



WEST BRUNSWICK'S LONNIE MITCHELL (center) grabs a rebound during Friday night's home game. Surrounding Mitchell (from left) are South's Jeff Simon, Tyrell Hewett and Josh White. On the floor is West's Timothy Daniels.

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COUGARS WIN IN OVERTIME

White Leads South Brunswick Past Upset-Minded Trojans

BY DOUG RUTTER

South Brunswick's Josh White scored 44 points, including nine in overtime, to lead the Cougars to a 90-81 win over host West Brunswick Friday night in Waccamaw 2-A Conference basketball.

White, playing his final regular-season high school game, left a lasting impression on the West Brunswick faithful who packed the gym. They saw the Trojans lose their seventh straight to South.

"Josh White took us to school," West Brunswick Coach Billy Mims said following the game. "We haven't had anybody who could stop him in three years. I'm glad he's gone."

The senior point guard connected on three three-point shots, converted a trio of three-point plays and made 19 of 19 free throw attempts. The 44 points was his second-highest total of the season.

White burned the nets for 46 points last Dec. 4 against East Columbus. But Friday night's performance may have been White's best of the season since it was up to him to carry the Cougars after two starters were benched.

South Brunswick Coach Gene Doane didn't play starting forward Scooter Moore for disciplinary reasons. Another starter, Kevin Smith, didn't enter the game until the second half.

"I just tried to get off to a good start and hit my outside shot," White said after the game. White said Smith's presence in the second half relieved him of some of the scoring pressure.

With the win, South Brunswick improved to 10-4 in the Waccamaw Conference and 15-8 overall. The Cougars finished second in the conference, while the fifth-place Trojans dropped to 7-7 in the league and 8-15 overall.

West Brunswick fell behind 8-2 early and trailed 20-15 after one quarter. The Trojans were down 23-17 when they went on a 14-0 run to take a 31-23 lead with 2:47 left in the first half.

South's White, who scored 23 of his points in the first half, brought the Cougars back from the eight-point deficit with 10 points in the period's final two minutes to make the halftime score 35-35.

Despite White's heroics, West Brunswick led 53-50 after three quarters and held a 63-56 advantage with six minutes remaining in the game before South started chipping away at the lead.

Smith, who came off the bench in the third quarter, scored eight of his 13 points during a 14-3 run that gave the Cougars a 70-66 lead with 2:31 remaining.

Smith came up empty on two one-and-one chances in the final 35 seconds, however, and West sent the game into overtime when junior forward Anthony Moody drained an 8-foot jumper with three seconds left in regulation.

West Brunswick didn't have a prayer in overtime. Two starters fouled out in the fourth quarter and



COUGAR GUARD JOSH WHITE (20) drives for two of his 44 points in South Brunswick's 90-81 overtime win at West Brunswick Friday. Defending is West's Jonathan Williams.

two more in the extra period to leave the Trojans with young, inexperienced players on the floor.

White scored the first six points in overtime to give South an 81-75 lead. Moody's jumper cut the margin to four points with 1:18 remaining, but Smith sank two free throws and White turned a Trojan turnover into a three-point play to put the game out of reach.

Senior center Lonnie Mitchell, playing his final home game for the Trojans, led West Brunswick with 20 points. Timothy Daniels added 19 and Ty Brown came off the bench to score a season-high 16.

West Brunswick needed to win Friday to have any realistic shot at making the state playoffs. Now, the Trojans will have to win this week's conference tournament to make the playoffs.

"We made turnovers in crucial situations," Mims said. "I felt like we played hard, just a little sporadic. That's the pressure of a big ball game and the home crowd."

West Brunswick's boys haven't defeated South Brunswick since

1990. Mims said the seven straight losses are primarily due to a lack of confidence by the Trojan players.

"I believe we don't believe we can beat South Brunswick. It's been so long," Mims said. "Until one day when we beat them, I don't think these kids will believe they can beat them."

At halftime of the boys' game, the 1992 West Brunswick football team was recognized for its state 2-A championship. A banner was unveiled, and Shalotte Alderman Roney Cheers presented a plaque to the school.

In the junior varsity game, James Morgan scored 18 points and Derek Frink had 13 to lead West Brunswick to a 53-51 win. Devon Johnson led the Cougars with 10 points.

Score By Quarters
 South Bruns. 20 15 15 25 15—90
 West Bruns. 15 20 18 22 6—81
 South Brunswick scoring: White, 44; Smith, 13; Johnson, 9; Simon, 9; Vaught, 7; Hewett, 4; Kennedy, 4.
 West Brunswick scoring: Mitchell, 20; Daniels, 19; Brown, 16; Johnson, 13; Moody, 10; Reeves, 3.

Trojans Sweep Host East Bladen

The West Brunswick boys' and girls' basketball teams completed season sweeps of East Bladen last Tuesday in Waccamaw 2-A Conference action.

Timothy Daniels scored 23 points to lead the Trojan boys to a 68-59 win over the host Cougars. Anthony Moody added 14 and Lonnie Mitchell chipped in 13 for West.

The Trojans led 14-6 after one quarter and held a 30-17 lead at halftime. Both offenses got clicking in the second half. East Bladen outscored West 42-38 but couldn't rally for the win.

Fred Munn scored 22 points to lead East Bladen, which fell to 2-11 in the conference and 4-13 overall. West Brunswick improved to 7-6 in league play and 8-14 overall.

It was the second straight game in

which Daniels scored at least 20 points. The sophomore forward had 29 points Feb. 19 to lead the Trojans past North Brunswick.

In the girls' game, West Brunswick led 22-0 after one quarter and never let up. The Lady Trojans held a 40-12 advantage at halftime and led 60-14 after three periods.

Senior guard Shanna Gause scored a season-high 24 points, including 15 in the first quarter, to lead West Brunswick. Monique King added 19 points, Nicole Norris had 11 and Felicia Morgan scored 10.

Farrah Johnson led East Bladen with eight points, and Michelle Robinson chipped in seven for the Lady Cougars.

West Brunswick's girls improved to 10-3 in the Waccamaw Conference and 12-9 overall, while East

Bladen fell to 1-12 and 3-13.

Boys' Game

West Brunswick 14 16 17 21—68
 East Bladen 6 11 15 27—59

West Brunswick scoring: Daniels, 23; Moody, 14; Mitchell, 13; Johnson, 9; Reeves, 7; T. Brown, 2.

East Bladen scoring: Munn, 22; Graham, 10; Cromartie, 7; Priest, 5; Smith, 4; Durant, 4; Jones, 3; Hammonds, 2; Monroe, 2.

Girls' Game

West Brunswick 22 18 20 14—74
 East Bladen 0 12 2 10—24

West Brunswick scoring: Gause, 24; King, 19; Norris, 11; Morgan, 10; Grissitt, 7; Mercer, 2; Bell, 1.

East Bladen scoring: Johnson, 8; Robinson, 7; Strickland, 6; Jessup, 3.

IN CHURCH LEAGUE

Zion Clips First Baptist

Zion Baptist edged Shallotte First Baptist 64-57 in overtime Friday night in a battle between two of the top teams in the Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League.

Zion, which started this week third in the league standings, improved its record to 8-3. Second-place Shallotte First Baptist fell to 9-2, two full games behind undefeated Calvary Baptist.

In its only game last week, Calvary was a 63-53 winner over Jennies Branch. Letties Grove beat Camp Methodist 48-43, and Ocean View dumped Soldier Bay 43-28 in league play last Tuesday.

At Waccamaw Elementary School Friday, Seaside Methodist picked up its third win of the year with a 33-29 victory over Mount Olive.

Shallotte Presbyterian got past Emanuel Outreach 36-32, and New Britton stopped Friendship Baptist 32-25 in other Friday night games.

Church Basketball League Standings As Of March 1

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Calvary Baptist	11	0
Shallotte First	9	2
Zion Baptist	8	3
Jennies Branch	7	4
Ocean View	7	4
Shal. Presbyterian	7	4
Letties Grove	7	4
New Britton	6	5
Camp Methodist	5	6
Mount Olive	3	8
Seaside Methodist	3	8
Friendship Baptist	2	9
Emanuel Outreach	2	9
Soldier Bay	0	11

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