



WEST BRUNSWICK'S CATHERINE BELL drives to the hoop during last week's game against Dillon, S.C. Bell scored nine points and the Lady Trojans won 49-42.

## Lady Trojans Dump Dillon 49-42

**BY DOUG RUTTER**  
 Tikila Morgan scored eight points in the fourth quarter as the West Brunswick girls' basketball team rallied to beat Dillon (S.C.) 49-42 last Tuesday in Shallotte.  
 The Lady Trojans trailed most of the game and were losing 42-38 with 3:55 to play before turning around and scoring the final 11 points of the game.  
 "I thought we played very well in the second half," West Brunswick Coach Brenda Council said. "The first half we got out of our game plan and didn't play well at all."  
 Dillon jumped out to a 10-2 lead and led 12-7 after one quarter behind the sharp shooting of Julie Childers, who made two three-pointers and scored eight points in the quarter.  
 West Brunswick's Pam Detrie scored with 4:49 to play in the second quarter to give the Lady Trojans a 16-14 lead, but it quickly disappeared.  
 Dillon scored the next six points to take a 20-16 lead. The Lady Trojans tied the game at 20-20 on a

Doris Daniels free throw with seven seconds to play in the half.  
 But Childers knocked down her third three-pointer of the half with two seconds remaining to give the Lady Wildcats a 23-20 lead at intermission.  
 Dillon went up 30-24 early in the third quarter, prompting West Brunswick to go into a press defense.  
 The Lady Wildcats still led 35-31 after three quarters and were clinging to a 42-38 advantage midway through the fourth quarter when West Brunswick took over.  
 The Lady Trojans scored the next 11 points and held Dillon scoreless in the final 3:55.  
 Catherine Bell, who scored all nine of her points in the second half, gave the Lady Trojans the lead for good with 2:14 to play.  
 Other West Brunswick scorers included Monica King with 10 points, Morgan with 10 and Detrie with eight.  
 Danielle Graves led Dillon scorers with 15 points. Childers made four three-pointers and finished with 14 points for the Lady Wildcats.

In its season opener Dec. 10, West Brunswick beat the 4-A Lady Wildcats 41-38 at Dillon, despite shooting three-of-14 from the free throw line.  
 West Brunswick made 12 of 19 foul shots last week, and made nine free throws in the final quarter.  
 "I think we're going to be competitive, but we still have a long way to go," Council said following the game.  
 Last week's non-conference win improved the Lady Trojans' record to 2-0 going into the Christmas break.  
 The West Brunswick girls return to action this weekend when they compete in the East Duplin Invitational Tournament.

**Score By Quarters**

Dillon	12	11	12	7-42
West Brunswick	7	13	11	18-49

Dillon scoring: Graves, 15; Childers, 14; McCall, 5; Benjamin, 5; Baker, 3.  
 West Brunswick scoring: Morgan, 10; King, 10; Bell, 9; Detrie, 8; Hill, 6; Norris, 5; Daniels, 1.

## DILLON TOPS TROJANS IN OVERTIME

# West Loses Both Games At Gatortown Shootout

**BY DOUG RUTTER**  
 West Brunswick's boys' basketball team dropped both of its games at the Gatortown Shootout Classic in Gainesville, Fla., after losing an overtime thriller to Dillon (S.C.) last Tuesday.  
 In Florida, the Trojans lost their first game to Ribault (Fla.) 83-54 and lost their consolation game to Columbia High of Lake City, Fla., 59-44.  
 "It's back to the drawing board," Coach Billy Mims said Monday following the trip. "We've got a lot of work to get done."  
 Lonnie Mitchell led West Brunswick in both tournament games, scoring 16 points against Ribault and 11 against Columbia. Adam Johnson also scored nine in the second game.  
 Ribault, ranked seventh in the 3-A ranks in Florida, went on to win the tournament. "I don't think we're going to play a team all year that good until we get to the playoffs," said Mims.  
 Mims said West Brunswick could have beaten Columbia. The Trojans were only trailing by two points at halftime, but Columbia outscored West 18-4 to start the second half.  
 Mims said the Trojans will start working hard after Christmas to prepare for their Jan. 3 game against Wallace-Rose Hill and Waccamaw 2-A Conference play which starts Jan. 7.



TROJAN SHAWN BOWEN (12) guards Dillon's Cedric McRae (30) during last week's home opener. McRae scored 20 points to lead Dillon to a 69-68 overtime win.

On the bright side, Mims said senior Jerry Reeves received high marks at the tournament from an assistant coach at Southern Union State Junior College in Alabama.  
 Mims said the coach liked the way Reeves ran the floor and rebounded. "If something comes out of that, the trip will have been well worth it," he said.

### Dillon Wins In OT

Mickey Graves' free throw with 26 seconds left in overtime provided the margin of victory as Dillon won 69-68 and spoiled the Trojans' home opener last Tuesday.  
 "We should have won the game," Mims said. "We lost to a good team, but we had every opportunity to win the game."  
 Reeves scored 15 points and Myron Stevenson chipped in 14 to lead the Trojans.  
 Dillon's Cedric McRae led all scorers with 20 points. Roderick Singleton added 15 for the 4-A Wildcats.  
 West Brunswick took a 6-4 lead in the opening minutes of the game before Dillon went on a 9-0 run.  
 McRae punctuated the run when he hit a three-pointer with 2:35 left in the first quarter.

Jimmy Grissett made a free throw with 1:19 to play and hit a jump shot with 56 seconds left to tie the game 64-64.  
 Both teams missed several scoring opportunities before end of regulation, including foul shots in the final 10 seconds.  
 Dillon drew first blood in the three-minute overtime period and led 68-66 with less than a minute to play when Grissett drove along the baseline and dunked to tie the game.  
 But Graves hit the front end of a one-and-one to give Dillon a one-point lead with 26 seconds to play.  
 West Brunswick got the ball inside to Mitchell with five seconds left, but Mitchell was whistled for a charging foul as he backed into the lane.  
 "It took a lot of guts on that official to make that charging call," Mims said afterward.  
 The game marked the return of several key players to the West Brunswick lineup who had been competing on the football team.  
 Mims said the football players only had one practice prior to last

week's game and he had a difficult time figuring out the right combination.  
 "That's the price you pay early in the season when you have a successful football season," he said.  
 Reeves, Mitchell, Grissett, Johnson and Shawn Bowen, all of whom played on the Trojan football team that advanced to the state finals, combined for 48 points last Tuesday.  
 Mims said he was disappointed about the loss, but was confident the team would come together in time for Waccamaw Conference play.  
 "When January rolls around, I have a feeling we'll be right on track and ready to compete," he said.

**Score By Quarters**

Dillon	20	13	13	18	5-69
W. Brunswick	14	11	14	25	4-68

Dillon scoring: McRae, 20; Singleton, 15; Ladson, 8; Gunter, 8; Benjamin, 7; Williams, 5; Graves, 4; Smith, 2.  
 West Brunswick scoring: Reeves, 15; Stevenson, 14; Grissett, 11; Mitchell, 9; Bowen, 8; Johnson, 5; Marlow, 2; Moody, 2; Hughes, 2.

## SOUTH GIRLS ARE 4-1

# Cougars Enter Holidays Undefeated

**BY DOUG RUTTER**  
 Coach Gene Doane and his South Brunswick boys' basketball team entered this week's UCB Tournament at UNC-Wilmington sporting a perfect 5-0 record.  
 The Cougars have dominated most of their opponents, winning their first five games by an average of 30 points.  
 South has manhandled 1-A schools Topsail and Acme-Delco twice each this season, and knocked off 4-A Hoggard 71-62 on the road.  
 But Doane said the defending Waccamaw 2-A Conference champions have only played "so-so" through the first three weeks of the season.  
 "We've got a long way to go," he said. "We've won, but I haven't been happy with the way we've done it."  
 Doane said South Brunswick needs to improve its defense, rebounding, free throw shooting and get better play from the bench.  
 "As far as the wins we've done alright, but that sometimes is a two-way mirror," he said. "You look good on one side but sometimes you're not as good as you look."  
 South's Preston McGriff, the 6-foot-11-inch center, has played well thus far despite being double- and triple-teamed inside, Doane said.

"He's played as well as you'd want the kid to play," he said. "He's a man playing with boys now, not a boy playing with boys."  
 McGriff is averaging 20 points a game, while point guard Josh White is scoring 17.6 points a game from the outside.  
 South's first opponent in the UCB Tournament is Athens Drive, a 4-A school from Raleigh. They play today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m.  
 The South Brunswick girls' team has opened the season 4-1 and is playing this week in the North-South Challenge at West Columbus.  
 South was scheduled to play 4-A Chester (S.C.) High School in its first game of the tournament today (Thursday) at 4 p.m.  
 Other teams in the tournament are Spring Valley (Columbia, S.C.), Bladenboro, Tabor City, Purnell Sweatt and host West Columbus.  
 Coach Mike Isenberg said the Lady Cougars have played "pretty well" through the first five games.  
 The team has twice beaten a pair of 1-A schools, Acme-Delco and Topsail, and lost to 4-A Hoggard.  
 "We need to play some teams on our level to really see how we're doing," Isenberg said.

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—Coach Gene Doane

## NORTH STAYS UNBEATEN

# Scorpion Boys Edge Topsail

The North Brunswick boys' basketball team improved to 4-0 last week with a 54-45 win over 1-A opponent Topsail.  
 Dwain Waddell led the Scorpions with 15 points, and 6-foot-7-inch junior Ronnie Ballard added 13 points and 10 rebounds.  
 North Brunswick led 17-14 after one quarter and increased its lead to 26-20 at halftime. The Scorpions outscored Topsail 28-25 in the second half.  
 "We didn't play real well, but we finished strong," North Brunswick Coach Cliff Gibson said of the non-conference game.  
 Kelvin Redd led host Topsail with 14 points, and Kirby Lewis added 11 for the Pirates.  
 Gibson said it "feels good" to be undefeated after four games. "I don't know how long it's going to last because in the Waccamaw Conference you have to play well every night."  
 North Brunswick was scheduled to play the 4-A Hoggard Vikings in the Holiday Basketball Tournament today (Thursday) in Wilmington. The Scorpions open conference play Jan. 10 against West Columbus.  
 "I'm real pleased with the kids I've got," Gibson said. "I get 110

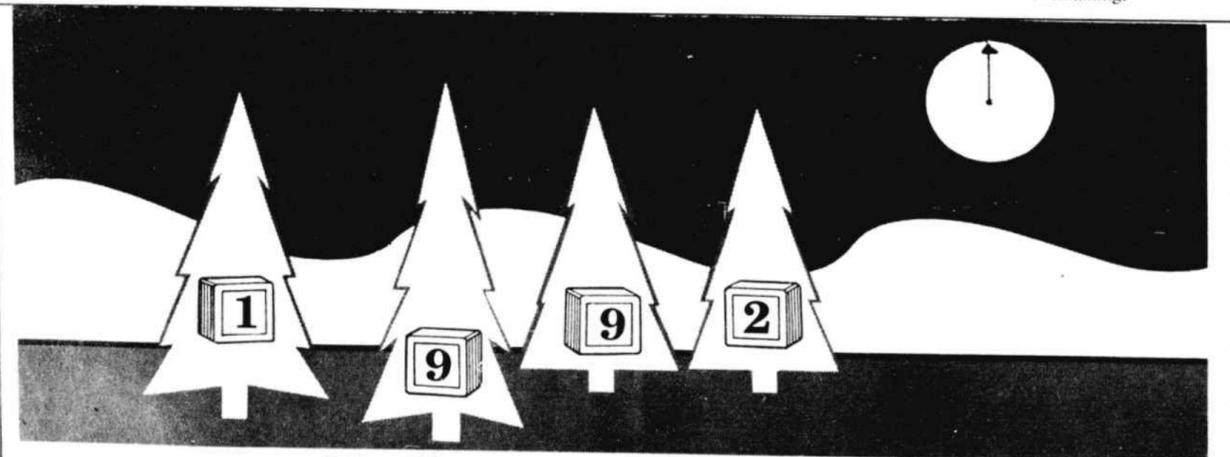
percent out each of them every game."  
**Score By Quarters**

North Brunswick	17	9	14	14-54
Topsail	14	6	10	15-45

North Brunswick scoring: Waddell, 15; R. Ballard, 13; M. Ballard, 11; Cobb, 4; Baldwin, 4; Black, 4; Bell, 3.  
 Topsail scoring: Redd, 14; Lewis, 11; Wallace, 8; Brown, 4; Manuel, 2; Lampkin, 2; Hutton, 2; Givens, 2.

### North Lady Scorpions Roll Past Topsail

Ayo Robbins scored 20 points to lead the North Brunswick girls' basketball team to a 55-32 win over Topsail last Tuesday.  
 Tasha Robbins added 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Lady Scorpions, who concluded their non-conference schedule at 2-2.  
 The victory over the 1-A Lady Pirates was the second of the year for North Brunswick, which beat Topsail 54-40 on Dec. 3.  
 North Brunswick's girls are scheduled to resume play Jan. 10, when they open Waccamaw 2-A Conference play at home against West Columbus.



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