

Tabor City Edges Cougars In Preseason Matchup 20-10

South Brunswick made its final preseason football tuncup last Friday in a 20-10 scrimmage loss to visiting Tabor City.

The Cougars were beaten soundly on the line of scrimmage, according to South Brunswick head coach Bill Hewett. The Red Devils are ranked fourth in the state in the 1-A ranks by at least one preseason poll and are a favorite to win the expanded Southern 1-A-2-A Conference championship.

"We were a half-step slow at reacting all night," said Hewett following the exhibition. "We played a good team which is ranked fourth in the state in the 1-A classification but we didn't play well ourselves. Had we played up to our potential, we would have won the game."

"We hope to improve each week but we are not a good football team right now," added Hewett. "We

know West Brunswick will come in here next Friday night as a fired-up team. We will just have to lick our wounds and be ready mentally to take on a team that features three or four major college prospects."

Tabor City dominated the trenches Friday in the full-scale scrimmage and took a commanding 14-0 lead in the opening quarter.

South Brunswick took advantage of a second-period Red Devil fumble to get back into the game but Tabor City went on to dominate the closing minutes of the contest to gain the decision.

South Brunswick took the opening kickoff driving from its own 35 yard-line to the Tabor City 28. However, Tabor City recovered a Cougar fumble at the 32 and used the South Brunswick miscue to set up its first score.

Following the fumble, Tabor City

engineered a 10-play drive that was sparked by a 17-yard pass from quarterback Pat Jarrell to receiver David Harrelson.

David Soles ran the final four yards for the touchdown with 5:54 remaining in the first quarter. The extra-point kick failed but the Red Devils took a 6-0 lead.

South Brunswick punted the ball back to the Red Devils after a three-play possession and Tabor City again took advantage of the drive to get its second touchdown of the quarter.

The eight-play, 65-yard drive was capped by Harrelson's 20-yard scoring reception from Jarrell similar to the earlier Red Devil pass play.

Ellis Johnson ran for the two-point conversion to give Tabor City its 14-0 lead with only 31 seconds left in the period.

South Brunswick failed on its first scoring opportunity in the sec-

ond quarter when Gary Nowell missed a 33-yard field goal attempt.

Tabor City then drove from its own 20 to the South Brunswick 47-yard line when the Cougars' Jerry Galloway recovered a Red Devil fumble in the backfield with 4:42 to play in the third quarter and raced to the end zone.

Nowell added the extra-point conversion to get the Cougars within 14-7.

Nowell missed a 39-yard attempt in South Brunswick's first possession of the second half after the Cougars went from their own 35 to the Tabor City 23.

Defense dominated the remaining time until South Brunswick recovered another Tabor City fumble that led to the first of two Nowell field goals.

The Cougars recovered the Red Devil fumble at the Tabor City 37

and nine plays later the South Brunswick kicker converted from 27 yards out. The boot cut the Tabor City lead to 14-10 with 49 seconds left in the third quarter.

Tabor City preserved the victory with a fourth quarter drive that led to the Red Devils' final points.

Tabor City put together a six-play, 65-yard drive that culminated on Cornelius Tisdale's 15-yard touchdown run.

Keeping the drive alive was another Jarrell pass to Harrelson, this one good for 26 yards.

"We just had too many breakdowns tonight. We are still in a learning process," concluded Hewett.

It is still a learning Keith Marlowe who caught five passes for 115 yards to lead South Brunswick. Terry Galloway also ran for 70 yards for the Cougars on nine carries.

South Brunswick opens its regular season Friday hosting West Brunswick at 7:30 p.m.

THE YARDSTICK

Tabor City	South Brunswick
14	11
40-181	31-65
73	132
11-4	25-9
1	1
7-55	3-25

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Tabor City	1	2	3	4	Total
South Brunswick	0	7	3	0	10

SCORING SUMMARY

- (TC) Soles, 6-yard run (kick failed)
- (TC) Harrelson, 20-yard pass from Jarrell (Johnson run)
- (SB) Galloway, 53-yard fumble recovery (Nowell kick)
- (SB) Nowell, 27-yard field goal
- (TC) Tisdale, 15-yard run (kick failed)

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

South Brunswick at West Brunswick, JV football, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

West Brunswick at South Brunswick, varsity football, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Brunswick County Republican Party Golf Tournament at Lockwood Golf Links, Holden Beach, 12 noon

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

South Girls Drop Two In Volleyball Opener

South Brunswick opened the prep volleyball season last Thursday losing a pair of nonconference matches to Acme-Delco and New Hanover.

Acme-Delco topped the Lady Cougars 5-15, 15-9, 15-5 while New Hanover defeated South 9-15, 15-6, 15-6.

In other early-season results involving Waccamaw Conference teams, West Columbus (2-1) won

two of three nonleague matches against Hallsboro, Williams Township and Nakina.

The Lady Vikings edged Hallsboro, 15-11, 6-15, 15-17, 15-4, 15-7, and Williams Township, 12-15, 15-7, 15-13, but dropped a 15-2, 15-13, 15-5 decision to Nakina.

Also, East Bladen dropped its opener to host Nakina in straight games, 15-2, 15-13, 15-5.

Wrestlers Coming To Shallotte

South Atlantic Pro Wrestling returns to Brunswick County next week with a star-studded card at the National Guard Armory in Shallotte.

Champion "War Eagle" Chris Chavis defends his title against number one contender "Ragin' Bull" Manny Fernandez in the main event next Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Also on the card is the legendary Chief Wahoo McDaniel, who will take on Vince Torelli.

"I'm coming to Shallotte to see a lot of my old friends," said McDaniel,

the former National Wrestling Alliance United States champion. "And I'm gonna need their support and encouragement on September 11, when I get a shot at Torelli."

In other action, the Junkyard Dog faces Brad Anderson. Other stars expected to do battle include Tommy Angel and Tommy Seabolt, the German Storm Troopers, Denny Brown and Rikki Nelson.

Tickets cost \$4 for children under 12 and \$8 for adults. Advance tickets may be purchased or reserved by calling 1-800-358-4587.

SPORTING SCENE

Waccamaw Conference Serves Up Defensive Gems

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The Waccamaw 2-A Conference certainly lived up to its billing as one of North Carolina's top defensive prep leagues last Friday in the opening week of the high school football season.

Five WC teams opened the season last Friday with four of those registering shutouts.

West Brunswick kicked off its campaign with a 38-0 pasting of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., in perhaps the Trojans' best season-opening defensive performance.

The 38-point romp was the Trojans' largest margin of victory in a season opener in the school's gridiron history.

"Have you ever seen a better defense this early in the season?" inquired West Brunswick head coach Marshall Seay as he left the field following Friday's game.

Few could argue with the veteran Trojan coach who's team could be headed to a similar WC championship season as that of 1988 when West Brunswick went 10-2 overall and limited opponents to an average of 7.7 points per contest.

East Bladen posted similar results in a 40-0 blanking of Clarkton.

The win was the Cougars' fifth consecutive season-opening victory over the Blue Devils but was their most convincing triumph yet over Clarkton.

East Bladen also shutout the Blue Devils in their current five-game series 14-0 in 1989 and 13-0 in 1987.

North Brunswick also whipped Topsail with an impressive 26-0 blanking as the Scorpions limited the Pirates to minus-10 yards in total offense.

Not only was the win the first for the Scorpions in 16 games, it was also their first shutout since a 20-0 victory over Dixon on Sept. 8, 1989. That same season, North Brunswick picked up back-to-back shutouts with a 34-0 whitewash of Hallsboro the previous week.

The Scorpions will get a chance to duplicate that feat on Sept. 13 hosting Dixon after Friday's open date.

Whiteville was the fourth WC team to get a shutout in its opener Friday.

Not only did the Wolfpack blank the defending state 2-A champion Clinton, they also broke the longest winning streak in the 2-A classification of 15 games.

The Dark Horses breezed through the 1990 season winning all 15 games enroute to the state title in Chapel Hill.

Whiteville's impressive win also answered a lot of questions as to how good a team the Wolfpack will be this season. From the looks of the first week's result, Whiteville will be the team to reckon with this fall.

Fairmont was the only losing league team in the opening week. The Golden Tornadoes dropped a 24-20 decision to Bladenboro who has been picked to be one of the weaker teams in the Southern 1-A-2-A Conference.

The early loss has to be disappointing for Fairmont fans, especially after the school combined with Orrum during the new school consolidation in Robeson County this year.

Pro Football Observations

It's hard to remember seeing a Washington Redskins football team as dominate in a season opener as they were in Sunday's 45-0 thrashing of Detroit.

From offense, to defense, to the special teams, the Redskins looked like world beaters last weekend.

Sunday's first quarter, good for a 21-0 Redskin lead, has to be Washington's best 15 minutes of football since the second quarter of the 1988 Super Bowl against Denver.

The season-opening win had to be a relief to Redskin fans after Washington stumbled through the preseason losing three of four games played. Washington's 1-3 exhibition record was its worst since 1982 when the Redskins went a listless 0-4 in the preseason.

Somewhere in the vast shuffling of players during training camp this summer, head coach Joe Gibbs has found the right combination (again).

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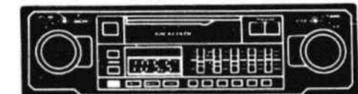
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