

OFF TO IMPRESSIVE START

Lady Trojans Netters Knock Off League Champion Fairmont

The West Brunswick girls' tennis team has made its presence known early this fall in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference after stopping defending league champion Fairmont 6-3 in their opening loop match last Thursday.

With Monday's 8-1 romp over South Robeson, the West girls improved to a perfect 2-0 in the league.

The Lady Trojans return only two starters from a year ago—juniors Kristy Poulos and Lauren Boyte.

Poulos has moved up from the number 3 singles seed to number 1 while Boyte has risen from the number 5 spot to number 2 position.

"We have a young squad as far as age is concerned but ability wise, I believe we are dedicated and have really improved from last year," said West Brunswick girls' tennis coach Marti Gillis. "I am very proud of

Kristy and Lauren for their hard work in the off-season. They have both shown great improvement and will easily handle the top two singles seeds."

The remaining four singles positions are also dominated by juniors.

Jenny Judah currently occupies the number 3 spot after being a member of the West volleyball team last fall. Jennifer Simmons, a sophomore, plays at the fourth singles position ahead of two new players.

Number 5 Stacy D'Alcama (junior) is in her first year at West Brunswick after transferring from Northwest Ashe High School in Warrensville.

Suzanne Jones, the team's sixth seed, played at West Brunswick as a freshman but attended Cape Fear Academy her sophomore year.

Rounding out the Lady Trojan net team are Joanna Barber (so.), Danielle Campbell (sr.), Alison Hardee (fr.), Valerie Holden (jr.) and Blair Milligan (fr.).

Gillis sees Whiteville as, once again, the team to beat in the Waccamaw Conference. The Lady Wolfpack is loaded with veteran players including their top three seeded singles performers.

Fairmont Results

Singles: Collins (F) def. Poulos (WB), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Faulk (F) def. Boyte (WB), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; Simmon (WB) won by default; Judah (WB) def. Morgan (F), 6-1, 6-3; D'Almaco (WB) def. Pittman (F), 6-0, 6-4; Jones (WB) def. Taylor (F), 6-0, 6-2; Doubles: Collins-Faulk (F) def. Poulos-Boyte

(WB), 8-2; Judah-Jones (WB) won by default; Simmons-D'Almaco (WB) def. Morgan-Phillips (F), 8-2.

South Robeson Results

Singles: Poulos (WB) def. Hunt (SR), 6-0, 6-0; Boyte (WB) def. Godwin (SR), 6-0, 6-0; Spalding (SR) def. Judah (WB), 2-6, 6-2, 7-5; Simmons (WB) def. Haskins (SR), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; D'Almaco (WB) def. Miller (SR), 6-0, 6-1; Jones (WB) def. Scott (SR), 6-0, 6-1; Doubles: Poulos-Boyte (WB) def. Hunt-Godwin (SR), 8-0; Judah-Simmons (WB) def. Spalding-Haskins (SR), 9-8; D'Almaco-Jones (WB) def. Miller-Scott (SR), 8-1; Exhibition Singles: Hardee (WB) def. James (SR), 6-0, 6-0.

SPORTING SCENE

NCHSAA Plans Regional Meetings Across State

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association is once again conducting regional meetings this month across the state for coaches, athletic directors, principals, school superintendents and media who are involved with prep sports.

Eight different meetings are planned beginning Monday, Sept. 16, in Charlotte and conclude Sept. 26 in Fayetteville.

The local District II meeting (which includes Brunswick County) is scheduled for Swansboro on Sept. 25.

Among the items NCHSAA officials will discuss with local school representatives will be the Association Endowment Fund, athletic insurance and student/athlete hardship procedures.

Other areas up for discussion will be off-season skill development for athletes, tie-breaker procedures in different sports, student/athlete eligibility, cheerleading and other student service programs. In addition, there will also be a report on conference realignment.

Phillips Named To Bulldog Baseball Team

Former American Legion Post 445 and South Brunswick baseball standout Scott Phillips has made the UNC-Asheville baseball team as a walk-on.

The Bulldogs are members of the NCAA Division I Big South Conference that includes nearby league schools Campbell and Coastal Carolina.

The recent South Brunswick graduate played second base for both county teams and was one of the most consistent performers for the local legion squad this summer in Post 445's initial season.

Phillips had 3-for-4 batting efforts in two wins over Burgaw during the summer and went 3-for-5 with three RBIs in losses to Winter Park and Beaufort.

The Cougar grad also had two-hit performances against Wilmington Post 10, Brunswick County Post 68 and Warsaw.

Phillips joins former North Brunswick pitcher Chris Walker, also a freshman, as a member of the UNC-Asheville team. Walker signed a baseball grant with the Bulldogs last spring.

Single Wing Lives On At Jones Senior

It may seem hard to believe but the old single-wing offensive style of football continues to be used in prep football in North Carolina.

Jones Senior (Trenton), a member of the Coastal Plains 1-A Conference, continues to use to old offense under the direction of veteran coach Harvey Brooks.

Brooks coached at 1-A Princeton prior to coming to Jones Senior, Princeton, with a strong football tradition, advanced to the state finals in 1979 and 1976.

The single-wing was in its hay-day back in the 1950s and was the offensive formation used at Lenoir-Rhyne College during the late 50s and early 60s under the legendary coach Clarence Stasavich. Using the single-wing, the Bears became a dominant small college football power while winning a national title in 1960.

The last time I saw the single-wing offense being used was in the late 1970's while covering a prep game in western North Carolina.

West Lincoln, a member of the 2-A Southern District 7 Conference, used the offense to varying degrees of success that Friday night many seasons ago.

The outcome of each Rebel offensive play was rather predictable. One of two things happened with each snap—a West Lincoln offensive back would gain 25-plus yards or the Rebels would fumble.

It was like going for the fence on every turn at bat in a baseball game.



Local Kick Boxers Win

Five Brunswick County residents were among the winners at a kick boxing match Saturday at the Long Beach Moose Lodge. Pictured (front row, from left) are Ashley Batson of Hampstead, Jessica Reeves of Long Beach, Robert Harris of Southport (back row, from left) Chris Evans of Southport, Shawn Carroll of Wrightsville Beach, Todd Perego of Huntington, W.Va., Randy Ballard of Winston-Salem, Dallis Triggs of Long Beach and Gary Garner of Southport. Winners not pictured are Johnny Westbrook of Southport and John Kime of Wilmington.

Wildlife Sets Waterfowl Seasons

A Canada goose season in eastern North Carolina and an extended snow goose season are among the new waterfowl regulations approved last month by the state Wildlife Resources Commission.

Sportsmen had requested a Canada goose season east of Interstate 95 at recent public hearings, according to a news release.

The state commission approved a season from Jan. 20-31 with a bag limit of one goose per hunter per day.

Wildlife commission members also asked the staff to develop a tagging system for Canada geese for next season and a recovery plan and hunting strategy for Canada geese that winter in North Carolina.

Besides opening the Canada goose season to eastern hunters, the wildlife commission also extended the snow goose hunting season by 10 days this year.

Sportsmen asked for the longer snow goose season, which was set for Nov. 2 through Feb. 10, according to the news release. The daily bag limit is five.

Other hunting seasons approved

by the commission include Oct. 10-12, Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 12 through Jan. 4 for ducks, mergansers and coots.

The daily bag limit for ducks was set at three, of which hunters may take only one black duck, one pintail, one hen mallard, one fulvous tree duck or one mottled duck. Hunters are limited to two wood ducks and redhead ducks.

The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, of which only one may be a hooded merganser, and the limit for coot was set at 15.

Wildlife officials set the sea duck season for Oct. 1 through Jan. 15 with a bag limit of seven.

Brant season will be Oct. 10-12, Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 12 through Jan. 18. The daily limit was set at two.

The early October duck season will provide an opportunity to hunt resident wood ducks and early migrants that normally leave the state before the later waterfowl season opens.

The Thanksgiving segment opens at a traditional time when sportsmen want to take their children hunting,

the news release states.

As authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the state wildlife commission will issue 6,000 permits this year to hunt tundra swan between Nov. 2 and Jan. 31.

A special \$5 permit and tag are required to hunt swans. Hunters will be allowed to take one swan during the season and it must be tagged and reported.

To apply for a swan permit, write to the Division of Wildlife Management, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27604-1188.

Applicants must provide their Social Security number, hunting license number and \$5.

RECREATION BRIEFS

Seniors To Tour Raleigh

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is planning a walking tour of Raleigh later this month for local senior citizens.

The group will visit the legislative building, state Capitol, and the N.C. Museum of Art on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Seniors will leave from the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department at 6:45 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

The legislative cafeteria will provide lunch at minimal cost, and the museum will host a reception at the end of the tour.

The tour is free. Bus transportation is \$5 per person. For more information or to register, call Tina Pritchard at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Gone Fishing

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation will sponsor a half-day fishing trip aboard the Pride of the Carolinas this Friday, Sept. 13.

The boat leaves from Little River, S.C., at 7 a.m. and returns around 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

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