

# West Brunswick Entertains Scorpions In Homecoming Matchup

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Two Waccamaw 2-A Conference football teams occupying opposite ends of the league standings meet Friday at M.H. Rourke Stadium in Shallotte.

It will be homecoming at West Brunswick, where the unbeaten Trojans host North Brunswick, owners of a six-game losing streak.

West Brunswick enters the contest as one of the top defensive teams in the state having allowed only 27 points in seven games, an average of less than four points al-

lowed per contest.

While the Trojan defense has had a banner season, the West offense has improved steadily having scored 128 points in the last three games (42.7 points per game average).

Meanwhile, North Brunswick has struggled since its 26-0 season-opening win over Topsail.

The Scorpions have been shut out in three of four WC games this season. Their only points in league play came in a 49-6 loss to South Brunswick on Oct. 4.

"North Brunswick has faced a lot of adversity this year," said West Brunswick head coach Marshall Seay. "They have had several key people hurt and there's no question they have struggled this season."

"However, we are preparing for them and working hard to correct mistakes made last week against West Columbus. We want to be a better team this week than we have been in previous weeks."

Seay is again stressing to his team this week the importance of getting an early lead.

"We stressed this last week in preparing for West Columbus and it worked very good. We started off well but then our offense got a little off-track in the second quarter."

The Trojans were quick out the gate in the second half scoring 35 points in the third quarter in perhaps the most productive offensive period in school history.

Helping to spark the big third quarter was Trojan fullback Aaron Butler who has become more important to the West Brunswick of-

fense in recent weeks. Seay feels the senior's continuing rise is important to the team's success.

Butler helped West Brunswick break from a 14-6 at halftime against West Columbus by scoring a pair of second-half touchdowns on runs of 21 and 19 yards.

"He scored both touchdowns with people on his back. Aaron responded well last week and he will continue to be a key player on this team," added Seay.

Both Butler and tailback Aldwin Lance rushed for over 100 yards each against West Columbus and will provide the Trojans with another balanced running attack Friday opposite the Scorpions.

The improved Trojan special teams also played a vital role in the victory over the Vikings and will also be counted on to equally productive against the Scorpions.

"Our kicking game paid high dividends last week," said Seay. "We stole the ball on kickoffs in the first and third quarters and that really helped blow the game open."

The Trojans turned the West Columbus miscues into two touchdowns to spark the 49-13 romp.

Despite his team's perfect record, Seay will still want the Trojan offense to become more consistent.

"We had scoring opportunities in first half against West Columbus but we weren't able to get the ball in the end zone."

Leading 14-0, the Trojans used a first-half pass interception to gain good field position but the Vikings kept West Brunswick from scoring.

The Trojans picked off a second West Columbus pass minutes later but failed to score once more.

Friday's game will climax a week-long homecoming celebration at West Brunswick.

"We usually play well on homecoming and it is a big week around campus," said Seay. "Everyone is excited and we look forward to a big crowd and lots of alumni coming back."

"The team's theme this week is to improve all facets of the game, especially with our pass protection on sprint-out plays. Our sweep plays aren't what they ought to be either and we hope to improve them as well."

"Since our offense has come around, we are able to place more emphasis on defense during practice and balance our preparation time like it should."

West Brunswick has dominated the series with the Scorpions in recent years and leads the 18-game rivalry, 15-3.

The Trojans have blanked the Scorpions in each of the last four games played with North Brunswick, last scoring against West in its 40-8 loss in 1986.

Since then, the Trojans have compiled a 22-0 shutout in 1987, a 63-0 rout in 1988, a 27-0 blanking in 1989 and a 29-0 win last year.

North Brunswick last defeated the Trojans in 1984, 25-24. The win was the second of two consecutive decisions over West Brunswick as

the Scorpions took a 12-6 victory in 1983. The Scorpions also won the teams' first meeting, 6-0, in 1973.

to South Robeson. All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Waccamaw 2-A Conference FOOTBALL STANDINGS as of Thursday, Oct. 24

| Team            | Conf. | O'all | PF  | PA  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| West Brunswick  | 4-0   | 7-0   | 227 | 33  |
| East Bladen     | 4-0   | 6-1   | 243 | 40  |
| Whiteville      | 3-1   | 5-2   | 198 | 49  |
| South Brunswick | 3-1   | 4-3   | 114 | 97  |
| West Columbus   | 1-3   | 2-5   | 126 | 152 |
| South Robeson   | 1-3   | 1-6   | 45  | 182 |
| North Brunswick | 0-4   | 1-6   | 46  | 268 |
| Fairmont        | 0-4   | 0-7   | 68  | 197 |

### Friday's Games

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

### Last Week's Results

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- S. Brunswick 22, S. Robeson 14
- Whiteville 48, North Brunswick 0
- East Bladen 35, Fairmont 6

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