallotte Babe Ruth baseball league are, front, from left, Thomas Beaver, Timothy Beaver, B.J. Samek and D.C. Earp. In back are Colonels' coach Kelly Samek and league t-ball coordinator Esther Earp.

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## Answers to your Questions about Crossed-Eyes

- Q. What is strabismus (crossed-eyes)?**  
A. Strabismus, more commonly known as crossed-eyes, is a vision condition in which your eyes are not properly aligned with each other. For a variety of reasons, one or both of your eyes turn in, out, up or down.
- Q. What causes crossed-eyes?**  
A. Coordination of your eyes and their ability to work together as a team develops in your first six years. Failure of your eyes (or more precisely, your eye muscles) to adjust properly can lead to crossed-eyes. Crossed-eyes may also have a tendency to be hereditary.
- Q. Who is affected by crossed-eyes?**  
A. Children under six are the ones most affected by crossed-eyes, but it often appears between birth and age 21 months. It is estimated that 5 percent of all children have some type or degree of strabismus. Although rare, strabismus sometimes occurs in adults, but this is usually the result of a stroke, tumor or other vascular disease.
- Q. Will a child outgrow crossed-eyes?**  
A. This is a common misconception. A child will not outgrow crossed-eyes. In fact, the condition may get worse without treatment.
- Q. What are the effects of crossed-eyes?**  
A. Children with crossed-eyes may initially have double vision. This occurs because both eyes are not focusing on the same object. In an attempt to avoid double vision, the brain will eventually disregard the image from one eye. In time, the ignored eye will become unable to function normally and will become largely unused. This may result in the development of lazy eye (amblyopia).
- Q. How are crossed-eyes diagnosed?**  
A. Parents may be the first to notice a slight wandering of one or both of a child's eyes. A comprehensive vision examination by a doctor of optometry is recommended if that happens. The examination can determine if strabismus is present.
- Q. How are crossed-eyes treated?**  
A. Treatment for crossed-eyes can include eyeglasses (regular or bifocal), prisms, vision therapy, and in some cases, surgery. Crossed-eyes can be corrected with excellent results if detected and treated early.



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