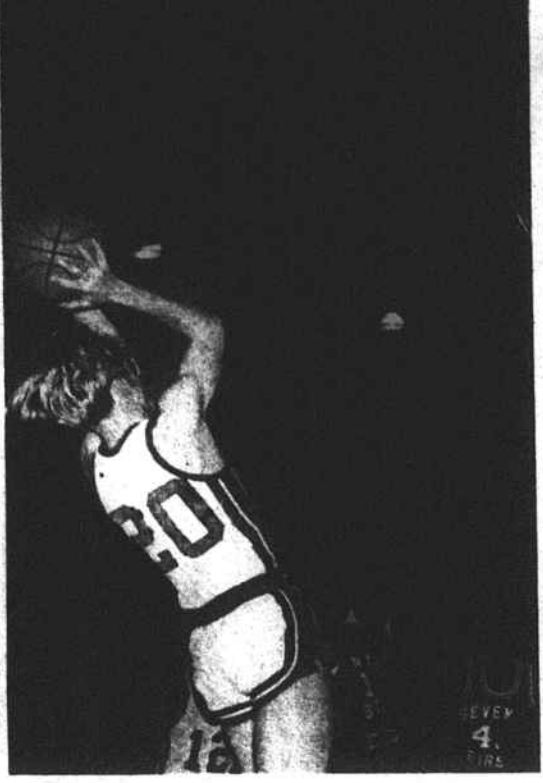
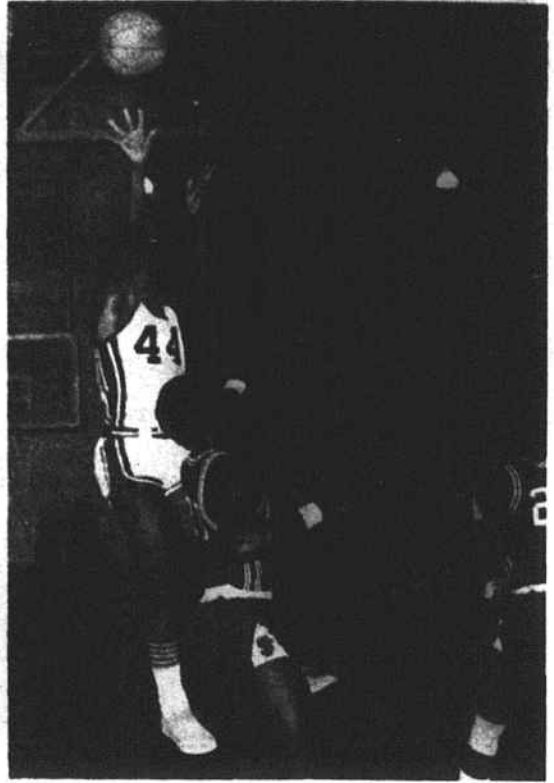


Bucks Take 71st 76-69, Down Red Springs 70-56



UP AND AWAY - David Wood rears back to shoot over the crowd. He collected 11 points during the Seventy-First game.



OVERHEAD - James McLeod sends one out of reach as the Seventy-First guard makes a stab for it.

The Bucks brought home two wins this week, beating Seventy-First 76 to 69 last Friday night and Red Springs 70 to 56 on Tuesday.

The win over the Falcons Friday was a hard-fought nip and tuck game in which the lead changed sides more than a dozen times.

The Bucks got off to a slow start and were down 19 to 15 at the close of the first period. The Falcons were penetrating the three-two zone defense and getting in some easy shots.

Hoke came back in the second quarter with improved shooting and defense to take a narrow one point lead with them at the half. McLeod hit six in the second quarter and Davis put in eight. The score at the half was Raeford 34, Seventy-First 33.

With accuracy in their outside shooting, the Bucks outscored the Falcons throughout the second half, giving them 18-15 and 24-21 scores.

The Falcons led in the rebound department, pulling down 41 to the Bucks 39. Davis took 12 rebounds and McLeod got 10 for the game.

The Bucks outshot the Falcons at the foul line, hitting 20 of 39 free throws while 71st took 11 of 19.

"We had a good game and the team played real well," Coach Jerry Osborne commented. "We could have broken the game earlier if we had shot at the foul line like they have been doing. But it was a very good game." Russell Davis was high with 31 points while James McLeod had 18 and David Wood scored 11.

Accuracy at the foul line brought good news to the Bucks on Tuesday when they defeated Red Springs 70 to 56.

Red Springs scored the same number of field goals as the winning Bucks but Hoke connected on 24 of 35 foul

shots, while committing only 12 fouls themselves.

Red Springs had a slim lead at the end of the first quarter, 16-15. They pressed the Bucks and had a stubborn defense, but Hoke warmed up in the second quarter and took over for the night.

The Bucks out-scored Red Springs 20 to 11 in the second period, 17 to 13 in the third and 18 to 16 in the fourth.

"We played a real good defense," Coach Osborne said. "Especially in the second half, we closed off their guards who had been shooting well at first. Wood and Howell played especially good defense."

Osborne also said he was pleased over the low number of fouls, 12, committed by the Bucks, who were playing a man to man defense.

"Davis did a good job for us," he said. "An I am well pleased with the substitutes who came into the game in the second half. They did a fine job." Davis was high with 23 and Wood had 11. Red Springs had four in double figures - Ellis and McPhaul with 14 and Patterson and Bullard with 13 each.

Hoke vs. Seventy-First
 Raeford (76) -- McLeod 18, McGregor 7, Davis 31, Wood 11, G. Hollingsworth 1, B. Hollingsworth, Matherly 2, Maxwell.

Seventy-First (69) -- Killingsworth 6, Caldwell 19, Major 7, Lovett 8, Clark 15, Ledford 8, Nolan 4, Boykin 2, Hoke vs Red Springs

Raeford (70) -- McLeod 7, McGregor 8, Davis 23, Howell 4, Wood 11, G. Hollingsworth 9, B. Hollingsworth 3, Matherly 2, Chandler 5, Morrison, Maxwell, Rucker.

Red Springs (56) -- Ellis 14, Patterson 13, Bullard 13, McPhaul 14.

The Bucks will play their first conference game Friday night at Clinton.



HIGH POINT - Russell Davis collected a total of 54 points in the last week as he hit 31 against 71st and 23 against Red Springs.

Hoke Highlights

by Debbie Anderson

The magic countdown til the Christmas holidays has officially begun at H.H.S.

A group that has been established for some time at H.H.S. is the Creative Dance group. Miss Leak is the advisor of this eleven membered group. The officers are as follows: Priscilla Murchison, president; Lizzie Harrington, vice president; Hazel Peterkin, secretary; Janice Beatty, treasurer; and Cadet Robinson, advisor. The group has sponsored several bake sales to finance their activities.

This week a new Miss Ekoh will be chosen from a group of twenty-five H.H.S. Lassies. These girls were required to answer many questions concerning their personalities and their views on life. The new Miss Ekoh will be chosen by a board of judges that have been selected by the Ekoh's advisor, Mr. Jerry Thompson. Those girls participating are: Cathy Currie, Beth Ivey, Debbie Leach, Debbie Anderson, Pat Tuberville, Bert Pope, Chris Wilson, Brenda McRae, Via Lender, Rene McAllister, Debra McGregor, Hilda Paul, Wanda Pendergrass, Janice Cunningham, Becky Hood, Debbie Tew, Wanda Grant, and Annette Blackburn.

The French Club held a meeting Tuesday after school. The purpose of this meeting was to distribute the French pen-pals to the club's members.

Thursday the Hoke County High Chorus and Mrs. Neil A. McNeill traveled to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to participate in a choral clinic. The group also performed for the other schools. They sang two selections which were "Ave Maria" and "Caroling, Caroling." The chorus and chorus will present their annual Christmas concert Thursday, December seventeenth at eight o'clock in the Hoke High gym.

Tickets are available from the groups members. Price for adults is one dollar and students fifty cents. All proceeds will help finance the chorus and choral's music. The program is promised to be one of the best!

Thursday the Future Teachers of America club held a meeting in the assembly room. Mr. Ray Autry and Mr. Donald D. Abernethy were guest speakers. They spoke of "What qualities are looked for in a good teacher."

Wednesday night the Student Council held a meeting to discuss up coming business. It was decided to ask the students to make a contribution in order to show our appreciation to our principal and secretaries by offering a small gift. Also, there will be a dance sixth period Thursday. Music will be furnished by the well known "Everyday People."

The Key Club met Wednesday night. It was decided that the members would hold a clean up drive Monday December twenty-first of the streets of Raeford. Hoke High's Chapter of the

Fellowship of Christian Athletes held a meeting Friday during fifth period. Steve Plummer, the clubs chaplain gave a short devotion and then Mr. Glenn Langdon, advisor, gave the program. Plans were made for future meetings and projects.

The Hoke High Bucks were host to the Seventy First Falcons Friday night. The Bucks were ridin' high as they reigned triumphant over the Falcons 76-69. The Baby Bucks followed in the victory foot steps with a score of 57-53. This week the Bucks finish out before Christmas by traveling to Red Springs to send the Devils back "home" and then Friday to stampee the Clinton Dark Horses.

On behalf of the student body at H.H.S. I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and you may look for Hoke Highlights to appear in the News-Journal "next year."

JV's Take Games

The Buck JV's have taken two nip and tuck games during the past week, downing 71st 57 to 53 on Friday and squeaking past Red Springs 47 to 46 on Tuesday.

The JV's came from behind in the second half to defeat the Baby Falcons. They were down six points, 24 to 18 at the half.

Tillman took scoring honors with 20 points for the night while Baldwin had 17. Joe McGoogan had 11 to his credit. The Red Springs battle was too close for comfort, with the lead changing hands four or five times before the Bucks JV's took their one point and ran, stalling for time to end the game 47 to 46.

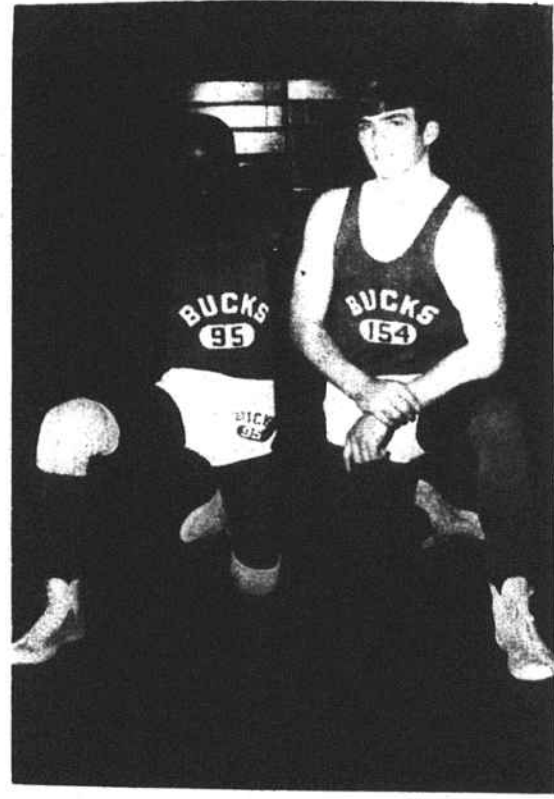
Baldwin took the honors for Raeford with 14 points, while McDougald and Tillman each had 9. Red Springs had a balanced scoring offense with Tyler, Johnson, Farrington and McRae each scoring 10.

The JV's have a 4-3 season record.

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UNDEFEATED - Paul Smith (left) and Don Williamson are unbeaten this season after three matches. Smith, new to the team this year, has defeated opponents with two pins and one decisioned match. Williamson, a veteran from last year, also has two pins and a decision.

Bucks Tie Bowman Bucks Win First Match

Hoke High tied their second match of the season 24 to 24 against Bowman last Thursday.

The Bucks' matmen had three pins and three decisions. Paul Smith and Don Williamson both won their second bout of the season with pins. They won decisions in the opening match last week against Reid Ross.

Individual results:
 Class
 98 pounds -- Smith (Hoke) pinned Giles.
 105 -- Plummer (Hoke) decisioned Cogman 3-0
 112 -- Dial (Hoke) pinned Lisenby
 119 -- Marsh (Bowman) pinned Harris
 126 -- Inman (Hoke) decisioned Ammons 10-9
 132 -- Beach (Bowman) decisioned Crowder 4-1
 138 -- Willis (Hoke) decisioned Gregory 3-2
 145 -- Bridges (Bowman) pinned McMillan
 155 Don Williamson (Hoke) pinned Hardison
 167 -- S. Burr (Bowman) decisioned Pecora 12-0
 185 -- M. Burr (Bowman) decisioned Frank Williamson 6-2
 Unlimited -- Ritter (Bowman) pinned Mabe

The Hoke High wrestlers won their first match Monday night, beating the Terry Sanford matmen 35 to 22.

The Bucks have a 1-1-1 season record.

Paul Smith and Don Williamson won their third straight contest and are undefeated this season.

The match with Terry Sanford was the last wrestling meet before Christmas. The Bucks will go to Seventy-First on Jan. 7.

98 pounds -- Smith (H) pinned Williams
 105 pounds -- Plummer (H) defeated Darnen 4-0.
 112 pounds -- McAllister (TS) pinned Dial
 119 pounds -- Heinzelman (TS) pinned Harris.
 126 pounds -- Inman (H) pinned Revere.
 132 pounds -- Crowder (H) and Mitchell (TS) tied 5-5.
 138 pounds -- Willis (H) pinned Evans
 145 pounds -- McMillan (H) pinned Maxwell.
 155 pounds -- D. Williamson (H) pinned McKoy.
 167 pounds -- Murchison (TS) pinned Woods.
 185 pounds -- Freeman (TS) pinned F. Williamson.
 Unlimited -- Mabe (H) pinned Melo.

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