

# Sports

## Punting game seals Bucks' fate

A blocked punt and a fumbled punt made the past Friday night into a disappointing one for Hoke High's Bucks, as they lost their first home game to Fayetteville's 71st High School.

The 21-12 loss was the Buck's first this young season.

The home team did very well against the high school that is ranked number nine in the state in 4-A competition until the fourth quarter.

Hoke was winning 7-6 when kicker Garry McMillan had his punt blocked, and 71st recovered.

A 12-yard pass got the Falcons

on the boards again from that point.

During Hoke's next possession, a low snap from center caused McMillan to fumble where 71st recovered again.

Two plays and an extra point later, the score was 21-6 with just over four minutes left in the game.

After a 42-yard pass from Quarterback Marco Pickett to McMillan, the Bucks scored as Elgin Blue rushed in from the three yard line.

That was the last score of the game.

The Friday night game came down to a contest between the

defensive units, said Coach Tom Jones.

"We were extremely proud of our defensive performance," he said.

The team made a few mistakes, but the defense covered for them as well as they could.

"We gave them five possessions inside our 35," said Jones.

Of the loss, Jones said: "Offensively, we've got to do a better job in coaching our strengths."

Jones was referring to more fully using the running skills of Quarterback Marco Pickett for running the option.

"We are going to start using it more," he said.

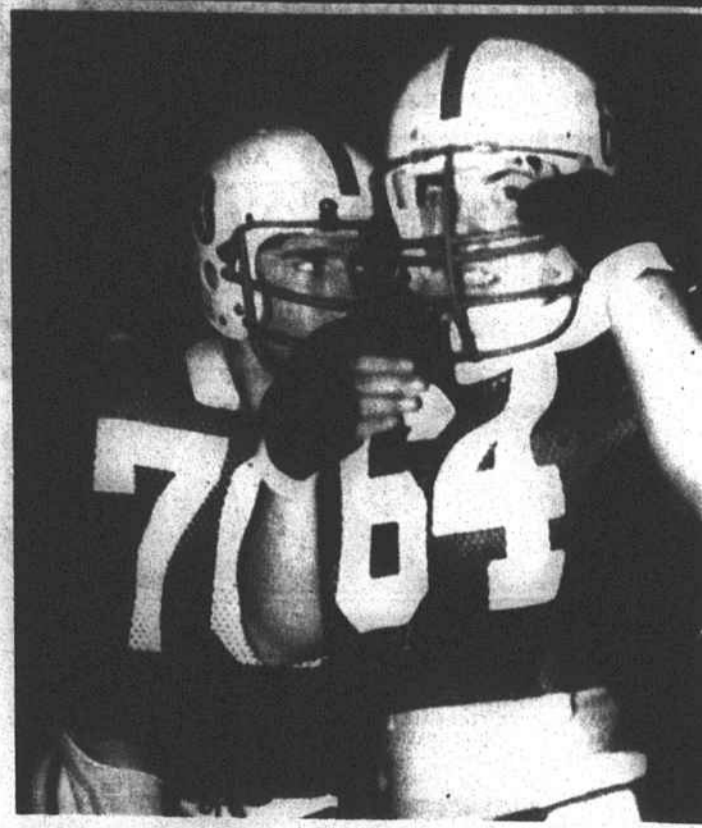
This Friday night, the Bucks will take on Cape Fear High School at home.

"Size will be a big obstacle against Cape Fear," said Jones.

"Traditionally, Cape Fear has been a very good, very close game. I don't expect any different this year," he said.

The coach is going to be emphasizing speed and agility during this week in practice to combat the size of the Cape Fear players.

"Our speed will be a key in this week's game," Jones said.



**Taking a breather**

Taking a break on the sideline is not very restful when you're down. Last week, the Hoke County High School Bucks lost for the first time this season. The players and coaches were not happy with the outcome of the game, but they are working to overcome last week's problems so they can welcome Cape Fear next week with some hard spirit. Here, Eric Maxwell (64) and Tracey Weston (70) contemplate last week's dilemma. From the looks on these faces, the same thing will not happen again easily.

## Volleyballers capture two from E.E. Smith

Although bad weather cancelled many sporting activities planned for last week, members of the varsity volleyball team were able to capture two wins from E.E. Smith High School.

The first of last Tuesday's games was won fairly easily as Hoke walked by E.E. Smith 15-9, but,

game two was a squeaker.

Hoke also won that one 15-13.

Tennis matches scheduled for the same day had to be postponed.

There was no Junior Varsity volleyball match.

On last Wednesday, the Hoke High Cross Country Team was in winning form, beating Terry San-

ford, West Robeson and Reid Ross high schools on home turf.

Runner Don Woods lead the attack on the visiting teams as he won his event outright over the rest of the field.

Other Hoke runners to finish proudly were Paul Purcell, who

finished fifth, Marty Locklear, sixth, Kevin Locklear, eighth, and Jerome McNatt who placed 11th.

The Hoke team score was 31 compared to a 66 turned in by Terry Sanford, 71 for West Robeson and Reid Ross with 85. Low score wins.

## Hoke Tennis Assoc. Ladders

1. Mary Stone
2. Marilyn Semones
3. Suzanne Holland
4. Mary Neil King
5. Carol Holland
6. Susan Houston
7. Ann Hostetler
8. Debbie Burke
9. Stephanie Holland
10. Dorcas Hostetler

1. Franklin Fowler
2. David Dalton
3. Doug Winter
4. Bruce Holland
5. Benny McLeod
6. Tim Caldwell
7. David Chestnut
8. Jeff Semones
9. Charles Hostetler
10. Dan Hopler
11. Mike Webb
12. Douglas Burke
13. Terry Houston
14. Curtis Jones
15. Sprite Barbee

### Merchants Bowling



#### TOP FIVE BOWLERS

- Sammy Crowder - 175
- Larry McDonald - 168
- Glenn Thompkins - 165
- Zeke Wiggins - 165
- Sylvester McAllister - 162

#### SCHEDULE FOR SEPT. 20

- Hollingsworth Bus Co. vs. Raeford No. 1's
- Towne Barber Shop vs. Crazy Four
- Strikers vs. Medicine Shoppe
- Four Barrels vs. Foursome

STANDINGS	W	L
Medicine Shoppe	10	2
Foursome	10	2
Towne Barber Shop	8	4
Strikers	7	5
Raeford No. 1's	7	5
Hollingsworth Bus Co.	4	8
Crazy Four	2	10
Four Barrels	2	10

#### 200+ AND HIGH SERIES

- Ronald Pickett - 217 - 541 Series
- Randy Livingston - 217
- Donald Calloway - 205

#### RESULTS

- Medicine Shoppe 3 Crazy Four 1
- Hollingsworth Bus. Co. 1 Foursome 3
- Raeford No. 1's 3 Four Barrels 1
- Towne Barber Shop 1 Strikers 3

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## Recreation Bits

**Come along to the State Fair**

The Recreation Department is offering a trip to the N.C. State Fair for Senior Citizens on Monday, October 15. To get in with no charge, an ID must be presented at the Fair's gate, verifying your age as 65 or older. All others need to pay the \$3 admissions charge. Everyone must pay a \$5 transportation fee to the Recreation Office prior to October 10 to ensure a seat. Transportation will be provided by the Wilson Bus Company. The trip will be limited to the first 45 paying persons who register. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the field adjacent to the old National Guard Armory, and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call 875-4035.

**Youth football physicals**

All youth interested in playing midget football are required to obtain physicals. The Hoke County Health Department will be giving physicals to interested participants on Tuesdays ONLY, on the following dates: September 18, 25 and October 2 from 1-4 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED!** Parent or legal guardian must accompany the child. You must bring your shot record if you have not previously visited the Health Department. Physical forms can be picked up from the Recreation Office. The Health Department will NOT have the physical forms.

**Senior Citizen bingo**

Come on out and play bingo! The Recreation Department will be offering an afternoon of fun and refreshments for all Hoke County senior citizens. The event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lester Building. (Agriculture Extension Building) For more information, please call 875-4035.

**Fall flea market spaces still available**

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a Flea Market on Saturday, September 22 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Old National Guard Armory. The first 30 individuals to pay the \$5.00 registration fee will be allowed to participate. Call 875-4035 for more information. (Rain date set for September 29).

**Jack-O-Lantern contest**

The Recreation Department will sponsor a Jack-o-Lantern contest on Saturday, October 20 at 10 a.m. at Armory Park. The events will be as follows:

1. **Pumpkin Coloring contest:** 3-5 yrs. old. A pumpkin drawing and crayons will be provided.
2. **Pumpkin Painting contest:** Two age brackets, 6-9 and 10-12 year olds. Paint and brushes will be provided. (You may bring other materials to decorate).
3. **Pumpkin Carving contest:** Two age brackets, 13-17 and 18-up. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN KNIFE.** (Plus other materials for added decorations, if you desire).

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

1. **Coloring** - best for each age (3, 4 and 5 year old)
2. **Painting/Carving** - A. most original; B. best in show (for each age group)

Registration will take place at 9:30 a.m., before the contest. You MUST register before being allowed to participate. (We will only be able to provide 100 pumpkins for these events). Youth 15 and under MUST be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Prizes will be awarded. The winning entries will be on display at the Public Library. Trick-or-Treat bags will be awarded to all youth who register. **NO CHARGE.** (In case of rain, contest will be held on October 27).

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