



TIMMY DANIELS (32) drives for a West Brunswick basket Friday night at North Myrtle Beach. Also pictured are Chiefs Jay McMullan (left) and Terel Gore and West's Jonathan Williams.

Chiefs And Bulldogs Slam Dunk West Trojans

BY DOUG RUTTER
 Maybe the worst thing about winning a state high school football championship is its impact on the boys' basketball team.
 West Brunswick, which waited more than a month for several key players to switch from football spikes to basketball sneakers, looked like a squad that had just walked off the gridiron in its first two hoops outings last week.
 North Myrtle Beach used a lethal outside shooting attack to dump the visiting Trojans 74-48 Friday. West Brunswick dropped its season opener last Tuesday 83-46 at Bladenboro.
 Trojan Coach Billy Mims said the basketball team was struggling to blend the football players into the basketball lineup.
 Football players Lonnie Mitchell, Timmy "Salt" Daniels, Shawn Stevenson and Ty Brown also play on the basketball team. Mitchell and Daniels are starters.
 The Trojan cagers weren't clicking last week when they opened the season on the road. At North Myrtle, the Chiefs hit seven three-pointers en route to a 74-48 victory.
 Terel Gore led the Chiefs with 19 points, including three three-point-

ers, and Raymond Bellamy added 13 as North Myrtle improved its record to 4-1 on the season.
 Mitchell led the Trojans with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Ricky Brown scored 14 points for West Brunswick.
 Mitchell scored five and Brown had four as the Trojans took a 14-10 lead in the first quarter. Daniels hit two free throws with 5:40 left in the second period to give West a 16-12 lead.
 Then the bottom fell out for the Trojans. North Myrtle Beach connected on four straight three-point shots to take a 24-16 lead with 2:46 to play in the half.
 Leading 28-21 at halftime, Gore hit two more three-pointers in the third quarter as the Chiefs extended their lead to 47-34. North Myrtle Beach opened the fourth quarter with a 7-0 run to put the game out of reach.
Bladenboro Romps
 In their season opener last Tuesday, West Brunswick hung around for the first quarter before Bladenboro pulled away in an 83-46 rout.
 Despite having only one day of basketball practice, Daniels led the Trojans with 14 points. The Bull-

dogs had four players score in double figures and 12 players in the scoring column.
 Bladenboro led 14-10 after one quarter, but pulled away in the second period, outscoring the Trojans 24-6 for a 38-16 halftime lead.
 West Brunswick's boys were scheduled to compete in the Seahawk Invitational Tournament this week in Hilton Head Island, S.C.
North Myrtle Beach
 West Brunswick 14 7 13 14—48
 N. Myrtle Bch. 10 18 19 27—78
 West Brunswick scoring: Mitchell, 16; Brown, 14; Daniels, 8; Williams, 5; Moody, 5.
 North Myrtle Beach scoring: T. Gore, 19; R. Bellamy, 13; McMullan, 12; Woodard, 8; Q. Gore, 6; Stanley, 4; K. Bellamy, 4; Willard, 4; Arrsend, 2 Hudson, 2.
Bladenboro
 West Brunswick 10 6 16 17—46
 Bladenboro 14 24 17 26—83
 West Brunswick scoring: Daniels, 14; Mitchell, 8; Brown, 7; Williams, 7; Stevenson, 7; Moody, 6.
 Bladenboro scoring: Rogers, 15; Singletary, 10; Todd, 10; Tatum, 10; R. Moore, 8; Hester, 7; J. Moore, 5; Lewis, 4; Ballard, 4; Horne, 4; Dove, 3; Johnson, 2.

West Brunswick Girls Drop Two Close Games

BY DOUG RUTTER
 If a few layups or foul shots had fallen through the hoop instead of rolling out, the West Brunswick girls' basketball team could be 2-0.
 As it is, though, the Lady Trojans have started the season 0-2 after losing a pair of games last week that went down to the final buzzer.
 After leading both games in the fourth quarter, West Brunswick fell to Bladenboro and North Myrtle Beach (S.C.). West lost both games by a combined four points.
 North Myrtle Beach defeated the visiting Lady Trojans 26-23 Friday. In the season opener Tuesday at Bladenboro, West led 28-20 after three quarters but lost 34-33.
 "We're just real young and inexperienced," West Brunswick Coach Brenda Council said following Friday night's loss. "We only have two starting that played last year and all the others are new. We're showing our inexperience."
 West's two veteran starters—Monique King and Nicole Norris—scored eight points each at North Myrtle. But their scoring wasn't enough as the Chiefettes rallied in the final quarter to improve to 5-2.
 Kim Ford led North Myrtle Beach with nine points, and Jennifer

Sandlin chipped in six for the hosts in a game that had more turnovers than points scored.
 West Brunswick committed 30 turnovers, missed 12 layups and hit just three of 11 free throw attempts. Council said that was the difference between winning and losing.
 West Brunswick scored the first four points of the game, but the Chiefettes scored the next seven and led 9-8 after the first quarter.
 After four lead changes in the second quarter, North Myrtle held a 15-14 advantage at halftime. West took an 18-17 advantage into the final quarter and led 20-19 with 3:10 remaining.
 But North Myrtle Beach guard Kim Ford stepped up and scored five straight points for the Chiefettes. Ford converted a three-point play with 2:38 remaining to give her team a 22-20 lead.
 Twenty second later, Ford stole the ball at center court and made a layup to seal the win for North Myrtle Beach.
Bulldogs Win At Buzzer
 Bladenboro scored in the closing seconds last Tuesday to win 34-33 and spoil the season opener for the Lady Trojans.
 Tasha Stevens led the Lady Bull-

dogs with 13 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. Shanna Gause led West Brunswick with 12 points.
 Council said West Brunswick allowed Bladenboro four shots at the basket in the closing seconds.
 "We didn't block out and rebound," she said. "We were just standing around. All we had to do was just grab the rebound and hold on."
 West Brunswick took an 8-5 lead in the first quarter and led 15-12 at halftime. The Lady Trojans pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring the hosts 13-8 to build their lead to 28-20.
 But Bladenboro rallied in the fourth quarter, scoring 14 and holding West to just five points.
 "It went pretty much like I thought the first game would go," Council said. "We were just real, real nervous."
 Council said the Lady Trojans are behind other teams after having to postpone their first game two weeks.
 "We have some potential on the

team," she said. "I think we're going to come along as the girls play more together."
 West Brunswick's girls will compete in the East Duplin Invitational Tournament Dec. 28-31. The Lady Trojans will play host East Duplin in the first round Monday at 8 p.m.
North Myrtle Beach
 West Brunswick 8 6 4 5—23
 N. Myrtle Beach 9 6 2 9—26
 West Brunswick scoring: King, 8; Norris, 8; Gause, 3; Morgan, 2; Calhoun, 2.
 North Myrtle Beach scoring: Ford, 9; Sandlin, 6; Anderson, 4; Gable, 4; Cox, 3.
Bladenboro
 West Brunswick 8 7 13 5—33
 Bladenboro 5 7 8 14—34
 West Brunswick scoring: Gause, 12; King, 6; Morgan, 5; Grissett, 4; Calhoun, 4; Norris, 2.
 Bladenboro scoring: Stevens, 13; Stanley, 8; Wooten, 6; Hester, 5; Walters, 2.

Scorpions Rally To Beat Dixon 61-56

North Brunswick overcame a nine-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat visiting Dixon 61-56 last Tuesday in high school boys' basketball.
 Trailing 44-35 after three periods, the Scorpions outscored the Bulldogs 26-12 in the final eight minutes to improve to 3-1 on the season.
 Ronnie Ballard led the Scorpions

with 20 points, and Angelo McKenzie added 19 for North Brunswick.
 North trailed 28-24 at halftime, but converted 20 of 25 free throws to pull out the win at home.
 In the girls' game, Crystal Collins scored 12 as Dixon rolled past the Lady Scorpions 60-27. North's girls fell to 1-3.



WEST BRUNSWICK'S Xanthyne Calhoun (left) tries to shoot over Monica Anderson at North Myrtle Beach Friday night.

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