

# This Week In Brunswick Sports

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- ☐ West Brunswick hosts New Hanover in softball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick hosts Hoggard in golf, 2 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick hosts James Kenan in varsity baseball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Men's Basketball League at Shalotte Middle School: Young Guns vs. Lakers, 7 p.m.; Sonics vs. Warriors, 8:15 p.m.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- ☐ North Brunswick hosts New Hanover in varsity baseball, 4 p.m.

## MONDAY, MARCH 23

- ☐ Waccamaw Conference golf tournament at Whiteville, 2 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at Whiteville in boys' tennis, 4 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at Pender in softball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at New Hanover in varsity baseball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Men's Basketball League at Shalotte Middle School: Sonics vs. Igloo Freeze, 7 p.m.; Warriors vs. Rockets, 8:15 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- ☐ West Brunswick at Laney in junior varsity baseball, 4 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

- ☐ West Brunswick at Fairmont in boys' tennis, 4 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at James Kenan in varsity baseball, 4 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, Shalotte, N.C. 28459.



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### Softball Scrimmage

West Brunswick's Jenny Judah delivers a pitch during a softball scrimmage against New Hanover Monday. The Lady Trojans were to open the season Wednesday with a home game against Pender. West Brunswick hosts New Hanover on Thursday.

### Trojan Baseball Opener Canceled On Monday

West Brunswick High's varsity baseball season opener was canceled Monday due to a problem with paperwork.

Eligibility forms for the team weren't turned in on time, at least five days prior to the game, said Athletic Director Jerry Small.

The Trojans were scheduled to host Acme-Delco in a non-conference game.

West Brunswick will open the season today (Thursday) at home against James Kenan. Game time is 5 p.m.

### Scorpions Lose Baseball Opener To Hoggard

North Brunswick's Scorpions lost their varsity baseball season opener Monday to visiting Hoggard 7-0.

Hoggard pitcher Scott Winefordner picked up the win and also helped his team at the plate, belting a solo home run and knocking in two runs.

North Brunswick pitcher Jered McGee struck out 13 in a losing cause. The Scorpions committed six errors in the game.

"It was a typical first game, a little sloppy," said North Brunswick Coach Keith Moore.

The Scorpions were to travel to Hoggard Tuesday afternoon for a rematch against the Vikings.

North Brunswick plays a home-and-home series with New Hanover next week before opening the conference season March 27.

### West Trojans Plan All-Day Ball Game

West Brunswick will hold its third annual 100-inning alumni baseball game Saturday, March 21, starting at 8 a.m. at Trojan Field.

The all-day game between junior varsity and varsity players and alumni will raise money for the baseball program at West Brunswick.

Players will get pledges for each inning played. The rain date for the game is April 4.

For more information, call Coach Mike Alderson at 754-4338 or Scott Evans at 754-4326.

### North Boosters Slate Pro Match

The North Brunswick Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a professional wrestling match Saturday, March 28, to raise money for a new press box.

The Coastal Carolina Wrestling Alliance match will start at 7:30 p.m. in the North Brunswick gym.

Vladimir Koloff will face CCWA Champion Dark Starr in the main event.

Other matches include the Southern Express against Colt Steel and Ricky Nelson. The Punisher, The Red Scorpion and Brian "Speedy" Johnson are also on the card.

Tickets cost \$5 for general admission and \$6 for ringside seats. For advance tickets, call a booster club member or Carl Wilson at 799-9685.

# Time To Get Ready For March Marlin Madness

BY JAMIE MILLIKEN

We all hear the term March madness in reference to the NCAA college basketball tournaments. Now we have to throw March marlin madness into the equation. That's right, the crew of the *Early Bird* made a run to the "Georgetown Hole" Sunday, March 7 in search of tuna, dolphin and wahoo. Little did they know that ole long nose would be in the area.

The first marlin they hooked up with was successfully brought along boatside and tagged for release. The second blue successfully released himself after an hour in the fight.

The *Early Bird* fishes out of Murrell's Inlet, S. C. The "Georgetown Hole" is located on the 100-fathom curve at loran reading 45139.0/59970.0. This is a heading of 188 degrees and 75 miles from Little River Inlet. There is little doubt that this is one of the best fishing grounds on the entire East Coast.

Several local boats enjoyed successful fishing trips over the past few weeks. The king mackerel have now moved into the 38-mile range. The water temperature has raised to 68 degrees in those areas. Captain Dan McRaney, fishing the *Ocean Ale*, caught several dolphin recently in this area. Bottom fishing for grouper, snapper and black bass has continued to be good as well.

I believe that if the weather holds we should start seeing kings in the 18 to 24-mile areas as early as April 1. It is time to start planning your spring trips to the coast and, with good weather and a little fishing luck, you should have no problem in locating the fish. Notice I said locating the fish—getting them in the boat is always another story.

Until next time, good fishin'.

### CAPTAIN JAMIE'S OFFSHORE FISHING REPORT

### A REVIEW

## Article Traces Commercial Fishing's Past In The State

An entertaining and informative article that traces the development of commercial fishing in North Carolina is featured in the January issue of *North Carolina Historical Review*.

In "Seiners and Tongs: North Carolina Fisheries in the Old and New South," Mark Taylor traces fishing from localized fisheries of the antebellum period to a diversified industry that flourished after the Civil War.

Taylor points out in the article that "only Gloucester, Massachusetts, surpassed Morehead City as the leading fishing port on the East Coast by the end of the nineteenth century."

The article includes an account of the bitter struggle between anglers who used the large haul seine nets and those who fished with smaller pound nets, according to an N.C. Department of Cultural Resources news release.

Also of interest are descriptions of mullet camps on the Outer Banks, the establishment of a menhaden fishery near Beaufort and development of an oyster industry in Carteret County and on Pamlico Sound during the late 1800s.

Fifteen illustrations, including historical photographs depicting different methods of fishing along the North Carolina coast, enhance the article.

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A limited number of single copies of the January issue of the *Review* are available at the same address for \$7 each.

## This Week's Tide Table

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	19	8:14	8:44	2:03	2:19
Friday	20	9:01	9:30	2:51	3:03
Saturday	21	9:45	10:18	3:39	3:47
Sunday	22	10:31	11:06	4:26	4:31
Monday	23	11:17	11:53	5:13	5:19
Tuesday	24	-----	12:08	6:03	6:08
Wednesday	25	12:45	12:59	6:57	7:04

ADJUSTMENTS

SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.

LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.

BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.

SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.

LITTLE RIVER—add 7 min. high tide, add 7 min. low tide.

### SPORTING SCENE

## Youth Can Learn From Fallen Sports Heroes

The more I get involved in covering sports, the more worried I become about kids and their tendency to look at pro athletes as heroes.

It's been going on for generations. Children who dream of playing pro baseball or football usually have one or more players they really admire.

I know I had heroes when I was a young boy with aspirations of becoming a second baseman in the big leagues.

Among them were Pete Rose, the driving force behind Cincinnati's Big Red Machine of the 1970s who later helped bring a World Series championship to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Pete was someone I really looked up to. He wasn't the most gifted athlete on the field. In fact, he was rather average when it came to ability.

But Pete made up for his lack of talent by having a greater desire to win than anyone else. He gave 100 percent every time he stepped up to bat or played the field. In that respect, he was a great role model for kids.

Unfortunately, Pete picked up a bad habit of gambling. He was banned from baseball and removed from the list of candidates eligible for election to the hall of fame.

Pete Rose's case isn't isolated. Youngsters of today have had a lot of opportunity recently to see what can happen to sports legends.

Two athletes who became legitimate heroes in the 1980s have seen their lives turned inside-out in the last five months.

Two of the most recognizable and admired athletes—Magic Johnson and Mike Tyson—have each been knocked down a few pegs. They've each become victims of their own fame.

Let's start with Magic Johnson, who retired from pro basketball last year after testing positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Johnson's flashy, glitzy style on the basketball floor has been emulated on playgrounds around the country.

You could probably count on one hand the number of high school guards who haven't dreamed of running the floor and passing the ball like Magic.

Unfortunately, Magic's style on the court carried over into his personal life. The smiling Lakers' superstar succumbed to the trappings of Hollywood.

He was living life in the fast lane, so to speak, and it eventually caught up with him.

You could say the same thing for Mike Tyson, who became the youngest heavyweight boxing champ in history. He may have seen his last pro bout. The man who had the opportunity to replace Muhammad Ali as the greatest boxer ever, blew it. He's facing a jail term for rape.

My point is that people should never become so caught up in their own fame and fortune that they forget they're only human.

Magic and Mike are subject to the same viruses and laws as any other man or woman on the street. They apparently let their sense of invincibility get the best of them.

Admiring the positive characteristics and qualities of sports stars is fine. There's nothing wrong with admiring Pete Rose's hustle or Magic Johnson's smile or Mike Tyson's determination.

But we probably shouldn't elevate pro athletes, or anyone else for that matter, to the role of hero. Human beings, by their very nature, will always fall short of our grand expectations.

Doug Rutter  
Sports Editor



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