

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

- South Brunswick girls' basketball team vs. Chester (S.C.) in first round of Burger King North-South Challenge, West Columbus High School, 4 p.m.
- South Brunswick boys' basketball team vs. Athens Drive (Raleigh) in first round of UCB Tournament, UNC-Wilmington, 6:30 p.m.
- North Brunswick boys' basketball team vs. Hoggard in first round of UCB Tournament, UNC-Wilmington.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

- West Brunswick girls' basketball team at East Duplin Invitational, Dec. 27-30.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

- South Brunswick and North Brunswick at Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Laney High School, Wilmington, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- South Brunswick hosts Laney in high school wrestling, 11 a.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list a sporting activity call 754-6890 or write to *The Brunswick Beacon*, P.O. Box 2558, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

SPORTING SCENE

Community Support Is Key To Solid Football Program

West Brunswick's trip to the prep football championship game two weeks ago was a great thrill for the team, the school and the community.

Like the *Enterprise*, the 1991 Trojans boldly went where no West Brunswick football team had gone before.

The loss was disappointing, but the Trojans proved that Brunswick County teams can compete with the best North Carolina has to offer.

It would be a waste for West Brunswick's dream season to fade from memory before we learn some valuable lessons that can be applied in future years.

Lessons about what it's going to take to build on what was accomplished this year come to mind.

West Brunswick Head Coach Marshall Seay would be the first to acknowledge that the Trojans were "out-programmed" by Thomasville.

In other words, Thomasville has a better football program than West. What makes a solid program? Well, the last thing you need are superior athletes. Coaching and community support are key ingredients.

Thomasville didn't have better athletes than West Brunswick. What they did have was a better system which allowed Thomasville to get the most out of every youngster and give the most to each youngster in return.

After the championship game, Thomasville Coach Allen Brown explained some of the things that make the Bulldogs one of the best teams in the state year in and year out.

Brown, who has coached the same team for 19 years, said one of the most important things about the Thomasville program is that it gives a lot of students the chance to play football.

"By giving lots of kids the opportunity to play you have a lot of kids coming back, and I think that gives you some continuity and ability to sustain a program," Brown said.

Let's take the state championship game for example. The Bulldogs started 11 people on offense and 11 different people on defense and played about 30 during the game.

West Brunswick was just the opposite. The Trojans frequently played about half of the starting offensive players on defense, including many of its "skill" people like Aldwin Lance, Aaron Butler and Jimmy Grissett.

The question is, how can a school the size of Thomasville, which is much smaller than West Brunswick, field that kind of team?

The only way it can be done is if there are enough assistant coaches who can give individual instruction where it's needed.

Coach Brown has 11 assistants at his disposal at Thomasville, including five that concentrate on defense. There are three assistants at West.

The Thomasville coaches can spend a lot of time working with each of the players, helping them develop their skills so they can help the team.

West Brunswick obviously had players on the sideline who could have filled the gaps and given the offensive stars a breather.

But with its limited coaching staff, West Brunswick didn't have the time needed to help young players develop their skills.

What do solid programs mean in terms of wins and losses? Thomasville has been to the state football playoffs 11 times and state finals five times since 1971. West has made the state finals once in six playoff appearances.

The Trojans are 6-6-1 in playoff games, while the Bulldogs are 26-9 with two state championships to their credit.

Thomasville certainly had a potent team this year, and shouldn't surprise anybody if it returns to Chapel Hill next season. Seven defensive starters and another half dozen on offense will be back in Bulldog uniforms in 1992.

In addition to a great football program, Thomasville has the support of the community. High school football is king in Thomasville, where everyone's a Bulldog fan.

"Our community is behind us solidly," Brown said, "and we lose very few recruiting battles because it's so important to our community that the kids participate. If there's a good player in our school, we generally get him out because it's so important to people where we live."

The Shallotte community got a taste of championship-caliber football this season. It will be up to the community to decide if it wants to commit to a top-notch program or continue losing to the Thomasvilles of the state.

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County Football Players Make All-Waccamaw Squad

Eight area football players, including four from West Brunswick's Eastern North Carolina 2-A Championship team, have been named to the 1991 All-Waccamaw Conference team.

West Brunswick selections are seniors Aldwin Lance, Daniel Russ, Jimmy Grissett and junior Aaron Butler.

Keith Burke, Todd Vice and Keith Marlowe were chosen to represent South Brunswick. Ricky Lowery was the only North Brunswick player named to the team.

West's Lance rushed for 1,582 yards and scored 28 touchdowns to lead the Trojans to a school-best 13-2 season. He ran for 208 yards and scored three TDs in the eastern championship game at East Bladen.

Grissett, who was chosen to play in this year's Shrine Bowl, was the Trojans' leading receiver. He caught



LANCE



GRISSETT



BUTLER



RUSS

34 passes for 745 yards and scored seven touchdowns.

Linebackers Russ and Butler helped anchor the West Brunswick defense this season and also contributed on offense.

Russ started at tight end, and Butler rushed for 629 yards and scored four touchdowns from the fullback position. On defense, Butler returned two fumbles for touchdowns in the playoffs.

South Brunswick's Vice played

ference champion East Bladen. They were John Lewis, Monta Davis, Tyrone Mathis, Gary Rhoda and Jay Everette.

Players chosen from Whiteville were Rachel Shurden, Dennis Smith, Brandon Stevens and Anthony Southern.

South Robeson players named to the all-conference team were Tracy Jacobs and Mark Sealey.

Representing West Columbus on the team were Magellan Powell and Antonio Williamson. Jamie Bartley was chosen from Fairmont.

Brunswick County players who received honorable mention included West Brunswick's Tony Carson, Brian Alderson, Lonnie Mitchell and Matt Boseman.

Others were Terry Galloway, Corey Brown and Vinnie Joyner of South Brunswick and Sharod James of North Brunswick.

North Grapplers Sweep Myrtle Beach, Lejeune

The North Brunswick wrestling team swept Myrtle Beach (S.C.) and Lejeune in a home tri-meet Saturday to improve its season record to 3-2-1.

North, ranked fourth in the state among 1-A/2-A high school teams, beat Myrtle Beach 60-18 and knocked off Lejeune 60-14.

The Scorpions also battled 4-A Hoggard to a 36-36 tie last Tuesday night in Leland.

Myrtle Beach Results

103 pounds: Sweeney (NB) won by forfeit; 112 pounds: Cox (NB) pinned Todd; 119 pounds: Jones (NB) won by forfeit; 125 pounds: Cook (NB) won by forfeit; 130 pounds: M. Gainey (NB) won by forfeit; 135 pounds: Bullock (NB) pinned Safo; 140 pounds: McBride (NB) pinned Wilder; 145 pounds: J. Gainey (NB) won by forfeit; 152 pounds: Ivy (NB) pinned Chadwick; 160 pounds: Hobbs (NB) won by default over Ward; 171 pounds: Hester (NB) pinned Gibbs; 189 pounds: Zhuta (NB) pinned Shaw; Heavyweight: Benton (NB) won by forfeit.

Lejeune Results

103 pounds: Mead (L) pinned Sweeney; 145: 112 pounds: Cox (NB) and Harrison drew, 12-12; 119 pounds: Cook (NB) pinned Casey.

3:20; 125 pounds: Jones (NB) pinned Barintine; 1:30; 130 pounds: M. Gainey (NB) defeated Walker; 14:0; 135 pounds: Bullock (NB) pinned Venritepev; 1:20; 140 pounds: McBride (NB) pinned Cox; 1:20; 145 pounds: J. Gainey (NB) pinned Mazzana; 1:30; 152 pounds: Chadwick (NB) won by forfeit; 160 pounds: Hobbs (NB) won by forfeit; 171 pounds: Gibbs (NB) pinned Hanna; 1:52; 189 pounds: Shaw (NB) won by forfeit; Heavyweight: Hendrix (L) pinned Benton; 1:08.

Hoggard Results

103 pounds: Myers (H) pinned Sweeney; 2:20; 112 pounds: Wilson (H) pinned Jackson; 1:18; 119 pounds: Jones (NB) pinned McNeil; 1:13; 125 pounds: Davis (H) defeated Cox; 3:2; 130 pounds: Bullock (NB) pinned Hawn; 3:12; 135 pounds: Gainey (NB) pinned Dobson; 3:44; 140 pounds: McBride (NB) pinned Bryant; 1:51; 145 pounds: Nealon (H) won by forfeit; 152 pounds: Scholer (H) pinned Gainey; 3:57; 160 pounds: Morrison (H) pinned Chadwick; 1:30; 171 pounds: Gibbs (NB) pinned Eller; 3:14; 189 pounds: Harrison (H) defeated Shaw; 12:7; Heavyweight: Benton (NB) pinned Finocchiaro.

West Brunswick Wrestlers Fall To Laney, New Hanover

West Brunswick's wrestling team lost both of its dual meets last week to a pair of Wilmington 4-A schools, Laney and New Hanover.

New Hanover topped the Trojans 56-14 last Friday. West lost to Laney, ranked as the best 4-A wrestling team in the state, 63-12 last Tuesday.

West Brunswick competed Monday at a tri-meet at South Brunswick.

New Hanover Results

103 pounds: Bryant (NH) pinned D. Johnson; 0:28; 112 pounds: Cokely (WB) defeated Williams; 15:6; 119 pounds: Francis (NH) pinned B. Johnson; 2:49; 125 pounds: B. Bache (NH) pinned R. Woodard; 3:55; 130 pounds: J. Bache (NH) defeated Mitchell; 17:1; 135 pounds: Waddell (NH) pinned Mitchell; 1:36; 140 pounds: Bethea (NH) defeated Hagler; 14:9; 145 pounds: Andreis (WB) pinned Shufford; 3:43; 152 pounds: Minter (NH) won by forfeit;

160 pounds: Ashley (WB) defeated Jomious; 11:3; 171 pounds: Sarvis (NH) pinned Ruff; 0:27; 189 pounds: Holiday (NH) pinned Carr; 1:36; Heavyweight: White (NH) pinned Brooks; 4:50.

Laney Results

103 pounds: Egan (L) won by forfeit; 112 pounds: Cokely (WB) pinned O'Leary; 2:49; 119 pounds: Anderson (L) pinned Johnson; 5:38; 125 pounds: McLeod (L) pinned Woodard; 1:43; 130 pounds: LaFrance (L) pinned Jones; 2:56; 135 pounds: B. Harris (L) pinned Mitchell; 1:18; 140 pounds: Lindau (L) pinned Radford; 0:48; 145 pounds: Strickland (L) defeated Hagler; 10:6; 152 pounds: Johnson (L) won by forfeit; 160 pounds: Ashley (WB) pinned Hill; 3:04; 171 pounds: K. Harris (L) pinned Ruff; 3:10; 189 pounds: Humphrey (L) pinned Hickman; 2:28; Heavyweight: Clements (L) pinned Brooks; 3:58.

Cougar Wrestlers Knock Off Hoggard

South Brunswick defeated Hoggard 39-30 in a high school wrestling match last Wednesday night in Wilmington.

With the win, the Cougars avenged a 54-23 loss to the 4-A Vikings on Dec. 13 and improved their season record to 3-5.

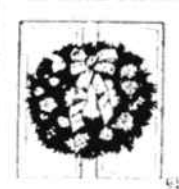
South Brunswick hosted a tri-meet Monday against West Brunswick and White Oak and is scheduled to compete in an invitational tournament Saturday at Laney.

Hoggard Results

103 pounds: Meyers (H) won by forfeit; 113 pounds: Wilson (H) won

by forfeit; 120: McNeil (H) pinned May; 1:13; 126 pounds: Hawn (H) defeated Folding; 24-12; 131 pounds: Davis (H) defeated Rohde; 7:3; 136 pounds: Haughn (SB) pinned Weaver; 1:08; 141 pounds: A. Frazier (SB) pinned Bryant; 1:36; 146 pounds: Nealon (H) pinned Bryant; 1:26; 153 pounds: Ramirez (SB) pinned Morrison; 5:45; 161 pounds: Craven (SB) pinned McFadden; 2:50; 172 pounds: C. Frazier (SB) defeated Eller; 19-10; 190 pounds: Randolph (SB) pinned Harrison; 2:23; Heavyweight: Deitz (SB) pinned Finocchiaro; 1:53.

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