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 The Lady Bucks, coached by Esther Hollingsworth, took the Championship game 61-47, against Townsend Middle School of Maxton on Thursday, February 14 to win the ninth grade crown. Townsend had a short, fast, aggressive team, and played outstanding defense against Hoke, but at half time, the Bucks managed to have a 29-18 lead. High scorers for Hoke were Keisha Bronson with 25 points, and Yvonne Maynor with 16 points. Hoke ends the season with a 16-0 record. Last week The News-Journal, with a little help from Coach Holl-

ingsworth, incorrectly identified members of the ninth grade team under a photograph of some of the varsity girls' team. We regret the error and hope these ninth graders are shown here: Keesha Bronson, Neicy Singletary, Sheri Locklear, Yvonne Maynor, Janie Locklear, Bendetta Kelly, Janet McMillan, Yvonne Shodja, Tara Havis, Sherlina Cooper, Jackie Goins, Claudette Jones and Erica Snow. Certease Parker and Barbara Morrisey are the managers.

Four Bucks sign with colleges

Four Hoke County High School seniors have signed letters of intent to accept football scholarships to four North Carolina colleges. Marco Pickett, Tony Townsend, Jeff Fellows and Elgin Blue will be traveling to study and play football at state schools.

This is the largest number of signees Hoke High has had in recent years, head coach Tom Jones said.

Two players from the 1983 team have made major college squads, but only one went on scholarship.

This year, Pickett signed with Wake Forest University, in Winston Salem, to play as a defensive back, according to Jones.

Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory will be using Blue as a fullback or linebacker.

Townsend was snaggged by Catawba College in Salisbury to play on the offensive line, Jones said.

Fellows, who is six feet one and weighs 215, signed Friday with

Fayetteville State. He played defensive nose guard at Hoke High and is expected to play the same position in college.

"All four of these young men have had great high school careers," Jones said.

"They all have contributed greatly to our football program at Hoke High," said the coach.

"Their coaches wish them all the best as they move toward their college careers," said Jones.

All four players were selected last year as all conference players in the Southeastern 4-A Division, according to Jones.

Blue was also selected as Hoke

High's most valuable player in 1984, he said.

Pickett was picked to play in the East-West All Star Football Game, said Jones.

Pickett is 6 feet, three inches tall and weighs 185 pounds, said the coach.

Blue measures in at 5 feet 10 inches and weighs 210 pounds.

Tipping the scales at 215 pounds, Townsend stands 6 feet, one inch tall, said Jones.

Pickett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Pickett, Elgin is the son of Mrs. Lillie Blue, Fellows is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Fellows and Tony is the son of Mrs. Lillie Townsend.



A big day
 Hoke High football standout Marco Pickett signs a letter of intent to play football next year at Wake Forest University. Surrounding Marco is (L to R): his father, Alphonso Pickett, Hoke Head Football Coach Tom Jones, Coach Roger Edwards and his mother, Iris Pickett.

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