

West Mauls Mullins 32-14

BY DOUG RUTTER

A tight game turned into a blow-out last Friday when West Brunswick scored three touchdowns in less than four minutes en route to a 32-14 high school football win at Mullins, S.C.

Mullins led 14-13 at halftime, but West's defense forced three turnovers and held the Auctioneers scoreless in the second half while the Trojans scored three times in 3 minutes, 25 seconds.

West Brunswick senior quarterback Eric Johnson continued his outstanding play, running for two touchdowns and passing for one. His 48-yard punt return set up the go-ahead score late in the third quarter.

On defense, Kwabena Green intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown. Cliff Gore had a fumble recovery and interception and Sherrill Lance also recovered a fumble for the Trojans.

West Brunswick improved to 3-1 on the season, while Mullins fell to 1-3. The Trojans will carry a two-game winning streak into their Wac-camaw Conference opener Friday at South Columbus.

"We gave up a couple big plays in the first half, but the defense played much better in the second half," West Brunswick head coach Yogi Hickman said after the game.

The Mullins offense racked up 220 yards in the first half—most of it coming on two big plays—but the Auctioneers were held to 86 yards in the final two quarters.

"I thought we played good offensively. We scored 32 points against a pretty good football team," Hickman said after his troops netted 261 total yards against the 3A Auctioneers.

West Brunswick opened the scoring midway through the first quarter

after Gore, a sophomore lineman, recovered a fumble at the Auctioneers' 45-yard line.

Three plays later, Johnson ran a keeper around the right side of the line for a touchdown. The play covered 43 yards, and Derek Frink's extra point gave the Trojans a 7-0 lead.

Mullins responded immediately with a big play of its own. Junior running back Telly Friday took a pitch around the left end, broke two tackles and raced 75 yards for a TD. The kick failed, and Mullins trailed 7-6.

West Brunswick answered with a seven-play, 76-yard scoring drive. Senior fullback James Morgan broke loose for a 59-yard run on the third play, and Johnson finished it off with a 1-yard dive on fourth-and-goal.

Mullins blocked Frink's extra point attempt, and West Brunswick led 13-6 with 2:34 left in the first quarter.

The Auctioneers' biggest play of the game came with just under 10 minutes remaining in the second period. A halfback pass from John Johnson to Kendrick Smith went for 88 yards.

Three plays later, quarterback Matt Ham tossed a 4-yard touchdown pass to Tyrone Edge. Ham ran for the two-point conversion, and Mullins led 14-13 with 7:45 left in the half.

After fumbling deep in Mullins territory on their first possession of the second half, the Trojans regained the lead for good with 37 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Johnson's 48-yard punt return gave West Brunswick a first-and-goal at the 7-yard line.

Morgan, who led the Trojans with 84 rushing yards, scored three plays later on a 4-yard run. Frink's kick

gave West a 20-14 lead.

West Brunswick scored again just 2 minutes, 32 seconds, later after another big defensive play. Kelly Wooten caused a fumble and Lance recovered at the Auc's 40-yard line.

On first down at the 24, Johnson dropped back to pass and was flushed out of the pocket. He rolled right and flicked a 24-yard touchdown pass to Frink just before running out of bounds.

"That play right there was as good as I've ever seen," Hickman said later of Johnson's pass. "That was just a great athletic play. He's such a threat. He puts so much pressure on the defense."

West Brunswick's defense closed out the scoring 53 seconds later. Mullins quarterback John Johnson rolled right and attempted a screen pass back to his left.

Green, the Trojans' junior middle linebacker, read the play perfectly. He caught the pass in stride and rumbled 35 yards to the end zone.

Despite the 18-point win, Hickman said West Brunswick's biggest problem as a team has been lack of emotion.

"We're not playing with great emotion. It's real workmanlike," he said. "We've got to get a lot more emotional. We've been flat."

THE YARDSTICK

W. Brunswick	Mullins
8.....First Downs.....9	35-192.....Rushing.....30-202
8-12-69.....Passing.....3-9-104	1-1.....Fumbles-Lost.....3-2
0.....Ints. Thrown.....2	4-35.....Punts(No-Avg).....4-27
50-50.....Penalties-Yards.....3-15	
Score By Quarters	
W. Brunswick	13 0 7 12—32
Mullins	6 8 0 0—14



WEST FULLBACK JAMES MORGAN scores the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter of last week's 32-14 win at Mullins.

Scoring Summary	
(WB) Johnson, 43-yard run (Frink kick)	(WB) Frink, 24-yard pass from Johnson, (run failed)
(M) Friday, 75-yard run (kick failed)	(WB) Green, 35-yard interception return (kick failed)
(WB) Johnson, 1-yard run (kick blocked)	Individual Rushing
(M) Edge, 4-yard pass from Ham (Ham run)	West Brunswick: Morgan, 9-84; E. Johnson, 11-60; Daniels, 7-47; Hill, 2-5; Vaught, 2-4; Bland, 2-2; M. Johnson, 1-1; Frink, 1-minus 1.
(WB) Morgan, 4-yard run (Frink kick)	Mullins: Friday, 11-125; Johnson, 11-57; Mason, 2-10; Ford, 2-9; Edge, 3-6; Ham, 1-minus 4.
	Individual Passing
	West Brunswick: Johnson, 8-12-69.
	Mullins: Ham, 3-5-104; Johnson, 0-4-0.
	Individual Receiving
	West Brunswick: Frink, 4-40; Green, 2-14; Brown, 1-9; Daniels, 1-6.
	Mullins: Smith, 2-98; Edge, 1-4.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Trojans Tame South, North

BY DOUG RUTTER

West Brunswick High School's soccer team continued its dominance of county opponents last week, beating South Brunswick 5-3 and pouncing North Brunswick 7-1.

Gabe Cooper scored three goals as the Trojans raced out to a 5-0 lead and held off a late rally by South Brunswick last Thursday at Smithville Township Park.

With the victory, West Brunswick extended its unbeaten streak in county matches to 18. Coach Teak Hemphill's Trojans are 3-0 in the county this season and 5-2 overall.

For a while last Thursday, South Brunswick gave the two-time defending county champs all they could handle. The rivals battled to a scoreless tie through the first 30 minutes before West took command.

Cooper opened the scoring at the 33-minute mark. After receiving a pass from Chris Payne right of the goal, Cooper chipped the ball just inside the far post for a 1-0 lead.

The Payne-to-Cooper combination struck again in the final minute of the half. The seniors worked a give-and-go to perfection and Cooper found the lower right corner of the net from 10 yards out.

West Brunswick bumped its lead to 3-0 early in the second half on a Cameron Kinlaw header. Swedish exchange student Jenny Wahlander set up the goal with a corner kick.

Cooper completed his hat trick 15 minutes into the second half when he stole the ball 25 yards from the South Brunswick goal and fired it into the lower right corner.

Three minutes later, Alex Karagiannis headed Zack Hicks' corner kick into the goal for a 5-0 West Brunswick lead.

With West Brunswick playing mostly reserves, South Brunswick scored three goals in the final 23 minutes. Jamie May had two goals and big brother Justin May scored one.

South Brunswick Coach Ed McKinnon said the first 20 minutes was the best the Cougars have played this season, and he was pleased with the way his team came back at the end.

"The first 20 minutes we played real well. We were aggressive. I don't know if we got tired, but they controlled the second 20 minutes," McKinnon said. "After they got that first goal, our heads went down."

Hemphill said West Brunswick continued a recent trend by playing a "lousy" first half.

"We started off sluggish again, and if we keep doing that we're going to get beaten," he said.

"The second half we came out more fired up. It was better passing by the whole team. As long as we



GABE COOPER scored three goals as West Brunswick beat South Brunswick 5-3 last Thursday in Southport.

pass like we did in the second half there's not a team we can't compete with," Hemphill said. "Chris and Gabe were awesome passing it back and forth. That's what I'm looking for."

Hemphill said the team "fell apart" at the end of the game. "I had some guys in who I want to get experience. They're learning. I try to get as many guys in there as I can just for experience."

Hemphill praised the Cougars. "I give credit to them. They've had three coaches in three years and they're sticking together."

Last Tuesday, West Brunswick got two goals apiece from Andy Russ and Karagiannis in a 7-1 victory

over visiting North Brunswick.

Kinlaw, Payne and Cooper had one goal apiece for the Trojans, who have outscored the Scorpions 12-1 in two matches this year. Payne had three assists and Kinlaw and Karagiannis had two each.

West Brunswick is scheduled to host South Brunswick Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The Trojans will play Sept. 29 at North Brunswick.

South Brunswick (1-2) had a match slated Wednesday at Wilmington Hoggard.

North Brunswick defeated Topsail 4-2 last Wednesday for its first win of the season. Steve Sloan scored two goals and Josh Miller and Scott Holden one each for the Scorpions.

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