

Sports

Hoke Bucks capture season opener 72-71

The Hoke County Bucks got this year's basketball season off to a rousing start last Tuesday by defeating Cape Fear 72-71 in the season opener.

With 10 seconds left in the game, junior Steve Hamilton led the Bucks to victory with the deciding shot.

Hamilton was the high scorer for his team with 20 points.

Cape Fear attempted to regain the advantage during the last eight seconds of the game with a short turnaround jumper shot by Tony Ravis.

But the ball bounced off the rim and went out of bounds as the buzzer sounded.

Cape Fear led the Bucks at the end of every quarter except the fourth.

At half time, the Colts were on top with a score of 36 - 35.

But even then, Coach George Drawhorn wasn't worried.

"I told them to keep it close for the first three quarters and in the fourth quarter we'll really begin to play ball," Drawhorn said.

The coach said that attitude played a great part in his team's win.

"Our guys play with big hearts," Drawhorn said. "They have an attitude that they're not going to give up."

"I have them so high in the pre-

game talks, they feel that Carolina couldn't beat them," he added.

Drawhorn said the Bucks were up against players much taller than themselves at the season opener.

Also, he said, the Bucks were playing a team that has been picked to come in either second or third place in the conference this season.

"My guys just outthustled them," Drawhorn said. "They were diving on the floor for balls."

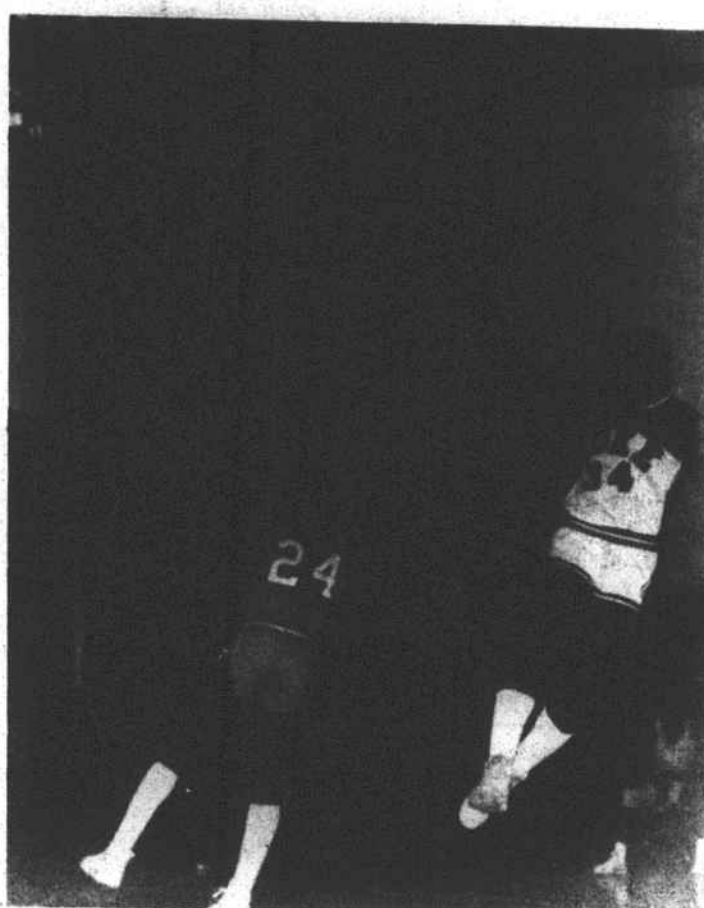
Donald McMillan brought in the second most points for the Bucks with 13 points.

Cape Fear's Steve Dawson topped all the scorers in the game with 26 points.

In the girls' game, Cape Fear won over Hoke County with a score of 40 to 38.

Thelma Watkins and Dee Dee Thomas each scored 7 points for Hoke.

High scorer for the game was Cape Fear's Michelle Robinson with 13 points.



Season opener
Marvin Maynor goes up for the shot during Hoke High's first game of the season against Cape Fear. The Bucks won the game 72-71.

State's hunting to have mixed season

There's good and bad news for North Carolina sportsmen. Quail and rabbit numbers are up, but waterfowl populations are at their lowest point in over 30 years. The duck season will run from November 28-30, and from December 9 through January 11.

Surveys conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service show that the total duck population -- 62 million -- is 22% lower than last year. Spring breeding counts of ducks were also the lowest recorded since record-keeping began 31 years ago. Fewer than 5.5 million

mallards were counted, and pintails fell below the 3 million mark, both record lows.

"Almost all of our duck species are at these record low points because of widespread drought and habitat destruction on the breeding grounds of the northern United States and Canada," said Dennis Luszc, waterfowl project leader for the Wildlife Commission. "A lot of the prairie potholes which serve as nesting areas for ducks have been plowed up over the past two or three dry years. This loss of prime habitat -- coupled

ed with prolonged dry weather and low numbers of birds returning to breed -- has really hurt waterfowl populations. The continued loss of habitat in other areas also takes a toll. Consequently, reductions in season length and bag limits were necessary. Hunters should not be surprised if the season is poor. There just aren't many birds available."

Luszc adds, however, that hunters can expect good fall flights of snow geese, brant and swans. "These species nest in the far northern Arctic, and their success

hinges largely on snow conditions. There was an early snow melt this year, so the birds had a good nesting season and populations are up."

Small-game hunters will be happy to learn that rabbit and quail numbers are also up. The hunting season for rabbits and quail will run from November 23 through February 28.

"Quail and rabbit hunting should be better than last year," said Carl Betsill, small game and migratory bird program coordinator for the Wildlife Commission. "In the hot part of the summer, we had a reasonable amount of rain. We also didn't have any prolonged, exceptionally hot weather. So, we've seen more young quail and rabbits in the field."

Eagles defeat So. Pines

The Lady Eagles got off to a rugged start, but defeated Southern Pines 43-25 November 26 at Southern Pines.

The Lady Eagles took an early lead in the first quarter and established a 23-10 deficit by halftime.

The pace picked up in the second half with Southern Pines staying fairly even.

Marsha Pickett led the Eagles with 15 points, Sharon Shaw had 12, Cynthia Jones 10, Monica Ray 4, and Tammy Stephens with 2 for the Eagles' 43 points.

Purnsley led Southern Pines with 14 points.

Turkeys out at West Hoke

Turkeys, pilgrims and Indians were out in full force Wednesday, November 13, for West Hoke's first grade chapel program.

Mrs. Wilkerson and Mrs. Clippard's first graders really motivated the West Hoke school campus with their delightful Thanksgiving play entitled "Should We Tell." They completed the afternoon by singing numerous holiday songs.

Miss Martin and Mrs. Myers' first grade class presented the chapel program, "One Tough Turkey."

The play was a humorous version of the pilgrim's first Thanksgiving. The pilgrims went after the wrong turkey. Solomon, the turkey, out-smarted the pilgrims. As a result, the pilgrims ate a lot of squash and pretended it was turkey.

The play ended with the poem "One Tough Bird." The songs were "The Turkey" and "Come Ye Thankful People, Come."

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Recreation Bits

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do Karate classes are being taught on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6-7:30 p.m. on Main Street above Howell's Drug Store. Cost for the lessons are \$20 per month. Instructors are Macky McDonald and Anthony Freeman. For more information, please call the Recreation Office at 875-4035.

Men's volleyball results

November 25:		Standings	
7:00	Boahn & Sons Concrete	Fast Shop Food Mart	16-14, 15-7
7:45	Bad Company	Raeford Fire Dept.	15-13, 15-10
8:30	Ernest T. Bass & Assoc.	Byrd's Alignment	15-12, 15-3
9:15	Bad Company	Silver Bullets	15-8, 15-5

Women's volleyball league

An organizational meeting, for those interested in playing volleyball, will be held on Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Office. Team representatives and individuals without teams should plan to attend. To participate in the league, you must be at least 18 years old. Call 875-4035 for more information.

Youth basketball leagues

The Recreation Department is offering four basketball leagues for all interested youth. Games will be played at J.W. Turlington Gym. Registration for each league is as follows:

NOVICE: Boys & girls, ages 7-9. Register in Turlington Gym, Monday, January 6 & 13, 4 p.m.

MIDGET: Boys, ages 10-12. Register in Turlington Gym, Tuesday, January 7 & 14, 4 p.m.

JUNIOR: Boys, ages 13-15. Register in Turlington Gym, Wednesday, January 8 & 15, 4 p.m.

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