

Bucks Add Two Victories; Play In Lumberton Friday



CARPENTER PUTS IT UP - Buck trapman Garley Carpenter gets a jump shot off against the Dark Horses Friday night. Other Bucks getting in position to rebound are Russell Davis (34) and Joe Bridges (52).

The Hoke High Bucks ran their post-Christmas winning streak to four games by edging Clinton 70-65 Friday night and ripping Rockingham 70-65 Friday night and ripping Rockingham 70-52, in a game played on the Rockets' homecourt Tuesday night.

The local cagers built a 16 point lead at the end of the third quarter of play Friday night over conference rival Clinton and had to hang on for their first conference victory of the season.

The Bucks managed to tally only one field goal in the last quarter while the Dark Horses put 24 points on the scoreboard. Clutch foul shooting accounted for the Bucks other 11 points in the quarter.

Coach Larry Phillips said after the game that it was always nice to win, but that he was very disappointed in his team's play in the fourth quarter. The team has spent a great portion of their practice sessions this week concentrating on improving their play against the press.

The practice obviously paid off, as the Bucks traveled to Rockingham Tuesday night and had to cope with both pressing and stalling tactics employed by the Rockets. The Bucks returned to Raeford with a 70-52 victory.

Rockingham tried to slow the tempo of the game with a stall. Neither team scored for the first three minutes. Several

consecutive baskets by the Hoke players made the Rockets drop the stall maneuver.

Getting several turnovers in the first quarter, as a result of their full court press, the Bucks jumped to an 11 point lead at the end of the first quarter, 17-6.

Nine of the Bucks first quarter points were tallied by sophomore forward Russell Davis, who has had a hot hand in the early stages of the Bucks' last four basketball games.

The Bucks stretched their lead to a 25 point advantage at the end of the third quarter. Coach Phillips then benched his starters and allowed the alternates to play most of the fourth quarter.

Joe Bridges was the leading scorer for the Bucks in each of their last two games, racking up 22 points against Clinton and 17 against Rockingham.

Russell Davis accounted for 20 and 15 points. Davis has the pleasing habit of hitting several shots in a row. His scoring has spearheaded the Bucks' attack in the first quarter of the Bucks' last two games.

The Bucks travel to Lumberton Friday night to play the Pirates. Some sportswriters feel the Pirates are not as strong this season as they usually are. In assessing the Lumberton team, Coach Phillips said "they have fine coaching, they are always

aggressive, and they are very well disciplined. Lumberton will be a tough team to beat, especially on their homecourt."

Phillips added that he would not be at all surprised if Lumberton tries to stall or presses his team Friday night. "We will continue to practice against the press" he concluded.

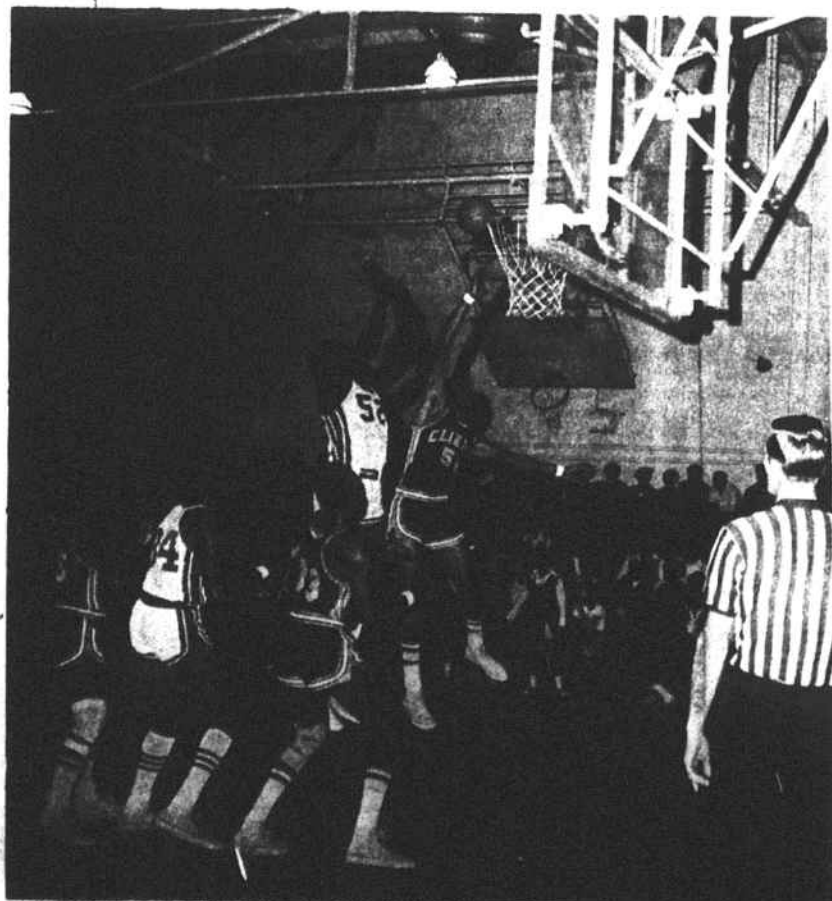
The Bucks have an open date next Tuesday night and then travel to Dunn and Sanford before returning to their homecourt for a game against Lumberton.

Hoke 18 19 20 13 - 70
Clinton 8 15 18 24 - 65
Hoke 70 - Bridges 22, Davis 20, McNeill 16, Carpenter 4, Howell 4, Monroe 4, and McLeod.

Clinton 65 - Marable 17, Butler 14, Beckett 13, Kirby 11, Robinson 10, Dudley, and Sandy.

Hoke 17 17 20 14 - 70
Rockingham 6 11 17 21 - 52
Hoke 70 - Bridges 17, McNeill 15, Davis 15, Howell 7, Monroe 6, Carpenter 2, McLeod 2, Whitaker 1, Leggett 2, Hollingsworth 2, Breeden, Dockery and Hottel.

Rockingham 52 - Dawkins 24, McDonald 10, Entwistle 4, Smith 4, Futrell 4, Simmerman 3, Blackwell 2, Finn 1, McKenzie, Saunders, and Stanford.



TWO OF 22 - The Bucks' big center, Joe Bridges, shoots over Clinton's Bobby Kirby to garner two of his team leading 22 points. Bridges' clutch foul shooting in the fourth quarter greatly aided the Bucks in holding off the rallying Clinton Dark Horses. Russell Davis (34) waits for the rebound, Davis gathered 20 points for the Bucks in the game.

Bowling News

League leading Blanton's Grocery swept four straight games from last place Bob's Body Shop last week to stretch their lead in the standings of the Raeford Merchants Bowling League to five full games over House of Raeford.

House of Raeford took three of their four contests from 401 Amoco to edge them out of second place in the standings.

In the lower half of the league, City Cleaners won all of their four matches while Howell's Drugs could do no better than split, thus moving City Cleaners back up to sixth place in place of Howell's. McNeill's Grocery blasted Town & Country for four victories that enabled them to move into eighth and dropped Town & Country into ninth in the standings.

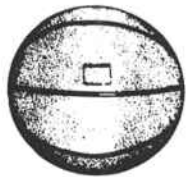
John K. McNeill, Jr. continued to hold on to first place in the competition for individual honors. McNeill maintained his 167 average. Jesse Taylor moved up on point into second place with a 166 average. Bill Jenkins and Harold Wright remain in contention with averages of 165.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Blanton's Grocery	48 - 20
House of Raeford	43-25
401 Amoco	41½ - 26½
Long's Grocery	40 - 26
Dees' Esso	34 - 34
City Cleaners	31 - 37
Howell's Drugs	30½ - 37½
McNeill's Grocery	28 - 40
Town & Country	26 - 42
Bob's Body Shop	18 - 50

TOP TEN BOWLERS

John K. McNeill, Jr.	167
Jesse Taylor	166
Bill Jenkins	165
Harold Wright	165
John Lockey	164
Harry Walters	164
Norbet Schmitt	163
Bill Hendrix	161
John Fly	161
Ralph Currie	160



Upchurch Eagles Win

The Eagles of Upchurch School started their season with a big win as they traveled to Rockingham to play the Rockets last Thursday, January 8. The Eagles took a commanding lead in the first quarter and never relinquished it. The score at the end of the first half was 24-10. Both teams scored evenly in the second half making the final score 47-33. Standouts in the Eagles' lineup were James McGregor and Tyrone Tillman. McGregor was high scorer and both he and Tillman were top rebounders.

The 7th Grade Eagles' also won their season opener, against the 7th Grade Rockingham Rockets. They led throughout the first half, which ended with a score of 14-3. During the second half they increased their lead even more making the final score 34-11. Harvey Bratcher was the high scorer with 11 points.

The Eagles' next game will be at home on January 22. They will meet W.B. Wicker of Sanford.

The Eighth grade Upchurch team is coached by W.K. Morgan, while G.K. McNeill



EIGHTH GRADE EAGLES - Members of the Upchurch School's big team are, kneeling from left to right, Franklin Bease, Donald Hough, Ray McDougald, Tony Austin, and Eddie Roper. Standing are Tommy Kennedy, Larry Blue, James McGregor, Tyrone Tillman, Phillip Ross, Melvin White, Buzzy Bledsoe, and Coach W.K. Morgan.

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Free steak dinner to the (5) 1st place winners courtesy Big Star Truck Stop. Dinner tickets good only on evening of race date.