

Sports

Buck teams have up and down week

Hoke County teams had a week of victory and defeat as they took on competitors from neighboring schools.

On the last day of April, the Hoke High varsity softball team traveled to West Robeson High to do battle.

Hoke came out on the bottom of that one, losing by a score of 4-3; however, coach Cheryl Farmer was not too disappointed with her team.

"West Robeson is presently the number one team in the conference. We really gave them a scare," she said.

Farmer added, "We made two critical errors in the bottom of the fourth which possibly cost the game."

"I am very proud of the improvement I have seen in this young team," she said.

Vickie Cunningham was the outstanding player for that game batting three for three.

Cunningham had a single, a triple, and a homerun with two rbi's.

The next day, May 1, the team stayed home for a match-up with Scotland High.

Out of this one, Hoke emerged victorious.

The final score was Hoke-10, Scotland-4.

Thamasina Walker batted two for four in the game with a single, a triple and three rbi's.

De De McLain also had a fine game as he also batted two for four with two singles and three rbi's.

Farmer said, "This was a situation again where we wanted to give Scotland some of their own medicine."

"We didn't score until the fourth inning where we got five runs and five more in sixth. Our problem now is that we are not consistent. This is one area that we definitely have to work on for next season," said Farmer.

In other varsity sports, the Hoke High men's tennis team took a pair and lost one.

On April 30, West Robeson came to Hoke High only to leave in defeat in a match that ended Hoke-7, West Robeson-2.

The next day was not as glorious when the Bucks traveled to Scotland High.

Scotland bettered Hoke in the match that ended Scotland-6, Hoke-3.

On the road on May 3, the men's team tore-up Reid Ross in Fayetteville.

That match ended with the score Hoke-5, Reid Ross-4.

The team's overall record now stands at 6 and 8.

The Hoke High Bucks' track team placed fifth in their conference meet last week, said coach Howard Barkley.

Pinecrest High won the meet with 132 points while Hoke finished with 50.

Terrell Carpenter was the leading point getter for the Bucks, Barkley said.

Carpenter leaped 21 feet, 9 inches for a first place finish in the long jump.

He also had second place finishes in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

John Baker also did well for the Bucks with a third place finish in the 200 meter dash and a fourth in the 100 meters.

In preliminary races, Marco Pickett broke a school record in the 400 meters with a time of 51.05 seconds.

He placed fifth in the finals.

According to Coaches Barkley and George Drawhorne, the Bucks' next contest will be the sectional meet on May 11 at Scotland High.

In Ninth Grade Softball, the Hoke High team did well last week, taking both their games.

On last Monday, the team slid past E.E. Smith 11-10.

On last Friday, the team played Terry Sanford at home and came out on top 11-5.



The Hoke High Baseball Team

Team members are: standing (l to r) Jimmy Barefoot, Mark Ivey, Brian Norris, Benjie Harrel, Barrett Easterling, Jeff Melton, Larry McMillan, Mike Scott. Kneeling: Wayne McFadyen, Darrick Cunningham, Johnny Allbrooks, Garry McMillan, Gary Stephens.

Jones signs with Pembroke

Caroline L. Chang of Dix Hills, New York and Andrea Faye Jones of Raeford have signed to participate in intercollegiate volleyball and attend Pembroke State University beginning this fall.

The announcement was made recently by PSU Head Volleyball Coach Tommy Thompson.

Coach Thompson commented on Andrea Faye Jones: "She has good potential as a setter and will give us added depth at the setter position. She is a hard worker and we expect her to develop rapidly during her freshman year."

Jones, a 5-3 athlete, lettered in volleyball and softball one year each, also being awarded the team's "Most Valuable Player" awards in both sports. She is to be a 1984 graduate of Hoke High School.

Her other honors in addition to MVP has included all-conference in volleyball, third place in a drama performance sponsored by the Woman's Club and she is a member of HOSA.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ray Jones of Route 4 in Raeford, Jones plans to major in business and economics while minoring in pre-med. Miss Jones was coached in high school by volleyball Coach Melissa McGougan and softball Coach Cheryl Farmer.

Pembroke State University volleyball finished last season with their best record ever in school history with a 29-9 won-loss record. With the returnees back and several key newcomers, 1984 could be another excellent year.

Pittman Grove wins opener

Pittman Grove Baptist Church Softball team opened the season with a win Monday night against Wallstone Baptist in Fayetteville by a score of 2-0.

The team plays every Monday night. Next week, they will play Stoney Point Baptist Church at Stoney Point. When at home,

games will be held at the church in Rockfish. The team is working to beat last year's record of 18-3.

Team members include: Jim Madden, coach-player; Mark Madden, Rev. Rodney Barwick, Phillip Manning, Greg Davis, Greg Jackson, Tony Boahn, Tony Clark, Clarence Batten, Ervin Ellis and Raymond Sheply.

Recreation Bits

Liniment softball meeting

The Recreation Commission will hold an organizational meeting for the Men's Liniment Softball League (ages 30-up) on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Office. All interested teams should have a representative present.

Women's Softball Meeting

An organizational meeting will be held for those interested in playing in the Women's Softball League (ages 16-up) on Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office. All interested teams should have a representative present.

Women's Liniment Softball

The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold an organizational meeting for a Women's Liniment League (ages 30-up) on Wednesday, May 16 at the Recreation office at 7 p.m. All suggestions and ideas are encouraged.

T-ball sign-ups

All boys and girls interested in playing T-League Baseball this summer should meet at J.W. Turlington School Field on Saturday, May 12 and May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. To be eligible for T-Ball all players must turn 7 before August 1, 1984 OR must turn 10 on or after August 1, 1984. Potential players must bring \$2.00 to cover registration fees before they will be allowed to sign up. Participants are also requested to bring their birth certificates even if they have participated in a Recreation sponsored event prior to this season.

Men's softball

The Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Men's Softball League for all interested men ages 16-up. If you are interested in entering a team, contact the Recreation Department at 875-5603. Competition will begin on May 15.

N.C. Zoo trip planned

The Recreation Commission is sponsoring a trip to the N.C. Zoological Park for all interested senior citizens. The date is set for Tuesday, June 5th with the bus departing from the city parking lot (across from *The News-Journal*) at 8:15 a.m. Estimated return time is 5:30 p.m. Transportation cost of the trip is \$5.00 per person, and is limited to the first 45 paid individuals who register. Entrance fee to the park is as follows: \$1.00 for those ages 62-up, and \$3.00 for those under age 62. For more information, please call 875-5603.

Bingo party

Come on out and enjoy some fun and fellowship. A bingo party for all county senior citizens will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Recreation Office.

Scuba course

Interested in learning to scuba dive? If you would like to take lessons, please contact the Recreation Office and put your name on the list. If there are enough individuals interested, the Recreation Department is willing to sponsor a course. (Details being arranged). Call the Recreation Office at 5-5603 for more information.

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