

# Trojans Return Home To Face Defending WC Champion Mustangs

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick returns home for the first time in three weeks Friday to host the defending Waccamaw 2-A Conference football champion South Robeson.

Friday will also be the Trojans' first league home game of the season after a 37-0 blanking of Fairmont last week and a 19-7 win over Whiteville two weeks ago in a pair of WC road games to open the conference campaign.

"The Trojans enter the game at the top of the WC standings with a perfect 2-0 league record and an unblemished 5-0 overall mark.

"South Robeson is using basically the same offensive and defensive schemes that they used a year ago," said West Brunswick head coach Marshall Seay of the Mustangs. "Fortunately Chris Watson (outstanding Mustang tackle) has graduated."

Watson was one of three graduated Mustangs from a year ago who signed with NCAA Division I schools.

Watson inked with Clemson while two South Robeson receivers signed last spring with N.C. State and Appalachian State.

Offensively, the Mustangs operate from a variation of the Wing T formation while also running from the Pro Set similar to West Brunswick.

"Their quarterback throws the ball very well and directed his team to as many offensive yards against Fairmont as we did. He also threw the ball well against us last year,"

added Seay. "South Robeson attacks the line of scrimmage very well and their running backs run tight with power."

"They also run a lot of misdirection plays with trapping and are an equal threat to throw the ball at the same time," said Seay of the Mustangs.

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South Robeson is currently 1-1 in the WC after losing to Whiteville 29-6 last Friday. The Mustangs won their league opener and their only game thus far this season, 12-8 over Fairmont.

The Mustangs' offense sputtered early scoring only seven points in their three nonconference games.

After dropping a 22-7 loss to Red Springs, South Robeson suffered back-to-back shutouts to 4-A Purnell Swett (40-0) and 1-A power St. Pauls (19-0).

Meanwhile, the Trojans have rolled to five consecutive wins and are atop the WC standings with a 2-0 mark.

West Brunswick opened league play two weeks ago with a 19-7 win over Whiteville and shutout Fairmont last week, 37-0.

The Trojans also got shutouts in two of their nonconference games in a 38-0 whitewash of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and a 6-0 edging of Mullins, S.C.

South Brunswick, a 34-7 loser to the Trojans in the second week of the season, is the only other team to score on the West Brunswick defense which is yielding an average of 2.8 points per game.

## Waccamaw 2-A Conference FOOTBALL STANDINGS as of Thursday, Oct. 10

Team	Conf. O	all PE	PA
West Brunswick	2-0	5-0	136 14
East Bladen	2-0	4-1	152 34
Whiteville	1-1	3-2	117 43
West Columbus	1-1	2-3	113 96
South Brunswick	1-1	2-3	85 83
South Robeson	1-1	1-4	25 118
North Brunswick	0-2	1-4	46 164
Fairmont	0-2	0-5	56 129

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

- South Robeson at West Brunswick
- North Brunswick at East Bladen
- W. Columbus at South Brunswick
- Fairmont at Whiteville

### Last Week's Results

- West Brunswick 37, Fairmont 0
- S. Brunswick 49, N. Brunswick 6
- East Bladen 26, West Columbus 6
- Whiteville 29, South Robeson 6

West Brunswick has dominated the series between the two schools at opposite geographic ends of the Waccamaw Conference.

The Trojans have won the last five games between the pair and lead the eight-game series, 6-2.

West Brunswick has won the last two contests by a total of seven points.

The Trojans handed the Mustangs their only league loss a year ago, 19-14, in South Robeson's conference championship season.

West Brunswick managed a 16-14 edging in 1989, the last time the pair met in Shallotte.

The Trojans got their biggest win of the series in 1988 with a 40-6

rump. The year before, West Brunswick won an exciting 27-20, double-overtime decision.

South Robeson won two of the first three games played against the Trojans, 25-20 in 1983 and 14-6 in 1985. In between, the Trojans got their first win ever over South Robeson, 20-6.

The Mustangs won the 1986 meeting on the field, 25-21, but were later forced to forfeit the decision for using an ineligible player.

"Our games with South Robeson have been very physical in the past," said Seay. "Last year and in 1987, South Robeson had more talent than we did but we were still fortunate to win. They may not have very many players but the ones they do have are very talented."

"In the five times we have played South Robeson since I've been at West Brunswick, South Robeson has been a team that our kids have

really get up for," continued Seay. "Our players realize South Robeson has a lot of talent and that the game will be very physical."

The Mustangs are in their third year under the direction of head coach Bill Sechrest.

"Bill is a good coach and has a former Jack Holley assistant coach to aid his staff. South Robeson is well-coached and gets a lot of discipline thanks to its coaching staff."

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Likely offensive starters for the Trojans include quarterback Brian Alderson, tailback Aldwin Lance, fullback Aaron Butler, center Kevin Seay, guards Pat Polson and Geoff Byrd, tackles Tony Caison and Steve Brooks, tight end Daniel Russ, flanker Jim Grissett and split end Cleon Butler.

Probable defensive starters include linemen Wayne Branch, Bobby Lovette, Caison and Lonnie

Mitchell. Other starters include linebackers Russ, Shawn Stevenson and Aaron Butler and secondary members Grissett, Reeves and Lance.

In other Waccamaw Conference games Friday, South Brunswick hosts West Columbus, North Brunswick visits East Bladen and Fairmont travels to Whiteville. All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

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TROJAN OFFENSIVE BACKS—Front, from left, Michael Lance, William Stanley, Marty Earwood, Aldwin Lance, Steve Holmes, Neil Warren. Back, Aaron Butler, Adam Johnson, Shawn Stevenson, Wayne Branch, Ronnie Bradley, Coach David Arrowwood.

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