



WEST BRUNSWICK'S PAM DETRIE grabs a rebound in last Friday's game against South Brunswick. Also pictured are West's Christy King (14) and South's Tasha Sellers (22).

South Girls Whip West To Take Waccamaw Lead

BY DOUG RUTTER

South Brunswick's Lady Cougar basketball team grabbed the top spot in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference last week with impressive wins over West Brunswick and Whiteville.

The 57-43 win at West Brunswick last Friday gave South Brunswick's girls sole possession of first place in the conference at the mid-point of the league season.

Both teams entered the game unbeaten in conference play. But it was the Lady Cougars who extended their winning streak to seven, while West Brunswick had its string of consecutive wins snapped at 11 games.

"I think we played real, real hard," South Brunswick Coach Mike Isenberg said after the game. "Except for about one quarter we played well."

Jodie Brown had a career-high 17 points to lead South Brunswick. Tameka Davis scored nine points and Latonya Hankins had eight for the Lady Cougars.

West Brunswick was led by Tikila Morgan with 11 points. Monica King added 10 for the Lady Trojans.

In the first quarter, West took a 5-0 early lead and led 7-6 with three minutes to play, before South Brunswick took command of the game.

The Lady Cougars scored seven

of the next nine baskets to take a 20-11 lead with 5:55 remaining in the first half.

West Brunswick cut the South lead to 22-15 with three minutes left in the half, but South used an 8-2 run to take a 30-17 lead at intermission.

The Lady Cougars increased their lead to 19 points mid-way through the third quarter before West Brunswick went on a 7-0 run and trimmed the margin to 14 points going into the final period.

The Lady Trojans got the lead down to nine points in the first two minutes of the fourth quarter but couldn't pull any closer.

West Brunswick Coach Brenda Council said turnovers, rebounding and missed free throws hurt the Lady Trojans.

"Turnovers, turnovers, turnovers," Council said. "Against good teams like that you can't get away with it."

The conference front-runners will meet again Feb. 28 at Boiling Spring Lakes in a game that could decide the league title.

"They were good but I didn't think we played out best either," Council added. "We also made them look good."

Isenberg characterized last week's contest as "an intense and physical game. You usually don't see much of that in girls' basketball."

Going into this week's action,

South Brunswick was 7-0 in the league and 11-3 overall. West Brunswick was 6-1 and 13-3.

Score By Quarters

South Brunswick 14 16 12 15—57
West Brunswick 11 6 11 15—43

South Brunswick scoring: Brown, 17; T. Davis, 9; Hankins, 8; Bryant, 6; Fullwood, 6; Cumbee, 4; T. Sellers, 4; Isenberg, 3.

West Brunswick scoring: Morgan, 11; M. King, 10; C. King, 7; Bell, 5; Hill, 4; Norris, 3; P. Detrie, 3.

Whiteville

Erika Bryant scored 14 points and Allison Cumbee had 11 to lead South Brunswick to a 48-43 overtime win against Whiteville last Tuesday in Boiling Spring Lakes.

Trailing 33-24 after three quarters, the Lady Cougars rallied in the fourth quarter and tied the game 40-40 at the end of regulation.

South Brunswick then outscored Whiteville 8-3 in the overtime period to pull out the win.

Score By Quarters

Whiteville 16 6 11 7 3—43
South Brunswick 12 7 5 16 8—48

Whiteville scoring: Jones, 13; McCray, 10; Garcia, 8; Threadgill, 6; Register, 6.

South Brunswick scoring: Bryant, 14; Cumbee, 11; Fullwood, 7; T. Sellers, 7; Brown, 6; Isenberg, 3.

West Girls Top Bladen Cougs

Catherine Bell scored 34 points to lead the West Brunswick girls' basketball team to a 68-47 win over East Bladen last Tuesday in Elizabethtown.

It was the 11th straight win for the Lady Trojans, who had their winning streak snapped Friday in a 57-

43 loss to South Brunswick. (See related story above.)

Against East Bladen, West Brunswick took a 20-13 lead in the first quarter as Bell scored 17 points.

The Lady Trojans increased their lead to 39-20 at intermission, but East Bladen rallied in the third quar-

ter. The Lady Cougars outscored West Brunswick 13-7 to trim the Lady Trojan lead to 46-33.

Bell added 13 more points in the fourth quarter to propel West Brunswick to the 21-point victory.

Christy King added 19 points for West Brunswick, which enters this week's action at 6-1 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference and 13-3 overall.

Shannon Cain led East Bladen with 22 points, and Farrah Johnson added 20 for the Lady Cougars.

After an open date Tuesday, West Brunswick returns to action Friday at home against Whiteville.

Score By Quarters

West Brunswick 20 19 7 22—68
East Bladen 13 7 13 14—47

West Brunswick scoring: Bell, 34; C. King, 19; S. Hill, 6; P. Detrie, 4; Morgan, 3; M. King, 2.

East Bladen scoring: Cain, 22; Johnson, 20; Godfrey, 2; Pusey, 2; White, 1.

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