

Sports

Buckettes Gain Win

The Hoke High Girl's Varsity basketball team scored a win Friday night marching past Pinecrest 52-36 and increasing their record to 10-3 for the season.

Del Pridgen was high scorer during the game with 18 points. Brenda Melvin scored 10 points and teammate Sheila Southerland added eight points to lead the lady Bucks to another victory.

"The team played well together," Girl's Head Coach Audrey Long said.

Hoke Wrestlers Shine In Loss

The Hoke High wrestlers took two more losses last week as they were downed by Terry Sanford and Pinecrest, bringing their record to a disappointing 0-12 for the season.

The Buck wrestlers were barely defeated Wednesday as Terry Sanford pulled away 39-38 in a close home match.

Buck grapplers Billy Locklear, Bruce Jacobs, Tim Billinger, Ricky Jones and Joey Huffman were named outstanding players during the game.

The Bucks were once again defeated Friday as Pinecrest maintained a lead and took the victory 42-36.

Billy Locklear, Glenn Dudley, Bruce Jacobs, Ricky Jones, Orlando McKinnon and Jeff Fellows were named outstanding players in the Pinecrest game.



Getting a little team spirit
The Hoke High varsity cheerleading squad breaks out the cheers in hopes of giving a lift to the team's spirit during a recent varsity basketball game. (Photo by Terry Houston)

Three Honored For Performances

Three Buck athletes have been honored as Athletes of the Week by the Hoke High Coaching Staff for the week of January 16-20. Two varsity and one non-varsity athlete were so honored.

The Varsity Male Athlete of the Week is Ricky Jones. Ricky, a 17-year-old senior is a member of the Bucks' Wrestling Team. Ricky usually wrestles in the 134 pound weight class, but last week he wrestled up one weight class at 140 pounds.

Ricky was nominated for his performances in last week's matches against Terry Sanford and Pinecrest.

In the Terry Sanford match, Ricky pinned his opponent in 1:04. In the Pinecrest match he pinned his opponent in 1:08. These wins run Ricky's record to 11 wins and four losses.

According to Coach Russell Smith, "Ricky is very strong and he is doing very well, despite his mat inexperience since he has only wrestled in the 9th and 12th grades." Coach Smith credits Ricky's success to this strength. "Ricky is very strong in the upper body," Smith added, "and he uses this to his advantage."

Ricky is very involved in other activities besides sports. At school Ricky is a member of the ROTC,

the Hoke High Chorale, VICA, and DECA. He is also very involved in the activities of St. Matthews Holiness Church where he plays drums, organ and is a member of the choir.

Ricky resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones at 323 Clay Street in Raeford.

The Varsity Female Athlete of the Week is Delanita Pridgen, Dela, a 17-year-old, 5'5" junior is the point guard on the Varsity Girl's Basketball Team.

Dela was nominated for her performance in last week's game against Pinecrest. In the 52-36 conference win over Pinecrest, Dela had 18 points and went to the boards for three rebounds.

Dela is very involved in activities other than basketball. She is a member of the Spanish Club at school. She is a member of the choir at Buffalo Springs Church. She loves music and skating as hobbies.

Dela plans to go to college to seek a degree in business administration and plans a career in real estate upon completion of her education.

Dela resides with her mother, Mrs. Bessie Pridgen at Route 3, Raeford.

The Non-Varsity Female Athlete of the Week is Jackie Hunt. Jackie, a 15-year-old, 5'9" forward on the girl's 9th grade basketball team was nominated for her performance in last week's games.

In the 65-54 victory over East Lee on Monday, Jackie scored 11 points and played a strong defensive game. In the 54-44 victory over Lumberton on Thursday, Jackie had only four points but according to Coach Spencer Sampson she "provided the defensive spark and hustle for the team!"

Jackie is a three sport athlete in that for the last two years at Upchurch she has played volleyball, basketball and softball. She plans to do the same thing at the high school this year.

Jackie is an excellent athlete and was rewarded for her efforts last year by being honored as the MVP in Volleyball at Upchurch.

Upon completion of high school, Jackie plans to attend college to obtain a degree in the field of nursing.

Jackie attends South Hoke Baptist Church and resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hunt at Route 1, Red Springs.

Merchants Bowling

TOP BOWLERS

James Nixon	172
Luther Taylor	165
Larry McDonald	163
Zeke Wiggins	159
James Singletary	159

200 AND HIGH SERIES

Luther Taylor - 200
James Nixon - 216
George McKoy - 217
James Singletary - 204
Sammy Crowder - 558 Series

RESULTS

Towne Barber Shop 1 1/2	
Hollingsworth Bus Co. 2 1/2	
Auto Parts 4	Foursome 0
Strikers 2	Seventy-Five 2

JAN. 26 SCHEDULE

Auto Parts vs. Towne Barber Shop
Strikers vs. Hollingsworth Bus Co.
Foursome vs. Seventy Five

STANDINGS	W	L
Auto Parts	59	17
Towne Barber Shop	48 1/2	27 1/2
Hollingsworth Bus Co.	42 1/2	33 1/2
Strikers	37	39
Foursome	21	55
Seventy-Five	19	57

\$100.00 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons who broke into Bruce Parsell residents, 718 Floyd Monroe Rd., Raeford on Friday night, Jan. 13 and Saturday Night, Jan. 14, between the hours of 1:00 and 2:30 a.m.

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Recreation Bits

Suns, All Stars,

Scurlock Tigers Win

The Men's Basketball League opened this week's schedule with the Suns defeating the Bullets 90-77. W. Love picked up 24 points, J. Quick had 14, S. Wallace - 15, and L. Black and R. McNeill added 12 each to lead the Suns in scoring. The Bullets were powered by the scoring of T. McPhatter with 24 points, H. McGregor had 17, and G. Baldwin and W. Blue tossed in 16 apiece.

The second game of the night went to the All Stars as they downed Scurlock Tigers 90-78. G. Maynor had an outstanding game as he pumped in 44 points to lead the All Stars in scoring. Other high scorers for the All Stars were B. Leslie with 12, R. Maynor added 19 and Rob Maynor with 9. The Scurlock Tigers were led by N. McNeill with 21 points, K. Jones with 18, and N. McKoy added 14 more points.

The action continued on January 18 as the Suns went up against Hollingsworth Bus Company. The Suns came out on top in this game as they downed Hollingsworth 78-62. R. McNeill led the Suns in scoring with 32 points, W. Love had 23 and J. Quick added 12 more. Hollingsworth was spurred by the shooting of L. McBryde, who tossed in 16 points, L. McDonald with 14, and K. McDonald and J. Carthens added 12 apiece.

Capping of the action for the night it was the Scurlock Tigers taking on the Bullets. It was an easy victory for the Tigers as they destroyed the Bullets 85-53. The Tigers were led by the hot shooting of N. McNeill and G. Bratcher, who tossed in 20 points each. N. McKoy aided his team mates as he pumped in 17 points of his own. The Bullets leading scorers were G. Baldwin with 14 points, W. Blue and T. McPhatter with 12 apiece, and T. Melvin added 11 points.

Team Standings	W	L
1. All Stars	6	1
2. TIE - Scurlock Tigers	5	3
Hollingsworth Bus Company	5	3
3. Suns	4	4
5. Bullets	0	9

Karate

For those interested in learning the martial arts, classes are currently being held in the room above Howell's Drug Store on Main Street. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is 25.00 per month for instruction plus insurance fee. (\$5.00 for ages 6-18, \$10.00 for ages 19-up. Insurance is good for one year from date paid, and needs to be turned in at the recreation office). For more information, please call 5-5603.

Motivational Recreation Program

The following gyms will be available for free play basketball and other structured gym activities, beginning January 14. Gyms will be open on weekends until Sunday, March 4 (8 weeks) for those between 10-17 years of age. A gym supervisor will be on duty at all times.

1. J.W. Turlington Gym: Saturday, 9:00-12:00 noon, 1:00-6:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.
2. Upchurch Gym: Saturday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
3. South Hoke Gym: Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Aerobics

Come join aerobics! Classes will begin on January 31 and will continue through March 8. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the J.W. Turlington Gym. Cost for the 6-week course will be \$15.00. Leslie Layne will be the instructor. For more information, contact the recreation office at 5-5603.

Liniment Basketball League

Jan. 17: A.M.E. Zion 61 Christy Oil 59
Scoring statistics:
A.M.E. Zion: McDougal - 22, Singletary - 15, Thomas - 10, McKoy - 8, Ham - 3, and White - 3.
Christy Oil: Frahm - 21, Meadows - 13, Cherry - 12, Thomas - 6, Sports - 4, and Long - 3.
Presbyterian Church 49 Raeford United Methodist 36
Scoring statistics:
Presbyterian: Parson - 13, Wood - 8, Williamson - 8, F. Williamson - 8, and McPhaul - 4.
Raeford United Methodist: McGougan - 18, Howell - 10, Blankenship - 5, Oxendine - 2, and Houston - 1.

Standings	W	L
1. TIE - A.M.E. Zion	1	0
Presbyterian	1	0
3. TIE - Christy Oil	0	1
Raeford United Methodist	0	1

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