

New Coach Optimistic

Hoke High Baseball Gets Underway Mar. 4

March 4 is the opening date of the 1975 Hoke High Bucks baseball season and a planning stage is in process to promote this major spring sport, according to Coach Terry Grier.

Grier, a Fairmont native who holds a masters degree from East Carolina University, spent last year coaching in Whiteville - a redhot baseball area. There he led a Whiteville Wolfpack team to the 3-A Three Rivers Conference Championship and was awarded "Coach of the Year" honors for his efforts.

First in any coach's plans has to be his personnel. Though Grier has but six lettermen on hand, he still feels he has the nucleus for a competitive team - if fortune smiles his way. His half-dozen letters include junior righthander Eddie Ramsey, 160 - pounder, of the mound-staff; 1st baseman Allen Thomas, a 195 pound all - conference junior; short stop Donnie Monroe - 165 pound senior; 3rd baseman Roy Taylor - 165 pound senior; outfielder Curtis Jones, - 185 pound senior; and catcher Noah Hendrix, - 160 pound junior; who can play anywhere well!

Other Buck members are pitchers David McNeill, 155 freshman portsider, righthanders Timmy Ross - 150 pound junior, and George Maynor - 165 pound senior; outfielders Elvis Buie - 150 pound senior, Mike Allan - 165 pound senior, Frank Kicklighter - 160 pound sophomore, Johnny Carthersen - 160 pound junior, and Leo Salzer - 190

pound senior; Infielders Eddie Pennell - 160 pound junior 2nd baseman, and Michael Shaw - 160 pound sophomore 1st baseman.

"At times they look good," said Grier, "I think we have an opportunity to have a good club, but we're young and inexperienced at key positions. I hope our tough pre - conference schedule will answer some questions and I'm sure we won't lack from a quality of competition." Even though some key players participated in basketball, Grier feels they will fit right in - once they learn his system and get their eye on the ball.

"I feel that the key to our success will be finding the proper combination of players to play the various positions," Grier commented, "We have several boys who can play a number of positions."

When asked of measures to help promote baseball in the area, Coach Grier pointed to the addition of a Junior Varsity baseball team to the program. "Now boys can come from Upchurch and continue in baseball even if they cannot make the varsity," said Grier. "This should help our program tremendously in the future, and it will get more boys and parents involved." "Also we have improved our playing field and purchased new uniforms," said Grier "and this will definitely help."

Grier feels that his 1975 schedule is a promotion within itself. "I don't know

anyone in the state who will play a schedule as tough as ours, if there has been any lack in the caliber of competition in the past, that problem has been solved and our fans should be able to see some fine teams play."

Perhaps the best addition to help promote and improve Hoke High baseball according to Grier is that of assistant coach Mike Lassiter.

Mike is doing an outstanding job," commented Grier, "He is helping with the varsity and will be directly in charge

of our Junior Varsity program." "We work well together and share a similar philosophy on baseball."

The Bucks kick off their season with two home games, hosting defending State 2-A Champion Hallsboro on Tuesday March 4 at 4 p.m. and on Friday March 7 at 1:30 p.m. against Pembroke. "Fan attendance and support is a must in any success a program will achieve." Come out and support YOUR Bucks - the defending SOUTHEASTERN 3-A CHAMPS!

1975 HOKE COUNTY Varsity Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	GAME LOCATION	TIME
March			
T-4	Hallsboro	Home	4:00
F-7	Pembroke	Home	1:30
T-11	Richmond	Away	4:00
F-14	East Montgomery	Home	4:00
T-18	Bowman	Away	4:00
F-21	East Montgomery	Away	4:00
F-28	Richmond	Home	4:00
April			
T-1			
F-4	Hallsboro	Away	7:30
*T-8	Lumberton	Home	4:00
Th-10	Pembroke	Away-PSU field	7:30
Sat-12	Red Springs	Away	7:30
*T-15	Pinecrest	Home	4:00
*F-18	Clinton	Away	4:00
*T-28	Dunn	Away	4:00
*F-25	Lumberton	Away	7:30
T-29	Bowman	Home	1:30
May			
*F-2	Pinecrest	Away	7:30
*T-6	Clinton	Home	4:00
*Th-8	Dunn	Home	4:00

*Conference Game
Head Coach - Terry Grier
Home Phone - 875-5611
School Phone - 875-2055

Asst. Coach - Mike Lassiter
Nickname - BUCKS
Colors - Red and White



BY JIM DEAN

There are more whitetail deer in North Carolina than at any time in recorded history. Biological estimates run as high as half a million deer, and there are part of the state - particularly in the east - which are so overrun that deer are considered a nuisance to gardens and crops.

But despite this population explosion, there are still pockets in the state where deer are scarce. Some parts of the piedmont and mountains still have a few deer.

However, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is in the process of conducting a restoration program which will increase deer populations in more than a dozen areas of the state. The projects are paid for entirely by hunters and fishermen (no general tax funds are involved).

"We're already at work stocking three areas and we're about 20 percent finished," said Larry Warlick, assistant chief of the Division of Game. Warlick is in charge of the overall deer restoration program.

"Game management field crews have already put about 30 deer in the New Hope area of Chatham County," said Warlick. "We're planning to stock about 75 there. As of the middle of February, we have also released about 15 deer in the Bluff Mountain section of Madison County, and about 15 in the Cowee

Mountain section of Swain, Jackson and Macon counties. The reason we're ahead of Chatham County is because we already had some deer penned nearby.

"We're planning to put about 50 deer in Bluff Mountain and 50 in Cowee, added Warlick. "All these stocked deer will be wild, live - trapped deer."

Warlick said that trapping and stocking will continue until sometime in April, and hopes are high that the first three areas will be essentially stocked by then.

Trapping and stocking will resume following the next hunting season, and Raven Rock State Park is slated to be one of the next areas to be stocked. In fact, stocking at Raven Rock may begin this year if enough deer are trapped to do it.

"If we get a good deer population established on Raven Rock, they'll expand into the surrounding area," said Warlick.

Warlick showed me a list of the areas being studied for possible deer restoration. Among those being evaluated are the Broad River section of Cleveland County, the Snowbird Mountain area of Swain, Graham and Cherokee counties, and Elk Knob in Ashe and Watauga counties; however, these are only tentative at this point.

"We're not just stocking deer," of course," said Warlick. "We're also going to do habitat improvement in these areas and we're already working on this in the areas we're now stocking. Habitat improvement is important and is a continuing program on all deer restoration areas."

Warlick explained that in order for an area to be considered for a deer restoration project, it must conform rather closely to several conditions. It must have good habitat and food for deer, and should be at least 5,000 acres. The project must have wide - spread public support so that the deer can be properly protected. After stocking local deer seasons are closed for several years while the herd builds. Also, the area must not already have a good, stable deer population. If the area is already supporting all the deer it can, even if there are very few deer, any deer stocked would simply starve or become diseased. Finally, areas which will be open to public hunting will get highest priority.

Will these deer restoration projects work? "You bet," said Warlick, "we've done them before, and when conditions are right, they work very well."

Service Personnel

Special recognition has been accorded to a Raeford man at Beale AFB, Calif. Airman First Class Larry O. Jackson, son of Mrs. Katherine Allen of Rt. 1, was selected Outstanding Airman of the Month for his unit.

A security policeman, Airman Jackson serves with the 9th Security Police Squadron, a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

He graduated in 1969 from Hoke County High School.

Workweek Record Low

Hard hit by recession, Tar Heel manufacturing industries reported the shortest workweek on record in mid-January and employment of 75,700 fewer workers than a year ago, State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel reported recently.

The factory workweek dropped to 35.8 hours in January as all manufacturing industry groups except cigarette factories reported employment declines, Creel said.

January working hours dropped 1.7 hours below those of December and were 4.1 hours below the 39.9-hour average of January, 1974, he stated.

Commissioner Creel said employment in all of the State's nonfarm establishments dropped 39,100 between December and January to a total of 1,969,300. This was 53,000 below the 2,022,300 level of a year ago.

Manufacturing jobs totaled 726,800 in mid-January after dropping 18,800 from December. Nonmanufacturing employment, totaling 1,242,500, was down 20,300 from December but despite recessionary conditions was still 22,700 higher than a year ago.

Creel said textile mill employment, totaling 253,300 in January, was 38,000 below the 290,300 reported for a year ago.

Electrical machinery jobs, totaling 41,800, were down 8,800 from year-ago levels.

Furniture industry employment, at 75,300 in January, was 8,500 below a year ago.

Apparel manufacturing firms, employing 73,000 in January, were down 8,500 over the year. Food products declined by 1,900.

Even retail trade showed the effects of recession, dipping 1,900 below the January, 1974 level.

Weekly earnings of the 726,800 Tar Heel factory workers dropped by \$5.09 from December levels to a January average of \$122.79, and were \$2.50 below the January, 1974 figure.

Hourly earnings averaged \$3.43 in the State's manufacturing industries in January - up two cents from the \$3.41 December average. Layoffs of lower-paid employees having less seniority was partly responsible for the apparent two-cent increase, Commissioner Creel pointed out.

Most nonmanufacturing employment groups registered January job declines, with trade, construction, transportation, services, finance, and education registering the largest decreases.

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Legals

ADMINISTRATOR'S EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Bennie C. Powell of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Bennie C. Powell to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of February, 1975.
Mary R. Powell
Box 6, McCain, N.C.
43-46C

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE

MID-STATE HOMES, INC., a Florida corporation Plaintiff

vs. JAMES LEE McNATT and wife, WILLIE BEATRICE McNATT, Defendants

The Judgment by default final having been duly entered herein and a public sale of the lands hereinafter described, ordered:

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Commissioner, acting pursuant to the orders of the Court and the provisions of Article 29A of Chapter 1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, will expose the property hereinafter described for sale at public auction for cash at 12:00 noon on the 26th day of March, 1975, at the courthouse door or other usual place of public sale of the county courthouse in Raeford, North Carolina, said property lying and being in the County of Hoke, State of North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake, the southwestern corner of the Pete Bronson Sr. lot, and running thence with his line N 4 deg 45 min E 488 feet to the northwestern corner of Bronson's lot, a concrete monument; thence with the northern line of said Bronson's lot S 85 deg 15 min E 50 feet to a stake; thence S 4 deg 45 min W 476.5 feet to a stake in the southern line; thence S 80 deg 00 min W 50 feet to the beginning corner containing 0.55 acre more or less, and being the western half of the lot conveyed to the grantors by Marion H. Gatlin and wife Gladys E. Gatlin by a deed dated December 31, 1962 and recorded in book 141 at page 399 in the Hoke County Registry.

This sale will be held open for ten days for upset bid as by law required. A deposit of ten (10%) percent of the amount bid will be required as specified in the default judgment.

This sale is made expressly subject to:

- (a) Confirmation by the Court;
- (b) All prior liens and encumbrances, easements, conditions, reservations and restrictions set forth in instruments in the chain of title; and
- (c) All outstanding taxes and assessments, if any.

THIS 17th day of February, 1975.
W. FAISON BARNES, Commissioner

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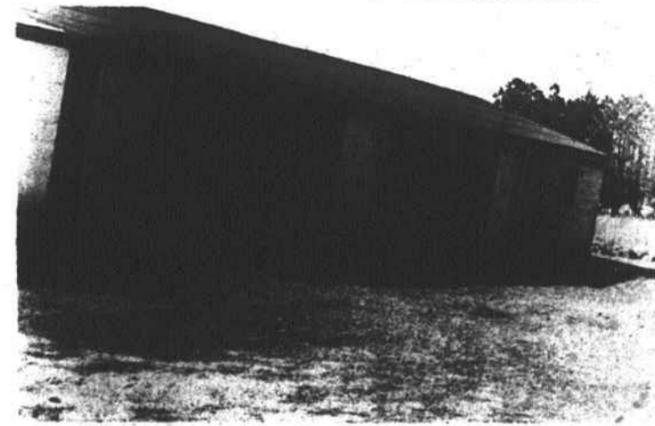
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