

# Wildlife Officers Hope New Laws Will Help Reduce Hunting Mishaps

Wildlife officers reported no hunting accidents in Brunswick County last season, but there were 42 accidents in the state, including six fatalities. Officials with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission hope a mandatory hunter education law and an expanded requirement for blaze orange garments help reduce the number of accidents this season.

This year, all first-time hunting license buyers are required to complete a hunter education course administered by the wildlife commission. The 10-hour class is designed to make hunters more cautious and teach them wildlife laws.

The next class in Brunswick County is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16 and 17, at the

Cooperative Extension Service office in Bolivia. Since 1971, nearly half a million students have been trained in the state's voluntary hunter education program.

From 1960 to 1970, hunting fatalities averaged 13 per year. The number dropped to an average of eight per year from 1980 to 1990.

In two-thirds of the accidents last season, the shooter hadn't taken a hunter education course, according to a Wildlife Resources Commission report.

The N.C. General Assembly passed a law in 1987 requiring hunters of deer, bear and wild boar to wear blaze orange.

Since then, wildlife officers have reported a marked drop in the number of accidents in which the victim was

mistaken for game. There were eight such accidents last season, and none of them were fatal. State legislators expanded the hunting law this year to require blaze orange garments for small game hunters.

In five of the six fatal hunting accidents last season, the victim was not wearing any orange. Victims weren't wearing orange in 43 percent of the non-fatal accidents.

Although Brunswick County had no accidents reported last season, other counties in southeastern North Carolina weren't so fortunate.

Bladen County led the state in the number of accidents with six. Wildlife officers reported two accidents last year in Columbus County, including one fatality.

Of the 42 hunting accidents reported last year, 11 of them were self-inflicted and two resulted in fatalities, according to the Wildlife Resources Commission report.

More than half of the hunting accidents occurred in November or December, and most happened between noon and 6 p.m.

Shotguns were involved in 72 percent of the non-fatal accidents and half of the fatal accidents.

Most of the shooters and victims were between the ages of 20 and 39. In most cases, the shooter and victim were in the same hunting party.

Deer was the species being hunted when most of the accidents occurred. The state issued 386,915 hunting licenses during the 1990-91 season.

## SPORTING SCENE

### Key Week In Waccamaw Conference Football Race

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The Waccamaw 2-A Conference football race nears the midway point Friday with a number of key games for teams on the "bubble" for postseason playoff berths.

Perhaps the biggest game will be at Boiling Spring Lakes where South Brunswick entertains West Columbus. Both teams sport identical 1-1 league records and 2-3 overall marks.

Neither team can afford another conference loss as both have yet to play West Brunswick and Whiteville, two of the top three teams in the league.

West Brunswick and South Robeson meet in Shallotte on Friday in another key contest.

The tables are nearly turned from a year ago when South Robeson was on its way to the WC championship and the Trojans failed to qualify for the state playoffs for the first time in three years.

West Brunswick upset the Mustangs 19-14 to hand South Robeson its only conference loss of the season.

South Robeson (1-1 in the league) will be out to return the favor to the Trojans this time around.

East Bladen and Whiteville will likely have an easy time with league foes North Brunswick and Fairmont respectively on Friday.

East Bladen shares the league lead with the Trojans while Whiteville is a likely candidate for the conference's third and final state playoff bid.

North Brunswick and Fairmont, both with 0-2 league records, are virtually out of the race and will likely drop farther behind after Friday's matchups.

#### Defensive Scoring Gem

The West Brunswick defense was back in the headlines this week following last Friday's 37-0 Trojan shutout of Fairmont.

The Trojan defense scored 17 points in the win which would be considered quite a good offensive performance for many prep teams across the state.

Lonnie Mitchell scored on a 45-yard fumble recovery, Shawn Stevenson added another touchdown on a blocked Fairmont punt and Steve Holmes and William Stanley provided a pair of first-half safeties to lead the Trojan defense.

#### Trojans Looking For 12th Man

The West Brunswick football team (2-0, 5-0) has made it to midseason without a loss and will play three of its final five games at the new R.M. Rouark Stadium.

"It is important for our fans to be our 12th man on the field," said West Brunswick coach Marshall Seay said earlier this week of the Trojans' crowd support. "This team can go a long way and has lots of potential but it means so much to the kids when the stadium is packed and the fans are cheering."

During their back-to-back league road games to open the conference season, Seay indicated that the Trojans were not in a situation where the opposing fans were loud and rowdy.

"How well this team can play when they get excited by the fan support is anyone's guess," added Seay. "Great fan support can really make the kids reach down and get something our coaching staff didn't even know they had."

## This Week In Brunswick Sports

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

- ☐ South Robeson at West Brunswick, varsity football, 7:30 p.m.
  - ☐ West Columbus at South Brunswick, varsity football, 7:30 p.m.
  - ☐ North Brunswick at East Bladen, varsity football, 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.

## In Volleyball Play

### West Girls Romp Past Fairmont And Cape Fear Academy

The West Brunswick girls' volleyball team maintained its share of first place in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference last Monday with a 15-4, 15-4, 15-10, league win over visiting Fairmont.

The host Lady Trojans took a break from WC play on Tuesday by whipping Cape Fear Academy 15-13, 15-5, 15-2.

Emily Gore scored 14 points in the win over Fairmont and Nicole Norris added six for the Lady Trojans.

Michelle Winfree led Fairmont with seven points. Gore scored 11 points in the win

over Cape Fear Academy to lead the way followed by Amy Caison and Meg Small with seven each.

#### Fairmont Results

Fairmont scoring: Taylor 1, Bethea 1, T. Barber 4, Winfrey 7, Butler 3, Freeman 1, Sanderson 2, T. Barber 4;

West Brunswick scoring: Chappell 1, Small 4, Gause 5, Thorpe 2, King 2, Gore 14.

Cape Fear Academy Results  
Cape Fear Academy scoring: Newton 3, Nixon 3;

West Brunswick scoring: Gore 11, Caison 7, Small 7.

### North Brunswick, West Columbus Top Lady Cougs

South Brunswick dropped a pair of Waccamaw 2-A Conference volleyball matches to North Brunswick and West Columbus last week.

North Brunswick captured its second win over the Lady Cougars on Wednesday, 15-12, 8-15, 15-8, 15-9.

West Columbus took a 15-12, 8-15, 15-8, 12-15, 17-15 edging of visiting South Brunswick on Wednesday.

Dusty Holland scored 26 points

for the Lady Cougars followed by Tracey Coates with 13.

Carey Fletcher led West Columbus with 18 points.

#### West Columbus Results

South Brunswick scoring: Coates 13, Isenberg 3, Rudd 6, Sellers 4, LeClerc 18, Holland 26, M. LeClerc 1;

West Columbus scoring: Bullard 15, Lundy 5, Boone 10, Hasty 8, Nealy 5, Steine 13, Bass 11.

### Lady Trojan Netters Blank South Robeson, West Columbus

The West Brunswick Lady Trojans remained in second place in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference tennis standings Monday with a 9-0 blanking of West Columbus while also taking a 9-0 shutout over South Robeson last week.

West Brunswick trails league-leading Whiteville by a game with just over a week remaining in the regular season.

"We have developed consistency as a team as this season has progressed," said West Brunswick girls' tennis coach Marti Gillis. "The players who were inexperienced earlier in the year are now playing like seasoned veterans."

All members of the Lady Trojan squad saw action during the two league matches including those not ranked among the team's top six players. Among the best performances by a newcomer was that of senior Danielle Campbell.

"Danielle has really improved in her first year and yesterday's win with Lauren Boyte in the number two doubles match was a highlight for her."

The Lady Trojans will take a

break from league play today (Thursday) hosting St. Pauls at 4 p.m.

#### West Columbus Results

Singles: Poulos (WB) def. Osborne (WC), 6-1, 6-0; Boyte (WB) def. Everette (WC), 6-1, 6-2; Judah (WB) def. O'Connor (WC), 6-1, 6-0; Simmons (WB) def. McRae (WC), 6-3, 6-2; D'Alcama (WB) def. Graham (WC), 6-0, 6-3; Jones (WB) def. Freed (WC);

Doubles: Poulos-Judah (WB) def. Osborne-Everette (WC), 8-0; Doyte-Campbell (WB) def. O'Connor-McRae (WC), 11-9; Barber-Hardee (WB) def. Freed-Waddell (WC), 8-3.

#### South Robeson Results

Singles: Poulos (WB) def. Spaulding (SR), 6-0, 6-1; Boyte (WB) def. Haskins (SR), 7-5, 6-0; Judah (WB) def. Hunt (SR), 6-0, 6-0; Simmons (WB) def. Miller (SR), 6-3, 6-0; D'Alcama (WB) def. Godwin (SR), 6-0, 6-1; Jones (WB) def. Scott (SR), 6-1, 6-0;

Doubles: Poulos-Boyte (WB) def. Spaulding-Miller (SR), 8-1; Judah-Simmons (WB) def. Hunt-Ladson (SR), 8-2; Jones-Barber (WB) def. Ladson-James (SR), 8-3.

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