

Sports

Poor Free Throw Shooting Gives Pinecrest A Victory

Poor free throw shooting "down the stretch" was a major factor in the Hoke High varsity Bucks' loss to Pinecrest last week, Head Coach Greg Killingsworth said.

"We just could not hit our free throws," Killingsworth said.

During the ballgame, the Bucks were 9 for 22 at the free throw line while Pinecrest was 27 of 31.

"We only hit 44% from the free throw line," Killingsworth said.

"That really hurt us," he added. Despite "poor" free throw

shooting, Killingsworth said he did not want his team to "dwell on it."

"We will go back to the drawing board and shoot more and more from the lane during practice," Killingsworth said.

"It is just one of those things you don't need to dwell on," he added.

Killingsworth also credits Pinecrest's full court pressure for putting the Bucks behind.

"They determined the tempo of the game with their full court pressure," Killingsworth said.

Despite the 60-55 defeat last week, Killingsworth is still "confident" in his team.

"There have been a whole lot of little things...injuries and sickness...that have hindered our play," Killingsworth said.

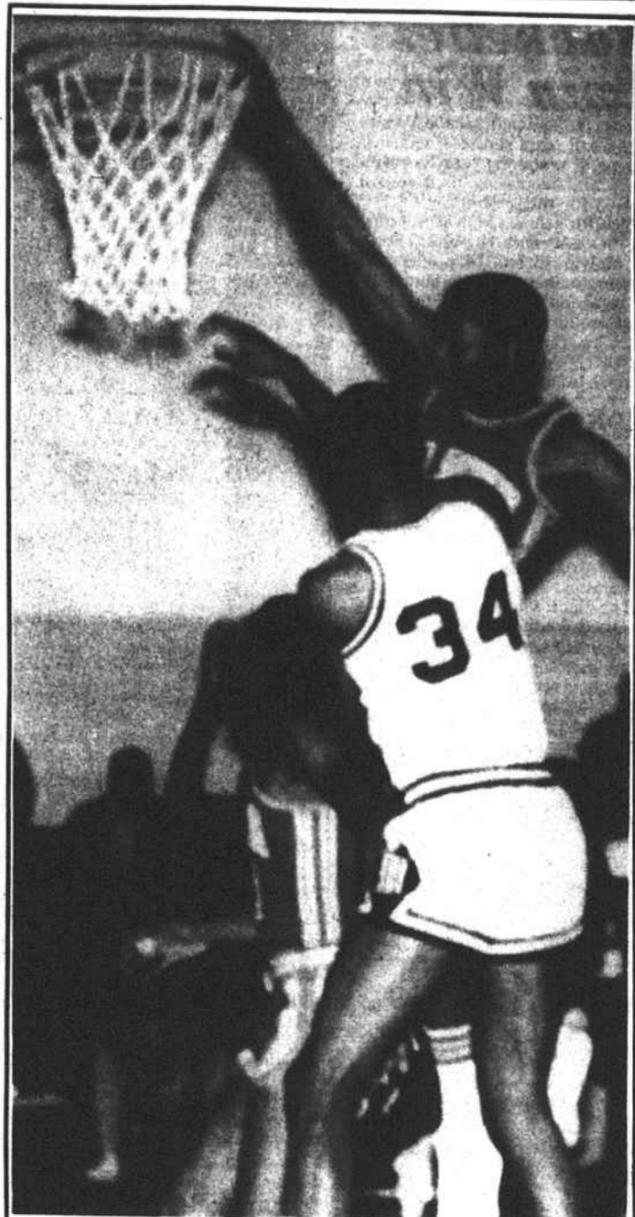
With key players Tony McRae and Preston Ross seeing very little action due to sickness, Killingsworth has gone to his bench for help and support.

"Ronnie Melvin gave us a big lift the other night, coming off the bench and scoring 12 points," Killingsworth said.

"If we can get everybody well down the stretch, I think we can still be a strong opponent," he added.

The Bucks hold a 6-7 overall record and a 1-4 conference status this season.

Tony McRae led the Bucks last week against Pinecrest, scoring 16 points. Barrett Easterling scored 15, Ronnie Melvin scored 12, Preston Ross added six points while James Graham, Marco Pickett and John McDuffie tossed in a shot, scoring two points each.



Where is the ball?

Although Hoke player Tony McRae (#34) and two recent opponents appear to be struggling for possession of the basketball, it looks as if no one is really sure what happened to the ball. Despite McRae's 16 points in the game against Pinecrest, the Bucks were defeated 69-55. Last week's loss gives the Bucks a 6-7 record for the season and a 1-4 conference record. (Photo by Terry Houston)

RoadRunners Gain Wins In SC Red Nose Races

Seven members of the IEA RoadRunners won awards Saturday in the Red Nose Run Road Races in North Augusta, South Carolina.

The races consisted of a 10K (6.2 miles) and a 3K (1.86 miles) run.

The races were sponsored by the North Augusta Parks and Recreation Department.

In the 3K race the RoadRunners garnered four awards.

In the 13-17 year-old age divi-

sion, Don Woods captured first place in a time of 10:36. Don placed fourth overall in a field of 116 runners.

In the same age division, Ray Godwin took second place honors in a time of 11:34. Robert Jacobs captured third with a time of 11:51.

In the 3K-12 and under division, Chris Locklear won 1st place in a time of 11:52.

In the 10K race the Road Run-

ners took two 1st places and one 3rd place award.

In the 13-17 year old division, 13-year-old Robert Lambert set a new Personal Record time of 36:21 to take the 1st place age division award.

Robert finished nine overall in a field of 176 runners.

In the same age division, Marty Locklear completed the course in 39:24 for a third place age division award and 21st place overall.

In the 10K-12 and under division, 12-year-old Ronnie E. Locklear clocked in at 38:10 for the 1st place age division award and 17th place overall.

Lady Eagles Sweep Two

The Lady Eagles defeated West Lee of Sanford 48-4 at Sanford on January 16.

The Eagles were led by K. Bronson with 26 points followed by T. Thomas with six. N. Singletary, B. Morrissey each had four points with J. Locklear, K. Kristen, J. Blue and J. McMillan scoring two points each.

The Lady Eagles played host to Hamlet January 19, Parent Night for the Eagles and took a 44-19 decision.

K. Bronson led the Eagles with 18 points followed by B. Morrissey with 11.

N. Singletary scored eight points followed by J. Locklear, Y. Maynor and B. Doby each with two points.

J. McMillan scored one point.

Ninth Graders Win, Girls Reach 11-0

The Hoke High girls' ninth grade basketball team remained undefeated last week as they outscored their opponents and pushed their undefeated record to 11-0 for the season.

In a home game last Wednesday night, the ninth-grade girls' team took Lumberton by surprise, defeating them 54-44.

Hoke's Jackie Hunt provided the defensive spark during the Lumberton game while teammate Teresa Ketton ignited the offensive fireworks, leading the girls to their 11th victory of the season.

High scorers in Wednesday night's game were Ketton and Thelma Watkins, both with 21 points a piece.

The Hoke girls also scored a marginal victory against East Lee last Monday night, defeating their opponents 65-54.

Watkins was the key offensive player in the game, scoring 22 points during the night.

Hoke's Jackie Hunt, April Armstrong and Rosaline Day each scored 11 points to put the ninth-grade girls on top.

The ninth grade boys' team also pulled off wins last week to increase their record to 7-4 for the season.

In Monday night's game against East Lee, the Hoke boys crushed their opponents 71-55 but barely slipped past Lumberton Thursday night, winning 39-37.

JV's Capture Win Over Pinecrest

The Hoke High Junior Varsity Bucks improved their record to 9-2 for the season as they barely inched out Pinecrest 40-38 last Friday night.

Bench support helped win the

game, Hoke J.V. Coach George Drawhorne said.

"The entire play of our bench made the difference in the ballgame," Drawhorne said.

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