

WEST BLASTS OHIO TEAM

Trojans Edge Cougars In County Grudge Match

BY DOUG RUTTER

West Brunswick scored six runs in the second inning and held on for a 9-7 win against visiting South Brunswick last Thursday in an inter-county baseball grudge match.

The Trojans improved to 5-1 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference and 8-2 overall last week as they also picked up victories against visiting Carrolton (Ohio) and league foe East Bladen.

Against rival South Brunswick, Bryan Fleming led off the second inning with a solo home run to left field to spark a six-run outburst by the Trojans.

Fleming, who had three hits in the game, knocked in two more runs later in the inning with a two-out single.

Between Fleming's plate appearances, the Trojans scored three more runs including two on infield throwing errors.

With two outs and the bases loaded, South Brunswick pitcher Brett Tabor walked Aldwin Lance to give West a 4-0 lead before Fleming batted in the last two runs of the inning.

The Cougars got two runs back in the fourth after Trojan pitcher Adam Johnson walked one

hitter, beamed another and gave up a single to load the bases.

South's Jerry Galloway, who had entered the game as a relief pitcher for Tabor in the third inning, belted a two-run double to left field.

West's Johnson avoided further trouble when he got Mike Clewis to ground out with the bases loaded to end the inning.

The Trojans added a run in the bottom of the fourth when Aaron Butler hit a sacrifice fly to score Gregg Mott, who lead off the inning with a single.

South Brunswick picked up one run in the fifth as Jason Bracey scored on a two-out, pinch-hit single by Matt McMahon.

The Cougars rallied for three more runs in the sixth to trim West's lead to 7-6. South scored the first run on a throwing error and then got a two-run single from Danny Sellars.

West Brunswick came back to score two runs of its own in bottom half of the sixth. Fleming singled and pinch runner Marty Earwood swiped second and scored on a double by Butler.

The junior left-fielder then scored on a sacrifice fly by Scott Gore which gave the Trojans a 9-6 lead going into the last inning.

South took advantage of three West Brunswick errors to score one final run in the seventh, but it wasn't enough.

West's Brian Alderson picked up the save, striking out one and giving up one unearned run in the final 1 1/3 innings.

Johnson, who went 3-for-3 at the plate, struck out four and walked four in 5 2/3 innings pitched.

Gracious Hosts?

West Brunswick served up its own version of southern hospitality last Wednesday, when the Trojans pasted visiting Carrolton (Ohio) High 18-0.

With two outs in the fourth inning and nobody on base, the host Trojans came up with 11 base hits and scored 15 runs.

The Carrolton Warriors, who were trailing 3-0 going into the fourth, got only two hits off Trojan hurler Russell Hines.

The senior right-hander shut down the Carrolton offense, striking out seven batters and issuing three walks.

Fleming hit a home run and scored three runs for the Trojans. West's Alderson went 3-for-4 with a walk and also scored three runs.



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER
YARBI LEMON of West Brunswick races to third during last week's softball game against East Bladen.

IN GIRLS' SOFTBALL

South Brunswick Deals West First Loss Of Season

South Brunswick's softball team handed West Brunswick its first loss of the season last Thursday, beating the Lady Trojans 10-1.

Dusty Holland was the winning pitcher and also had three hits and two RBI in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference game.

Also leading the South Brunswick offense were Stacy Isenberg with three hits, Tanya Johnson with two hits and four RBI and Jodie Brown

with two hits.

South Brunswick, which had 15 hits in the game, took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning and never trailed.

West scored its only run in the second inning. South added three runs in the fourth, three in the fifth and one more in the sixth.

Catherine Bell had three of West Brunswick's 10 hits in the game, and Yarbi Lemon added two hits for

the Lady Trojans.

West Brunswick fell to 6-1 in the conference and 8-1 overall, but still leads the league at the season's halfway point.

South Brunswick improved to 4-2 in the conference and 5-3 overall. The Lady Cougars' game against Whiteville last Tuesday was postponed until May 12.

South Brunswick will play Hoggard Friday night in the first round of the Hoggard High School Boosters Club Tournament in Wilmington.

The Lady Cougars will play Saturday morning or afternoon, depending on the outcome of Friday's game. They are scheduled to resume conference play May 1 at East Bladen.

West Softballers Beat Bladen

West Brunswick's softball team rallied for eight runs in the sixth inning and came from behind to beat visiting East Bladen 20-13 last Tuesday.

Unfortunately for the Lady Trojans, the struggle against East Bladen was a taste of things to come.

West Brunswick saw its season-long unbeaten streak snapped at eight games in a 10-1 loss at South Brunswick last Thursday. (See related story in this issue.)

On Tuesday, the Elizabethtown crew jumped on the Lady Trojans early, scoring nine runs in the second inning to take a 10-0 lead.

West Brunswick trimmed the lead to 11-10 after four innings, and scored two in the fifth to take a 12-11 lead.

After giving up two runs in the top of the sixth, the Trojans exploded for eight runs in the bottom half of the inning to secure the win.

Jenny Judah and Catherine Bell

hit back-to-back home runs to start the inning. Hope Varnam also had a homer for West Brunswick.

Meg Small, Emily Gore and Yarbi Lemon had three hits apiece for West Brunswick, while Judah was the winning pitcher.

East Bladen outhit the Lady Trojans 26 to 21 and took advantage of eight West Brunswick errors.

Kristi McMillan led East Bladen with a 4-for-4 performance at the plate. Jennifer White and Shelley Skinner each had three hits for the Lady Cougars.

"We just didn't come to play today and had to dig myself out of a hole," West Brunswick Coach Tracey James said following the game.

"I guess that's a sign of a good team, being able to come back when you have to," he said. "I'm glad to get this game out of our system."

West Brunswick, now 6-1 in the conference and 8-1 overall, resumes league play May 1 at Whiteville.

Ohio Baseball Club Tops South Cougars

Carrolton (Ohio) High School rallied for four runs in the seventh inning to beat South Brunswick 4-1 in a non-conference baseball game last Tuesday.

Mike Brogan doubled in the fourth inning to drive in the only run for the host Cougars, who had only three hits in the game.

The Cougars lost to cross-county rival West Brunswick 9-7 last Thursday (see related story in this issue) to fall to 1-6 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference and 3-9 overall going into this week's Sea Shell Classic tournament in Wilmington.

North Lady Scorpions Top South Robeson

North Brunswick's Tanya Edge hit a three-run home run to lead the Lady Scorpions to a 16-3 softball win at South Robeson last Tuesday.

Edge and Kim Ganey combined for seven RBI for North Brunswick, which improved to 4-2 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference and 9-3 overall.

The Lady Scorpions did not play Fairmont as scheduled last Thursday. The game will be made up May 22 as part of a doubleheader in Leland.

North Brunswick will play Pender at 4:30 p.m. Friday, in the first round of the Hoggard High School Boosters Club Tournament in Wilmington.

Scorps Win Conference Pair

North Brunswick tuned up for this week's Sea Shell Classic baseball tournament in Wilmington with a pair of impressive Waccamaw 2-A Conference wins last week.

Jared Hewitt hit a two-out, two-run triple in the ninth inning to lift the Scorpions to a 5-3 win over host Fairmont last Thursday.

Jared McGee pitched a complete-game, five-hitter for North Brunswick. He also had a pair of hits and an RBI at the plate.

Fairmont had scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 3-3 and send it to two extra

innings.

Last Tuesday, North Brunswick freshman Tori Bryant hurled a one-hitter as the Scorpions beat visiting South Robeson 5-0.

Bryant had a perfect game through six innings and struck out six Mustang hitters. The lone hit was a lead-off single in the seventh.

McGee led the Scorpions with three hits, and Ryan Williams had two hits for the winners.

With the victories, North improved to 4-2 in the conference and 5-7 overall going into this week's tournament.

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