

# Sports

## Wrestlers Place 4th

The Hoke High Varsity wrestling team placed fourth in their conference following the conference tourney last Saturday in Scotland County.

Of the eight Hoke wrestlers entered in the tourney, five placed third or better.

Billy Locklear (101 pounds) and Orlando McKinnon (170 pounds) placed first in tournament action.

Hoke grappler Ricky Jones (135 pounds) placed second while Bruce Jacobs (108 pounds) and Ricky Lowery (155 pounds) placed third.

Wrestling Coach Ronald Smith said the team showed a "good effort."



**Trying for a score**  
Hoke wrestler Greg Monroe (#11) attempts to take down his opponent in a recent wrestling match. The Buck wrestlers placed fourth in the conference tourney held last Saturday.

## Smith Free Throws Nail Bucks 65-61

The Hoke High Bucks blew a 12-point lead going into the fourth quarter Friday night, and E.E. Smith took advantage of free throw opportunities to down the home team 65-61.

Doing a "better job" at the free throw line made the difference in the loss, head basketball Coach Greg Killingsworth said.

"We led up until the fourth quarter. We fouled a lot and they made their shots," Killingsworth said.

"I think their free throw shooting was the big difference in the turn out of the game," he added.

Although the Bucks were defeated, they lead E.E. Smith by 12 points going into fourth quarter action.

During the last period, the Smith team outscored the Bucks 26 to 10 and shot 12 for 13 at the free throw line.

"The team that hits the most free throws usually ends up taking the victory. That is how it happened this time," the coach said.

"I think we played a real good ballgame," he added.

Tony McRae lead the Bucks with 19 points. Barrett Easterling followed closely behind with 14 while James Graham provided 12 points during the game.

Marco Pickett scored six points during the game, while Harry Southerland and Ronnie Melvin added four points each to the final score.

"We have had two good quarters in some ballgames and even three good quarters. Maybe by conference time we can come out with four good quarters," Killingsworth said.

The Buck team is 7-9 on the season and 2-6 in the conference.

## Lady Eagles Win Conference

The Lady Eagles took first place for the regular season by defeating Rockingham and Anson.

The Lady Eagles traveled to Rockingham, Wednesday, January 31 taking a 29-17 decision.

The Eagles were lead by T. Thomas with 12 points followed by K. Bronson with 7. N. Singletary 6, B. Morrissy 3 and Y. Maynor 1.

The Eagles played in spurts getting off to a slow start but managed to stay even the first quarter 4-4.

The second quarter moved a little better with the Eagles taking a 13-6 lead at halftime.

The third quarter was even 3-3, but the Eagles surged in the fourth

taking a 13-8 edge to compile a 29-17 victory.

The Eagles traveled to Anson February 1 to finish out their season with a 12-0 record.

The Eagles had a rough time on the boards and only managed a 24-21 decision.

The Eagles were lead by K. Bronson with 14 points followed by T. Thomas with 5, B. Morrissy 4 and N. Singletary with 1.

The first quarter was even 8-8.

The Eagles took a 6-2 edge in the third quarter but plauqued by poor foul shooting the Eagles were outscored 2-5 in the first quarter.

The Eagles will play Anson in the first round of the tournament this week.

## Varsity Girls Top Smith, Win Eleventh Of Season

The Hoke High girls' basketball team improved their record last week as they roared past E.E. Smith 55-43.

The win gives the lady Bucks a 7-1 conference record and an 11-4 seasonal record.

Brenda Melvin was high scorer for the team with 13 points. Toni Rheames added 12 and Sheila Southerland scored 11 to round out the lady Bucks' efforts.

The game against E.E. Smith was "our best defensive game, yet," Head Basketball Coach Audrey Long said.

Long credited part of the Bucks' victory to Dena Robbins who "came in and did a good job playing point guard."

Robbins is a new player who came from Fayetteville's Seventy-First High School.

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### RESULTS

Towne Barber Shop 3	Foursome 1
Hollingsworth Bus Co. 3	Seventy Five 1
Auto Parts 1	Strickers 3

### FEB. 9 SCHEDULE

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

STANDINGS	W	L
Auto Parts	61	23
Towne Barber Shop	54 1/2	29 1/2
Hollingsworth Bus Co.	47 1/2	36 1/2
Co.		
Strickers	42	42
Foursome	23	61
Seventy-Five	23	61

## McKinnon, Melvin Honored For Week's Achievements

The Hoke High coaching staff has named two Buck athletes as Athletes of the Week for the week of January 30-February 3.

The Varsity Male Athlete of the Week is Orlando McKinnon.

Orlando, an 18-year-old senior, is a member of the Bucks wrestling team. Orlando wrestles at the 170 pound weight class for the Bucks.

Orlando was nominated for his outstanding performance in the Southeastern 4A Conference Tournament held on Saturday at Scotland High School in Laurinburg.

Orlando won the conference title in the 170 pound weight class. In doing so he defeated the number one seed from Scotland in the finals. He had two pins on his march to the finals and won a decision in the finals by a score of 11-6.

In nominating Orlando, Coach Russell Smith had high praise for his charge. "Orlando had to miss about 6 weeks of the season due to a knee injury but he has really come

back strong," said Smith. "This was the most aggressive match I have ever seen him wrestle. He took it to his opponent and controlled the tempo throughout the match."

Orlando is an all around athlete who not only wrestles, but plays football and runs track. He has been extremely successful in his 3 year wrestling career. He has made All-Conference the last two years.

He is very active in school affairs and in his church. At school, he is a member of the Spanish Club, VICA, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. At church, Silver Grove, he is a member of the usher board.

Upon completion of high school, Orlando plans to enter college to seek a degree in electronics or Physical Education.

Orlando resides with his mother, Annie Y. McKinnon in the Bowmore area.

The Varsity Female Athlete of the Week is Brenda Melvin. Brenda, a 16-year-old junior, is a forward on the Lady Bucks Varsity basketball team.

Brenda was nominated for her performance in the game on Friday night against conference opponent E.E. Smith. In this game, Brenda had 13 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

"Brenda is new to the team this year," said Coach Audrey Long. "This is her first year playing organized basketball. She does very well with an outside shot. Brenda is improving with each game and we will look heavily to her in the stretch toward the tournaments."

Brenda divides her free time between her church, God Deliverance, her school activities and her hobbies. At church, Brenda is a member of the usher board. At school Brenda is a member of the Spanish Club. For hobbies Brenda is "into" reading, solving puzzles and sports.

Upon completion of high school, Brenda plans to attend the University of Virginia to seek a major in communications. She then plans to enter the armed services for her career.

Brenda resides with her mother, Ethel Melvin, on East 6th Avenue in Raeford.

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