

WEST REMAINS UNBEATEN

Opportunistic Trojans Blow Past West Columbus

BY DOUG RUTTER

The West Brunswick Trojans exploded with four third-quarter touchdowns to beat the West Columbus Vikings 49-13 last Friday at Cerro Gordo.

The opportunistic Trojans remained undefeated by intercepting two passes and recovering four of their own kickoffs as the Viking return team had trouble handling the ball.

West Brunswick, now 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference, remained tied for first place in the league with East Bladen, which beat Fairmont 35-6.

The Trojans rushed for 284 yards and passed for 128 yards in one of their best offensive showings of the season at West Columbus.

Aldwin Lance and Aaron Butler both ran for over 100 yards and scored two touchdowns each to lead the Trojan offensive attack.

West Brunswick wasted no time spoiling their opponent's homecoming game, scoring on the first play from scrimmage.

Quarterback Bram Alderson pitched to Lance, who threw a 47-yard pass to receiver Jimmy Grissett just 12 seconds into the game.

The Trojans' second touchdown came with 5:48 left in the first quarter. Lance scored on a three-yard run to cap a seven-play, 63-yard drive.

With West Brunswick leading 14-0, Trojan Timmy Daniels recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff to give the Trojans a first down at the Viking 16-yard line.

West Brunswick couldn't capitalize on the turnover, however, as the West Columbus defense stiffened and Alderson missed a 29-yard field goal.

The Trojans got the ball back two plays later when Grissett picked off a Magellan Powell pass. But West Brunswick was held scoreless the rest of the first half.

West Columbus' only first-half score came with 5:18 to play when Powell threw a 65-yard pass to wide receiver Keona Mack.

Powell's attempted pass for a two-point conversion failed, giving West Brunswick a 14-6 halftime lead.

West exploded in the middle of the third quarter, scoring four touchdowns in less than five minutes.

After taking over at the Viking 39, West Brunswick's Butler sprinted 18 yards and then scored on the next play with a 21-yard run.

The Trojans then recovered three straight kickoffs that were mishandled by the Vikings. Grissett, Daniels and Wayne Branch recovered the kickoffs, two of them inside the West Columbus 20-yard line.

Scoring for the Trojans were Butler on a 19-yard run, Lance on a one-yard run and Alderson on a 21-yard run.

The explosion gave West Brunswick a 42-6 lead with 5:29 remaining in the third quarter, and dimmed any hope of a Viking upset.

A Daniel-Russ interception on the next West Columbus possession set up another scoring opportunity for the Trojans. But West Columbus' Eric Ward blocked a 22-yard field goal attempt by Alderson.

The Trojans' final score came on the first play of the fourth quarter. Sophomore tailback Steve Holmes dashed 11 yards to finish off a four-play, 25-yard drive.

West Columbus drove for its only second-half score with West Brunswick's starting defense on the sideline.

Powell scored from one yard out to culminate an 11-play, 71-yard drive. It was the first rushing touchdown scored against the Trojans all season.

Powell, a sophomore at West Columbus who played junior varsity football last season at Whiteville, completed 12 of 23 passes for 125 yards and one touchdown.

West Brunswick coach Marshall Seay said the defense put good pressure on the young Viking quarterback, but Powell completed his passes and took a lot of hard hits. The Trojans intercepted him twice and recorded three sacks.

"They would have moved the ball on the University of North Carolina," Seay said. "He was pinpointing those passes and just drilling the ball in between the coverage."

After jumping out to the 14-point lead in the first quarter, Seay said the team relaxed a little bit and failed to cash in on two more first-half scoring opportunities.

"We made some adjustments at halftime and came out and had the best quarter of the year," Seay said.

One of the biggest adjustments was giving the ball to Butler, a junior fullback nicknamed the "Rock" who rushed seven times for 105 yards.

Seay said the road win was a big one for the Trojans, and the challenge now is to continue improving and to take advantage of the team's momentum.

West Brunswick continues conference play Friday night when it hosts North Brunswick (0-4, 1-6) for homecoming.

THE YARDSTICK

West Brunswick	West Columbus	
18	First Downs	10
45-284	Rushing-Yards	21-88
128	Passing Yardage	125
7-17	Pass Att.-Comp.	12-23
2	Interceptions	0
1-21	Punts(No.-Ave.)	4-18
3-1	Fumbles-Lost	4-4
10-50	Penalties-Yards	4-20

Score By Quarters

West Brunswick	14	0	28	7-49
West Columbus	0	6	0	7-13

Scoring Summary

- (WB) Grissett, 47-yard pass from Lance (Alderson kick)
- (WB) Lance, 3-yard run (Alderson kick)
- (WC) Mack, 65-yard pass from Powell (2-point conversion failed)
- (WB) Butler, 21-yard run (Alderson kick)
- (WB) Butler, 19-yard run (Alderson kick)
- (WB) Lance, 1-yard run, (kick failed)
- (WB) Alderson, 21-yard run (Alderson pass to Russ for 2-point conversion)
- (WB) Holmes, 11-yard run (Alderson kick)
- (WC) Powell, 1-yard run (Frink kick)

Individual Rushing

- West Brunswick: Lance 22-119; Butler 7-105; Alderson 3-24; Holmes 5-18; Bradley 3-11; Johnson 2-9; Daniels 3-minus 2.
- West Columbus: Ward 9-44; Edge 4-24; Powell 6-11; Williamson 1-6; Graham 1-3.

Individual Passing

- West Brunswick: Alderson 6-14-81; Lance 1-3-47-1.
- West Columbus: Powell 12-23-125-1.

Individual Receiving

- West Brunswick: Grissett 2-69; Boseman 1-13; Lance 1-25; Butler 1-3; Russ 1-2.
- West Columbus: Mack 7-88; Williamson 4-28; Faulk 1-9.



WEST BRUNSWICK DEFENDERS including Wayne Branch (2) and Bobby Lovette (50) put the pressure on Viking quarterback Magellan Powell as he attempts a pass.

STAFF PHOTOS BY DOUG RUTTER

Brooks, Butler And Bradley Named Trojan Gridders Of The Week

Steve Brooks, Aaron Butler and Ronnie Bradley have been named West Brunswick football players of the week for their play in the Trojans' 49-13 romp over West Columbus last Friday.

Brooks, a 6-foot-2, 257-pound sophomore tackle, was named the Trojans' top offensive player for the week.

"Steve was one of several offensive players who had a strong performance last Friday," said West Brunswick head coach Marshall Seay. "Steve graded out at 80 percent against West Columbus which is extremely good for a lineman."

"He also made several domination blocks during the game. Steve has played very consistently during the past two weeks, has gotten better as a player and is also playing with much more confidence now," added Seay.

The Trojan coach also praised Brooks for his performances in the classroom as well.

"Steve is only a sophomore and is already taking geometry. If he continues to work as he is presently, and with his commitment to ac-

demies, he will have a bright future with football beyond the high school level."

Butler, a 5-10, 185-pound senior, won the week's defensive honor for his play as strong-side linebacker.

"Aaron could have easily been named the offensive player of the week for his two touchdowns," said Seay. "He ran behind a fine offensive line, especially with the play of Brooks."

Butler recorded one quarterback sack, eight tackles and graded out at 85 percent. The two-way starter also was involved with breaking up a number of Viking passes by getting back in defensive coverage.

"Aaron took away West Columbus' quick passing to his side of the field while also helping fellow linebacker Daniel Russ with calling defensive adjustments."

"Aaron spends a great deal of time studying films and is also a very good student, similar to Brooks."

Ronnie Bradley (5-9, 150, sr.) was special teams player of the week and has been another

very consistent performer this season according to Seay.

"Ronnie is our long snapper in punting situations which is the same position his brother Blake played. He is a very cool and collect performer for his position considering most teams will line up their roughest player on the center in order to force a bad snap."

Bradley is also a member of the Trojan kickoff and punt block teams.

While on the kickoff team last Friday, Bradley forced a Viking fumble with a big hit that led to a West Brunswick touchdown.

"Ronnie also plays on both offensive and defensive teams. Among the positions he plays are lineman, linebacker, fullback and linebacker."

"Ronnie is the first alternate off the bench at a lot of positions and gives just about everybody a breather. This requires him to know how to play a lot more positions than most players. He is a fine student and a real 'chip off the old block,'" added Seay.

Ronnie is also the son of former West Brunswick assistant coach Fred Bradley.

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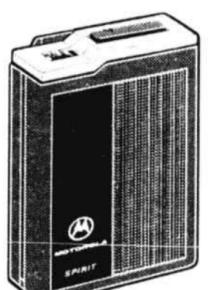
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TROJAN LINEBACKER DANIEL RUSS (45) returns an interception 19 yards during the third quarter of Friday night's game at West Columbus.

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