

McGriff Leads Cougars Past Trojans, Wolfpack

BY DOUG RUTTER

Preston McGriff scored 58 points last week to lead the South Brunswick boys' basketball team to easy wins over West Brunswick and Whiteville.

Coming off their only conference loss of the year against Fairmont, the Cougars beat Whiteville 81-72 last Tuesday and defeated West Brunswick 74-57 on Friday.

With the victories, South improved to 6-1 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference and 14-2 overall. West Brunswick fell to 2-5 in league play and 3-12 overall.

McGriff, the 6-foot-11-inch senior center, scored 24 points to lead the South Brunswick attack at West Friday night. Josh White and Kevin Smith each added 18 for the Cougars.

Jerry Reeves led the West Brunswick Trojans with 15 points, and Adam Johnson scored 11 before a packed West Brunswick gym.

South Brunswick led the entire game, taking a 20-10 lead in the first quarter and building it to 35-17 at halftime.

West Brunswick picked up its offense and scored 20 points in the third quarter, but the Trojan defense

WACCAMAW CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

As of Monday, Feb. 3

BOYS		
Team	Conf.	O'all
Fairmont	6-0	13-0
South Brunswick	6-1	14-2
East Bladen	5-1	10-1
West Columbus	3-4	7-8
Whiteville	2-4	8-5
West Brunswick	2-5	3-12
South Robeson	1-5	3-9
North Brunswick	1-6	5-8

GIRLS		
Team	Conf.	O'all
South Brunswick	7-0	11-3
West Brunswick	6-1	13-3
Whiteville	4-2	10-5
South Robeson	4-2	5-5
Fairmont	2-4	4-6
West Columbus	2-5	7-7
East Bladen	1-5	2-9
North Brunswick	0-7	2-9

couldn't stop South Brunswick. West outscored its opponent 40-39 in the second half, but the Trojans never came closer than 16 points.

South Brunswick Coach Gene Doane said the Cougars played well in the first half, but let up in the second half.

"We executed real well until the game was over, then we got sloppy," he said. "We held them to 17 points in the first half and then we gave up 20 in the third quarter."

Poor shooting hurt the Trojans, said West Brunswick Coach Billy Mims. The Trojans were 16 of 33 from the free throw line.

Mims said West Brunswick is as good as any team at getting the ball inside and setting up good shots. Making the shot is a different story.

"We haven't shot the ball well all year," Mims said. "That's hurt us more than anything else."

Both teams were off Tuesday night. South hosts East Bladen on Friday and West hosts Whiteville.

Score By Quarters

South Brunswick 20 15 24 15—74

West Brunswick 10 7 20 20—57

South Brunswick scoring: McGriff, 24; White, 18; Smith, 18; Fullwood, 6; Moore, 6; Clarida, 2.

West Brunswick scoring: J. Reeves, 15; Johnson, 11; Bowens, 7; Stevenson, 7; Daniels, 5; Grissett, 5;

Mitchell, 5; C. Reeves, 2.

Whiteville

McGriff scored a season-high 34 points and White chipped in 24 to lead South to an 81-72 win over Whiteville last Tuesday in Boiling Spring Lakes.

South Brunswick jumped out to a 20-13 lead in the opening quarter and never trailed the rest of the way.

The Cougars led 39-26 at halftime and increased their lead to 64-45 after three quarters.

Whiteville outscored the Cougars 27-17 in the final period, but it wasn't enough as South Brunswick held on for the win.

Quinzell McMillan led the Wolfpack with 14 points. Brett Harwood and Anthony Southern each added 11 for Whiteville.

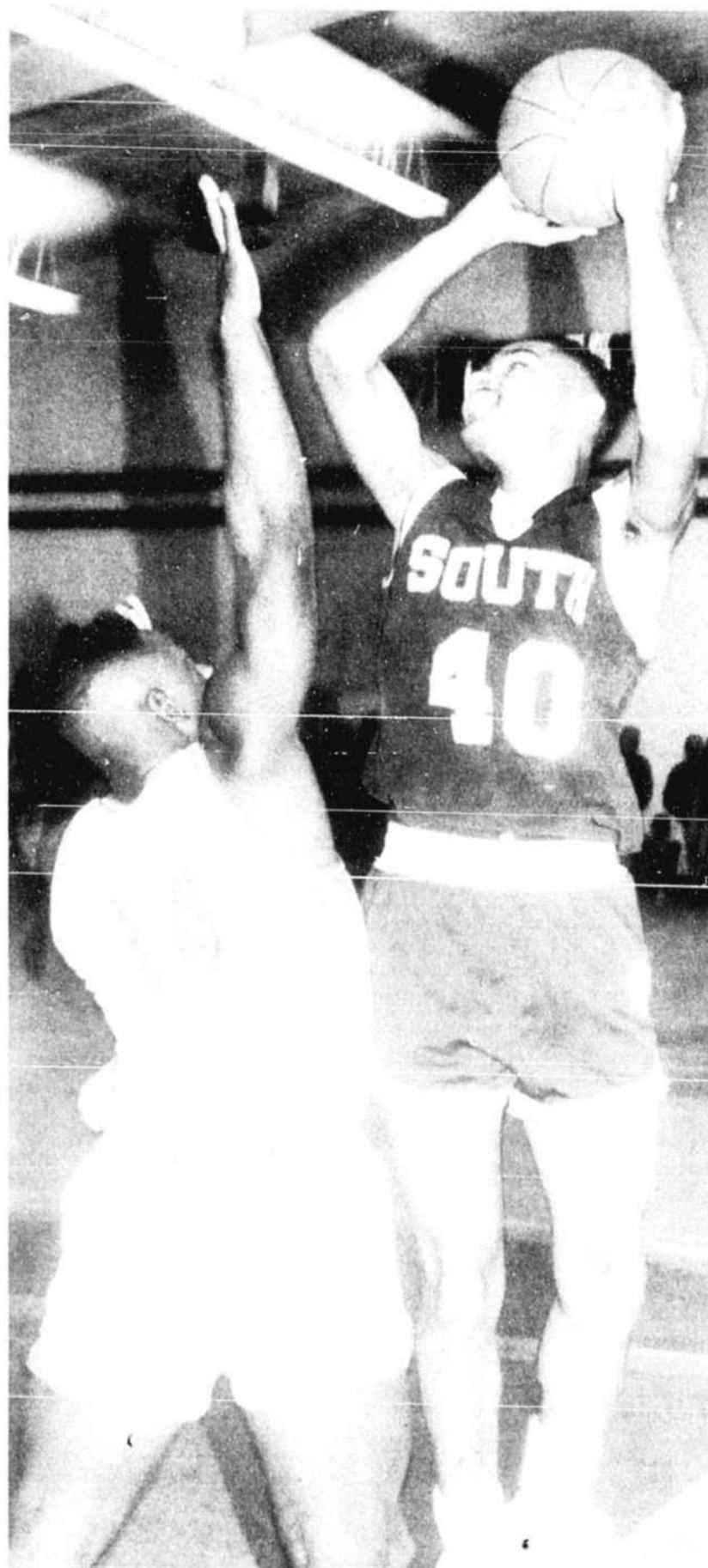
Score By Quarters

Whiteville 13 13 19 27—72

South Brunswick 20 19 25 17—81

Whiteville scoring: McMillan, 14; Harwood, 11; Southern, 11; Flowers, 10; Smith, 8; Wilson, 7; Hall, 4; Spivey, 4; Spicer, 2; Moore, 1.

South Brunswick scoring: McGriff, 34; White, 24; Smith, 9; Fullwood, 8; Clarida, 2; Moore, 2; Hankins, 2.



SOUTH BRUNSWICK'S JAMES CLARIDA shoots over West Brunswick forward Adam Johnson during last Friday's game in Shallotte. South won 74-57.

SPORTING SCENE

Scorpions Have Their Own Brand Of Cameron Crazyies

Cameron Indoor Stadium on the Duke University campus is considered one of the toughest places in America to play college basketball.

Visiting teams not only cringe at the thought of playing the top-ranked Blue Devils, they find it difficult to play in front of their fans.

It's not enough that the Blue Devils are the defending national champs. It's not enough that they just may be a better team this year than they were last season.

Duke also boasts perhaps the rowdiest and most intimidating fans in the country to serve as their "sixth man."

The "Cameron Crazyies," as they're widely known, never let up. They scream, mock, moan, jeer and do their best to break the concentration of opponents for 40 minutes every game.

They paint their faces and bodies blue and white, wear assorted pieces of sporting goods on their heads and generally act like fools to help their team win games.

Now I would never try to compare Duke's basketball team to the North Brunswick High School squad, but I have noticed that Scorpion Gym has its own brand of "Cameron Crazyies."

For the sake of argument, let's just call them the "Leland Loonies." They don't wear paint or costumes like the Duke fans. But they do have a special way of supporting their Scorp.

The "Leland Loonies" start doing their thing each game as the Scorpions take the floor. Their a cappella, rap-like chant let's everyone know the Scorp are in the house.

You really need to hear these guys for yourself. They collectively sing one of those tunes that somehow plays itself over and over again in your head for three days after each game. Trust me.

The "Leland Loonies" also have a yell they save for especially exciting moments—like when one of the Scorp is about to bring down the house with a thunderous dunk.

It's a yell that gradually builds as the player streaks down the court and climaxes as the slam occurs. It's usually followed by a chorus of barks and multiple high fives.

North Brunswick may be no match for the mighty Duke Blue Devils, but the Scorpions have their own special brand of fans that makes every game there an experience.



Doug Rutter Sports Editor

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- South Brunswick hosts Leland in middle school basketball, 5 p.m.
- Shallotte hosts Waccamaw in middle school basketball, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- North Brunswick at West Columbus in high school basketball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts East Bladen in high school basketball, 5 p.m.
- West Brunswick hosts Whiteville in high school basketball, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- Waccamaw hosts South Brunswick in middle school basketball, 5 p.m.
- Leland hosts Shallotte in middle school basketball, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- South Brunswick hosts North Brunswick in high school basketball, 5 p.m.
- West Brunswick hosts Fairmont in high school basketball, 5 p.m.
- Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Co-ed Volleyball League at Shallotte Middle School: Gene's Body Shop vs. Brunswick Community College, 7 p.m.; Roberto's Pizza vs. Kari's Team, 7:50 p.m.; Rita's Team vs. Richard Jones Construction, 8:40 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School: Young Guns vs. Sonics, 7 p.m.; Igloo Freeze vs. Warriors, 8:15 p.m.

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

Calvary Tops Camp in League

Calvary Baptist beat Camp Methodist 61-50 last Friday to stay unbeaten in the Brunswick County Church Men's Basketball League.

In other games last Friday, Zion Baptist nipped Ocean View Baptist 48-47 and Jennies Branch routed Supply Baptist 54-34.

On Jan. 27, Calvary defeated Soldier Bay 75-24, Shallotte First Baptist beat Shallotte Presbyterian 83-41 and New Britton edged Letties Grove 61-54.

Church Basketball League Standings As Of Feb. 2

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Calvary Baptist	7	0
First Baptist	6	1
Camp Methodist	5	2
New Britton	4	3
Ocean View	4	3
Zion Baptist	4	3
Letties Grove	3	4
Jennies Branch	2	5
Shallotte Presbyterian	2	5
Supply Baptist	2	6
Soldier Bay	0	7

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