

Sports



Big win
The Hoke High Bucks captured a big conference win Friday with a 19-0 shut-out of Pinecrest. The win brings the Bucks to a season conference record of 2-2 and a season record of 4-3. If the Bucks keep winning, they

could compile one of the best records in recent memory.

Bucks capture big win over Pinecrest 19-0

Talking to and impressing upon the young players on his team the need to play to potential and play well is what won a much needed victory for Hoke High last Friday night as they whipped Pinecrest High School 19-0.

"I was extremely pleased with the way the kids came back," said Hoke Head Coach Tom Jones.

"They played Friday with emotion and intensity," he said. Jones had reason to be proud of his team as they stopped a team that was leading the league in offense and defense.

"We put 300 yards offense on the books and held Pinecrest to under 100," Jones said.

"We dominated the ballgame," he said adding that Hoke had the ball in play 60 times and their opponents ran only 25 plays.

"I remember them getting past our 50-yard-line twice," he said.

"This game was really an important win for staying in the playoff picture," said the coach.

It was also an important game for the players as it proved that they can return to the level of play they demonstrated against Scotland, he explained.

Terrel Carpenter ran in from 15 yards out twice to score touchdowns in the game that Hoke was not expected to win.

Next week, the Bucks face West Robeson in an away game.

Next week will be West Robeson's Homecoming so they will be jacked-up and ready to fight, said Jones.

"And they are strong," he said because the team put 14 points on the boards against an extremely tough Terry Sanford team.

The West Robeson team is unpredictable.

They have given some teams good games and others nothing; however, they have the reputation of being hitters, Jones said.

"I'm looking forward to a good game, said the coach.

JV volleyball team ties for conference title honors

Hoke County Volleyball players ended their regular season play last week with the Junior Varsity team tied for number one in the conference with Pinecrest.

Last Tuesday, the J.V. team entertained Scotland County and easily took two games, 15-2 and 15-6.

On Thursday, the team won a match to Reid Ross by forfeit.

The young players ended the season with an overall record of 13 and 1.

Last Tuesday proved to be not a

good day for the Varsity Volleyball team.

They were narrowly defeated in two games by Scotland County with scores of 15-9 and 15-11.

On Thursday, the older team entertained Reid Ross and handed them defeat, 15-11 and 15-6.

That team ended regular season play with a record of 10 and 4, good enough to finish third in the conference.

The top three teams in the conference this year in varsity play are Pinecrest, Lumberton and Hoke.

Last week also proved to be one of ups and downs for the Women's Tennis team as they lost one hands down and won one with no questions.

Tuesday, against opponents Scotland County, Wendy Simpson, apparently back on track, was the only team member to win a match.

Hoke ended that tournament losing nine matches and winning one.

Thursday, when Reid Ross came to visit, all players were winners.

In that tournament, Hoke County did not lose a match.

The final score dictated Hoke on top 9-0.

Last week also completed the regular tennis season.

Hoke finished with a 7-7 record.

The Hoke J.V. Football team fell victim to early mistakes, according to coaches, as they lost to the Pinecrest J.V.'s 24-14.

The team played at home.

By the third quarter, the Hoke team was behind 16-0, but scored two touchdowns quickly to pull within two points.

The game then turned into a defensive struggle with Pinecrest scoring late in the game to jack up the score.

The Hoke Cross Country team, in an uncharacteristic move, did not win last week's meet and finished third.

Hoke was beat out by Pinecrest with 44 points and Lumberton who had 47.

Hoke did score substantially fewer points than Reid Ross who had 72.

Hoke finished with 65 points. Hoke still had three men to finish in the top ten.

Paul Percell had a fourth place finish, Marty Locklear finished seventh and Don Woods placed eighth.

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