



WEST BRUNSWICK'S Matt Boseman (85) dives to tackle East Bladen's John Lewis (8). Lewis scored two touchdowns, including one on a 54-yard interception return, to lead the Cougars over the previously-undefeated Trojans.



TROJAN HEAD COACH MARSHALL SEAY (right) talks things over with offensive coordinator David Arrowood and Quarterback Brian Alderson during last week's game at East Bladen.

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# East Bladen Deals West Brunswick First Grid Loss

East Bladen scored 10 points in the final quarter to hand the West Brunswick Trojans their first football loss of the season last Friday at Elizabethtown.

John Lewis scored two touchdowns, including one on a game-breaking 54-yard interception return, to give the Cougars a 16-7 win and the outright lead in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference.

"We got some tough breaks and the ball didn't bounce our way," said West Brunswick Coach Marshall Seay. "It was a good hard-hitting, hard-fought contest and we came up a little bit short."

West Brunswick and East Bladen entered the game tied for the conference lead. The Cougar win guaranteed them at least a share of the conference title going into the last week of the regular season.

The loss dropped the Trojans to 8-1 overall and 6-1 in league play, but they still have a shot at a tie for the conference title. East Bladen improved to 6-0 in the conference and 8-1 overall.

West Brunswick scored on its first

possession, but managed only three first downs and 62 yards on offense the rest of the game.

The Trojans took the opening kickoff at their own 13-yard line and marched 87 yards in six plays.

Key plays in the drive were an 18-yard run by tailback Aldwin Lance and a third-down pass from quarterback Brian Alderson to Jimmy Grissett that was good for 29 yards.

Lance, a senior who rushed 18 times for 91 yards in the game, scored on the next play on a 42-yard run.

Alderson's kick gave West Brunswick a 7-0 lead with 8:53 remaining in the first quarter.

East Bladen threatened to score on its first possession, driving 53 yards to the West Brunswick six-yard line in 12 plays.

But West Brunswick defensive lineman Lonnie Mitchell recovered a fumble to turn the Cougars away.

Following a West Brunswick punt, East Bladen drove 44 yards for their first score of the game.

John Lewis scored on a four-yard

run, but East Bladen missed the extra point and trailed 7-6 at halftime.

Neither team threatened to score in the third quarter. West Brunswick's Aaron Butler recovered an East Bladen fumble and Grissett intercepted a pass to maintain the Trojans' one point lead going into the final quarter.

East Bladen took its first lead of the game with 5:18 remaining on a 24-yard field goal from the left hash mark.

The Cougars drove from their own 30-yard line to the West Brunswick six, consuming nearly 5 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter.

West Brunswick, which was hurt by penalties throughout the game, was called for three infractions during the drive that gave the Cougars 30 yards.

Tyrone Mathis, who earlier missed the extra point, split the up-rights to give the Cougars a 9-7 lead.

West Brunswick started their next drive at the six-yard line, but quickly moved the ball to midfield on a defensive pass interference call and a 26-yard pass from Alderson to

Matt Boseman. However, East Bladen's Lewis intercepted an Alderson pass over the middle and returned it 54 yards for the score. The extra point made it 16-7 with three minutes to play.

Lewis picked off another pass on West Brunswick's next possession to seal the win for the Cougars.

Both teams finish up regular season Friday night at home. East Bladen hosts Whiteville, and the Trojans host South Brunswick.

### THE YARDSTICK

West Brunswick	East Bladen
6	11
24-105	Rushing-Yards 44-161
44	Passing Yardage 12
3-11	Pass Att.-Comp. 2-6
1	Interceptions 3
3-34	Punts (No.-Avg.) 2-25
0-0	Fumbles-Lost 4-2
11-89	Penalties-Yards 4-45

### Score By Quarters

West Brunswick	7	0	0	0	7
East Bladen	0	6	0	10	16

### Scoring Summary

(WB) Lance, 42-yard run (Alderson kick)  
 (EB) Lewis, 4-yard run (kick failed)  
 (EB) Mathis, 24-yard field goal  
 (EB) Lewis, 54-yard interception return (Mathis kick)

### Individual Rushing

West Brunswick: Lance, 18-91; Butler, 5-17; Alderson 1-minus 3.  
 East Bladen: Lewis, 18-74; Davis, 10-52; Smith, 6-23; Lesane, 2-7; Mathis, 2-4; Priest, 4-2; Rhoda, 2-minus 3.

### Individual Passing

West Brunswick: Alderson 3-11-44.  
 East Bladen: Priest 2-6-12.

### Individual Receiving

West Brunswick: Grissett 1-29, Boseman 1-26, Lance 1-minus 11.  
 East Bladen: Lewis 1-7, Rhoda 1-5.



TROJAN TIGHT END Daniel Russ and East Bladen's Warren Sholar (4) battle for a first-half pass from West Brunswick Quarterback Brian Alderson. The pass fell incomplete.

## Whiteville Beats South Brunswick

Whiteville scored three second-half touchdowns to beat South Brunswick 21-7 Friday night at Boiling Spring Lakes in a key matchup of football playoff hopefuls.

Trailing by a touchdown at halftime, Whiteville dominated the second half to win the contest between two teams that still have hopes of representing the Waccamaw 2-A Conference in the state playoffs.

Keith Marlowe scored the only South Brunswick touchdown, turning a short pass from quarterback Todd Vice into a 65-yard scoring play.

The 7-0 lead held up until the third quarter, when the Wolfpack opened up its offense and shut down South Brunswick's.

The Wolfpack took the second-half kickoff and drove 57 yards in 10 plays. John Phillips threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Southern to tie the game 7-7.

Whiteville took a 14-7 lead on its next possession. Dennis Smith scored on a 71-yard run following a

costly pass interference call against South Brunswick.

The Wolfpack sealed the win with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Phillips to Southern in the fourth quarter.

Whiteville controlled the football for nearly 18 minutes of the 24 minutes in the second half.

Smith rushed 23 times for 140 yards to lead the Whiteville offense, while the defense held South Brunswick to 115 total yards.

Whiteville improved its record to 5-1 in the conference and 7-2 overall, while South Brunswick dropped to 4-2 in the league and 5-4 overall.

Both football teams end the regular season on the road next week against tough opponents.

The Wolfpack can capture at least a share of the conference title if it wins at East Bladen Friday in the final week of the regular season.

The Cougars travel to West Brunswick Friday in another game with playoff implications that will determine the county championship.

## South Robeson Tops Scorp

North Brunswick lost its eighth consecutive football game Friday night, losing 50-0 to visiting South Robeson.

Quarterback Tracey Jacobs threw three touchdown passes, including two to Mark Sealey, to lead the South Robeson attack.

Dontavid Graham rushed for 85 yards and scored two touchdowns for the Mustangs. The win im-

proved South Robeson to 2-7 overall and 2-4 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference.

The Scorpions, who haven't won since beating Topsail in their season opener, dropped to 1-8 overall and 0-6 in league play.

Both teams finish their seasons next week, with North Brunswick playing at Fairmont and South Robeson hosting West Columbus.

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