

South Lady Cougars Top Whiteville For Waccamaw Tourney Championship

BY DOUG RUTTER
South Brunswick's Lady Cougars made critical free throws in the final minutes to beat Whiteville 47-43 in the Waccamaw Conference tournament final Friday night at Boiling Spring Lakes.

Led by senior guard Alison Cumbee, South Brunswick made seven of 10 foul shots in the last three minutes to hold off the top-seeded Lady Wolfpack.

With the victory, the Lady Cougars earned the first girls' basketball championship in school history and a bye in the opening round of the state playoffs.

"This feels great," Coach Mike Isenberg said after the game. "We felt like if we could beat their press we could get a lot of points in the half court."

South Brunswick had trouble beating Whiteville's full-court press early in the game. The Lady Wolfpack came up with four steals out of

the press in the first quarter and took a 13-10 lead.

After falling behind 17-10 early in the second period, South's Lady Cougars rallied with 10 straight points to take a 20-17 lead. Whiteville responded with a 6-0 run of its own and had a 23-22 lead at halftime.

South Brunswick opened the second half with a 9-2 run to take a 31-25 lead, but Whiteville came back again and cut the margin to 31-30 going into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Cougars rebuilt their lead to six points early in the quarter before Whiteville trimmed it to three points with 3:29 remaining.

South Brunswick then made four of six free throws to take a 44-37 lead with 1:18 to play. But the tenacious Lady Wolfpack pulled to within 45-43 with 30 seconds left.

Cumbee made both ends of a one-and-one with 20 seconds remaining to give South Brunswick its final margin of victory.

Erika Bryant led the Lady Cougars with 17 points. Tasha Sellers and Cumbee each scored 10 for South Brunswick.

Senior center Beverly McCray scored 17 to lead Whiteville, and Tonya Jones chipped in 10 points.

South Brunswick had advanced to the tournament final with wins over West Brunswick and East Bladen.

The Lady Cougars pulled away from West in the second half for a 56-36 win in semifinal action last Thursday after knocking off East Bladen 69-40 in the opening round on Monday.

Whiteville made it to the tournament final by beating West Columbus in the semifinals and North Brunswick in the first round.

McCray led the way in both games, scoring 39 points in an 82-26 win over the West Columbus Lady Vikings last Wednesday.

The senior center scored 28 points

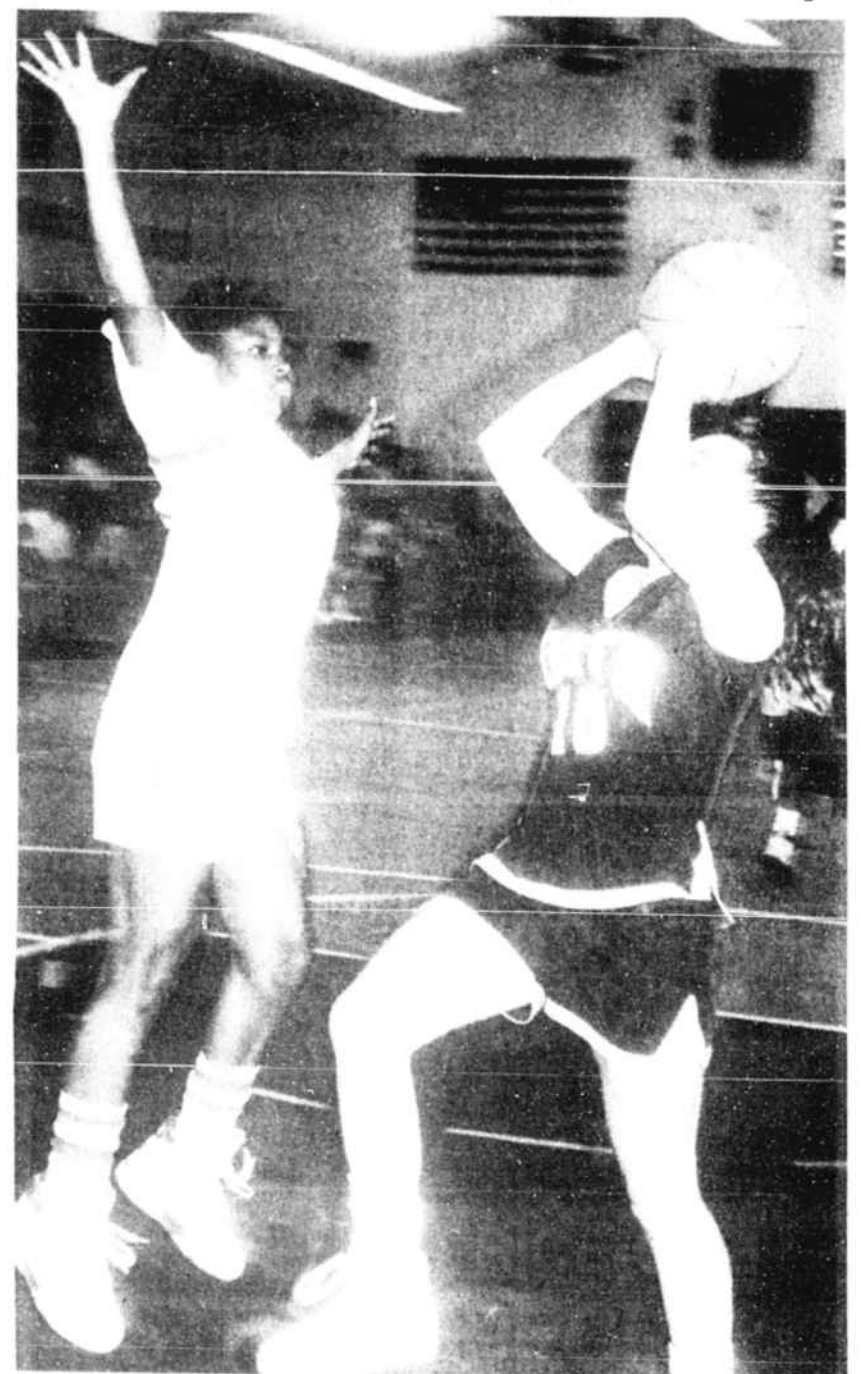
to lead the Lady Wolfpack to a 79-21 victory over North Brunswick in first-round action last Monday.

South Brunswick, Whiteville and West Brunswick tied for the regular-season conference championship with 12-2 records. Numbers were drawn from a hat to determine seedings in the tournament.

The Lady Cougars were to open the state 2-A playoffs Wednesday night in Whiteville. They were to play either the second seed from the Central Tar Heel Conference or the third seed from the Capital Area Conference.

Score By Quarters

South Brunswick 10 12 9 16—47
Whiteville 13 10 7 13—43
South Brunswick scoring: Bryant, 17; T. Sellers, 10; Cumbee, 10; Hankins, 4; Isenberg, 3; Brown, 3.
Whiteville scoring: McCray, 17; Jones, 10; Garcia, 7; Threadgill, 7; Davis, 2.



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER
SOUTH BRUNSWICK'S ALISON CUMBEE, playing her final home game for the Lady Cougars, drives past Whiteville's Dawn Threadgill in last Friday's conference tournament final. Cumbee scored 10 points to help lead South to a 47-43 win.

West Lady Trojans Fall To Northwood In Playoffs

BY DOUG RUTTER
West Brunswick's Lady Trojan basketball team came up two points short against Northwood in the opening round of the state 2-A playoffs Monday night at Fuquay Varina.

After falling behind early, West Brunswick came back and took the lead late in the fourth quarter before Northwood went on to post a 48-46 victory.

The number three seed in the Central Tar Heel Conference jumped on the Lady Trojans early. West Brunswick Coach Brenda Council said Northwood converted six West turnovers into baskets to start the game with a 12-0 run.

Coach Council said the three-hour bus ride to Fuquay Varina hurt the Lady Trojans. "It had a lot to do with it. We were just real flat the first half."

Northwood led 17-7 after the first quarter and increased its lead to 27-15 at halftime.

Council said West Brunswick played better in the second half. The Lady Trojans trimmed Northwood's lead to 38-30 going into the fourth quarter.

West Brunswick's Christy King nailed a three-point shot with two minutes remaining to give the Lady Trojans their first lead of the game, 46-45.

Northwood regained the lead on an offensive rebound and put-back, and later made one of two free throws for the final margin of victory.

Monica King led the Lady Trojans with 21 points, and Christy King added 16 for West Brunswick.

Mandy Poe led Northwood with 19 points, and Danielle Harrington chipped in with 12 points.

The Lady Trojans, who tied with South Brunswick and Whiteville for the regular-season conference championship, finished the year at 20-6.

"We had a real good season," Council said Tuesday. "We were much better than that team last night. We just didn't play ball."

South Brunswick
South Brunswick defeated West Brunswick 56-36 in the semifinals of the Waccamaw 2-A Conference tournament last Thursday at Boiling Spring Lakes.

The game was a grudge match of sorts. West had beaten the Lady Cougars 47-45 six days earlier to earn a share of the conference championship.

"I think last week West wanted it more and that made the difference," South Brunswick Coach Mike Isenberg said following the game.

"When the teams are this evenly matched a lot of times it's just who wants it worse. It was just our turn."

Isenberg's game plan, to work the ball inside on offense and prevent West Brunswick from penetrating, worked to perfection.

South's twin towers, Erika Bryant and Jennifer Fullwood, combined for 37 points in the paint.

Bryant led all scorers with 19, despite sitting out most of the second quarter after picking up her third foul. Fullwood chipped in 18 points.

The Lady Cougars went on a 9-0 run early in the first quarter and took a 13-9 advantage into the second period.

South's guards repeatedly beat West Brunswick's trapping defense and passed under the hoop for easy baskets.

After West's Tikila Morgan converted a three-point play to pull the Lady Trojans to within 15-14, South rebuilt its lead with a 6-0 run.

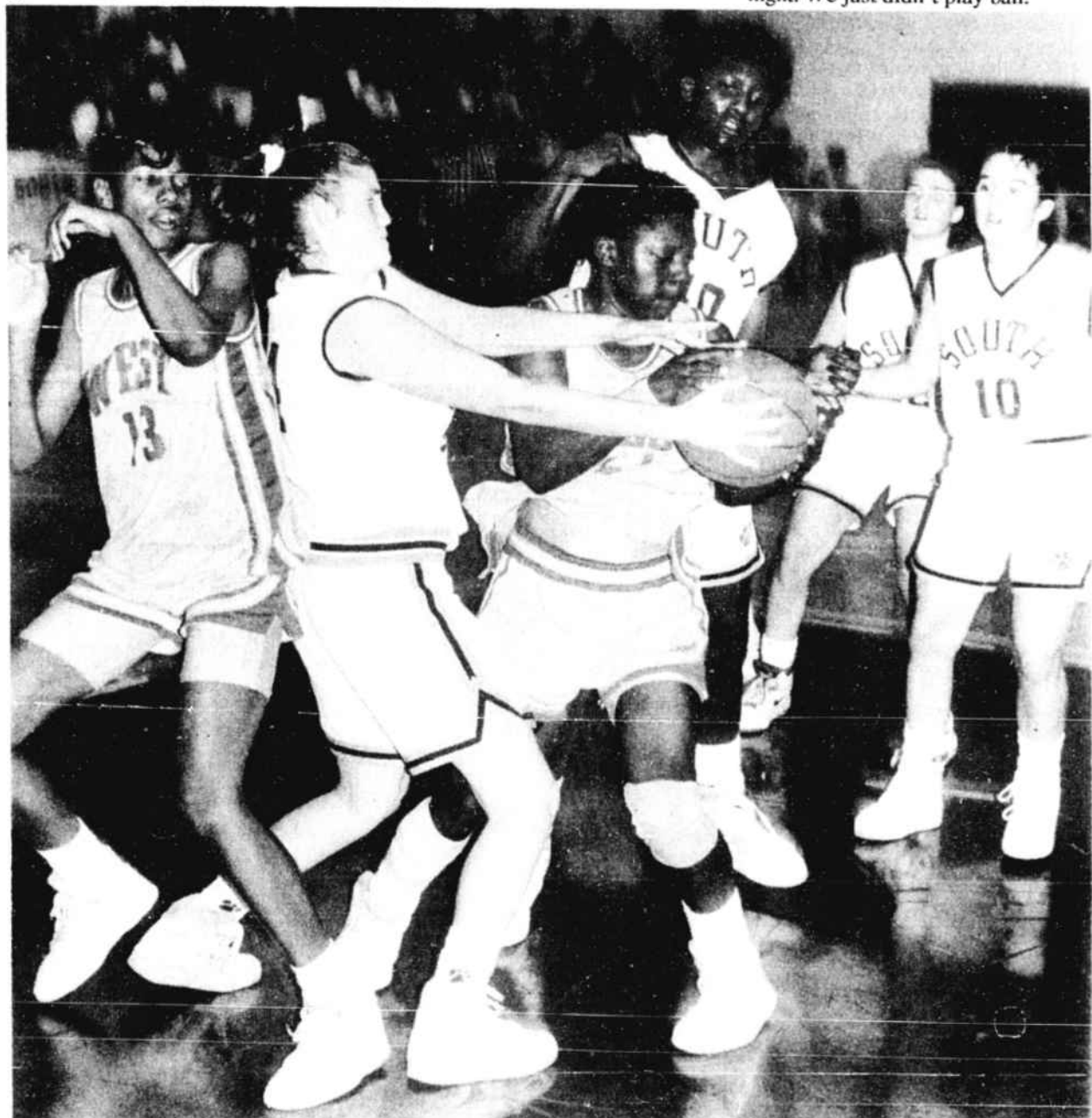
The Lady Cougars led 25-20 at halftime and pulled away in the third quarter. Guard Stacie Isenberg scored two straight baskets to start a 13-0 run, which turned a close game into a rout.

South Brunswick led 42-27 after three quarters. West pulled to within 13 points early in the fourth quarter but never got any closer.

Christy King and Catherine Bell scored 11 points each to lead the Lady Trojans, who had advanced to the semifinals with a 53-44 win over Fairmont in the opening round.

Score By Quarters
West Brunswick 9 11 7 9—36
South Brunswick 13 12 17 14—56
West Brunswick scoring: Bell, 11; C. King, 11; Morgan, 6; P. Detrie, 2; Norris, 2; M. King, 2; S. Hill, 2.

South Brunswick scoring: Bryant, 19; Fullwood, 18; Isenberg, 5; Hankins, 4; Brown, 4; T. Sellers, 3; Cumbee, 3.



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER
WEST BRUNSWICK'S CATHERINE BELL (center) grabs the ball from South Brunswick's Jodie Brown during their game last Thursday. Also pictured (from left) are West's Monica King and South's Erika Bryant, Tasha Sellers and Alison Cumbee.

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Sports

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Turntables Lead Hoops League

The Turntables took over first place in the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Men's Basketball League last week with a 74-71 victory over the Rockets.

Trampus Gause scored 32 points to lead the Turntables, who improved to 11-2 on the season. Joe Clemmons scored 22 for the fifth-place Rockets.

The Young Guns fell to second place in the league with a 71-67 loss to the Warriors last Thursday.

Don Stevenson led the fourth-place Warriors with 23 points, and Charles Hill scored 24 for the 10-2 Young Guns.

In other games last week, Steven Carr scored 25 to lead the Sonics to

a 94-88 win over the Brew Crew. Greg White led the Brew Crew with 37 points.

William Johnson scored 43 points as the third-place Lakers defeated Igloo Freeze 104-94. Brad Antil and Brad Cheers each scored 30 for Igloo Freeze.

Men's Basketball League Standings As Of March 10

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Turntables	11	2
Young Guns	10	2
Lakers	9	3
Warriors	6	4
Rockets	4	7
Sonics	3	7
Igloo Freeze	3	8
Brew Crew	0	13



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