

WEST OFFENSE EXPLODES IN 37-20 WIN

# Lance Leads Trojans Past Farmville In Playoff Opener

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Aldwin Lance rushed for 167 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead West Brunswick to a 37-20 victory over Farmville Central in the opening round of the state 2-A high school football playoffs last Friday.

"He's a super football player and an even better young man," said West Brunswick Coach Marshall Seay, who thinks Lance deserves to play in the Shrine Bowl with the state's other top high school football players.

Lance stole the show last Friday at M.H. Rourke Stadium in Shalotte, as the Trojans had their best offensive performance in three weeks and improved their season record to 10-1.

"I told our team this week that I felt like we were a team that was about ready to explode on somebody," Seay said. "We've been real frustrated."

Steve Holmes, Aaron Butler and Jimmy Grissett also scored for the Trojans, who face James Kenan in second-round playoff action Friday night in Warsaw.

Against Farmville Central, West Brunswick jumped out to a 25-0 halftime lead behind a balanced offensive attack that gained 255 yards and a stingy defense that yielded only 15 yards in the first half.

The Farmville Central Jaguars, who finished second in the Eastern Plains 2-A Conference, cut the lead to 25-14 in the third quarter. But the Trojans added two fourth quarter touchdowns to seal the victory.

West Brunswick, which has averaged nearly 30 points a game this season, had its best offensive showing since the 53-0 whipping of North Brunswick on Nov. 25.

Since that homecoming win over North, the offense had sputtered. West Brunswick scored only 7 points in a loss at East Bladen and posted 13 points in the regular season finale against South Brunswick.

Seay said a recent traffic accident which killed a West Brunswick student and a teacher's spouse and the death of a former assistant coach distracted the team.

"This group of youngsters has been through a lot the last two weeks with the fatalities that we've had and then losing a coach," he said.

"They've been playing a little bit with heavy hearts, but they came out tonight and played like the football team we all know they are."

Farmville Central, which started the game at their own 15-yard line after mishandling the opening kickoff, moved into West Brunswick territory on their first possession.

But the West Brunswick defense, lead by Adam Johnson and Holmes, sacked quarterback Ressie Tyson three times during the drive and forced the Jaguars to punt.

After moving the ball to midfield, Holmes took a handoff from quarterback Brian Alderson and weaved his way through the Farmville Central defense for the first West Brunswick touchdown.

The play covered 54 yards, and gave the Trojans a 6-0 lead with 4:47 left in the first quarter. Alderson's extra point attempt was blocked.

West Brunswick scored again on its next possession. Fullback Aaron Butler capped the 10-play, 73-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run.

The score gave West Brunswick a 12-0 lead with 9:27 left in the half. Alderson was sacked as the Trojans tried for a two-point conversion following the touchdown.

Following another Farmville Central punt, West Brunswick took over at its own 30-yard line.

On third-and-12, Alderson hit receiver Jimmy Grissett with a short pass. Grissett broke two tackles and sprinted 72 yards down the sideline for the third Trojan touchdown.

Alderson's extra point made it 19-0 with 5:46 in the first half, but the feisty Trojans still weren't finished.

After trading punts with the Jaguars, West Brunswick linebacker Daniel Russ recovered a fumble at the Farmville Central 24-yard line with 1:37 remaining in the half.

On fourth-and-2, Lance ran 16 yards up the middle for the first of his three touchdowns in the game. The score, which came with 13 seconds on the clock, gave West Brunswick a 25-0 lead at halftime.

The Jaguars came out of the locker room for the second half with fire in their eyes, and didn't waste any time trying to turn things around in their favor.

Farmville Central recovered an onside kick to open the third quarter, and drove to the West Brunswick 11-yard line in six plays.

But the tough Trojan defense responded as it has all season and forced a turnover. Butler hit Jaguar running back Brandon Terrell to knock the ball loose, and Ronnie Bradley recovered for West Brunswick.

Farmville Central scored on its next possession, after taking over at the West Brunswick 44-yard line. Tyson ran it in from the 1-yard line to culminate an 8-play drive.

The touchdown cut the West Brunswick lead to 25-7 with 4:53 to play in the third quarter.

Farmville Central got the ball back just one play later as West Brunswick mishandled the snap and the Jaguars recovered at their own 45-yard line.

Tyson threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Shaft Parker five plays later to trim the West Brunswick lead to 25-14 with 2:11 left in the third quarter.

He said West Brunswick's defense didn't play the second half with the same intensity it had in the first half. "We go in up 25, it's the classic letdown," Seay said.

The momentum was definitely in favor of Farmville Central as the Jaguars forced West Brunswick to punt on its next possession.

Alderson's kick sailed over the head of Farmville kick returner Seneca Gorham, who got his hands on the ball but couldn't catch it.

West Brunswick's Jerry Reeves recovered the mishandled punt at the Jaguar 8-yard line.

Lance ran it in on the next play for his second touchdown of the game to give the Trojans a 31-14 lead early in the fourth quarter and turn the game back in West Brunswick's favor.

"We work hard on our punting game every day," Seay said. "That's just an example of it paying off."

Following a botched fake punt by Farmville Central, West Brunswick took over at the Jaguar 34-yard line.

The West Brunswick coaches again called Lance's number, and the senior tailback responded, running around the left end and untouched into the end zone for his third touchdown.

The score gave West Brunswick a 37-14 lead with 9:12 remaining, and put the game out of Farmville Central's reach.

The Trojans threatened to score again on their next possession, which was set up by an interception. Reeves picked off a Tyson pass near midfield and returned it to the Farmville Central 6-yard line.

However, a third-down pass by Alderson was tipped at the line of scrimmage and intercepted by Farmville Central's Marion Loftin.

The Jaguars marched 73 yards in 3:14 for their final score of the game. Tyson threw a 37-yard pass to Gorham to make the score 37-20.

**THE YARDSTICK**

W. Brunswick	Farmville Central
10	15
32-257	40-100
96	115
3-9	8-15
1	1
2-25	4-32
1-1	3-2
7-51	3-15

**Score By Quarters**

West Brunswick	6	19	0	12	37
Farmville Central	0	0	14	6	20

**Scoring Summary**

(WB) Holmes, 54-yard run (kick blocked)

(WB) Butler, 3-yard run (two-point conversion failed)

(WB) Grissett, 72-yard pass from Alderson (Alderson kick)

(WB) A. Lance, 16-yard run (kick failed)

(FC) R. Tyson, 1-yard run (Romas kick)

(FC) Parker, 27-yard pass from Tyson (Romas kick)

(WB) A. Lance, 8-yard run (kick failed)

(WB) A. Lance, 34-yard run (kick failed)

(FC) Gorham, 37-yard pass from Tyson (two-point conversion failed)

**Individual Rushing**

West Brunswick: A. Lance, 17-167; Holmes, 2-56; Butler, 10-34; M. Lance, 1-3; Alderson, 2-minus 3.

Farmville Central: Terrell, 11-52; R. Tyson, 9-minus 11; Gorham, 3-33; May, 5-minus 10; Willaby, 8-37; E. Tyson, 2-4; Taft, 1-2; Lang, 1-minus 7.

**Individual Passing**

West Brunswick: Alderson, 3-9-96-1.

Farmville Central: R. Tyson, 5-11-92-2; Terrell 1-1-10; Gorham, 1-2-14; Willaby, 1-1-minus 1.

**Individual Receiving**

West Brunswick: Grissett, 3-96.

Farmville Central: Parker, 2-41; Lang, 2-28; Gorham, 1-37; May 1-10; Willaby, 1-0; Terrell, 1-minus 1.



WEST BRUNSWICK'S ALDWIN LANCE (32) rushed for 167 yards and scored three touchdowns in the Trojans' 37-20 win over Farmville Central. Also pictured are Jaguar defenders Seneca Gorham (8) and Cory Jones (89).



WEST BRUNSWICK LINEBACKER Aaron Butler (35) forces Farmville Central's Brandon Terrell (32) to fumble. Trojan Ronnie Bradley (background) recovered.



TROJAN RECEIVER JIMMY GRISSETT (83) gave the Trojans a 19-0 lead in the second quarter when he caught a short pass, broke two tackles and sprinted 72 yards for a touchdown. Also pictured is Farmville defender Marion Loftin (5).

## Byrd, Butler And Lance Chosen Players Of Game

Geoff Byrd, Aaron Butler and Michael Lance were chosen West Brunswick High School football players of the game for their performances last Friday night in the Trojans' 37-20 playoff win over Farmville Central.

Byrd, a 5-foot-10-inch, 190-pound guard, rated out at 83 percent in last week's game to earn offensive player of the week honors, according to Head Coach Marshall Seay.

"He's done a fine, consistent job for us this year and he's an extremely good student," Seay said.

Byrd, a junior, is the son of former West Brunswick football coach Jack Byrd, who now coaches at North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Defensive honors went to Butler, a junior linebacker who had five so-

lo tackles in the game and several assists.

"He was our big play man on defense Friday night," Seay said. "He made several stops behind the line of scrimmage and was the difference between the defense stopping them for a loss and giving up a big play."

Seay said the 5-foot-10-inch, 185-pounder, is a solid student athlete, competing on both the football and baseball teams.

Lance was named special teams player of the week. He made two first hits on the kicking game and recovered a fumble that helped turn the game back in West Brunswick's favor in the second half.

Seay said the sophomore made his first start last week at linebacker and did a fine job.

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