

Bucks Lose To Pembroke 5-4 In The Eighth Inning



WATCHFUL - Allen Thomas, with a big lead off first base, took his chances with the Pembroke pitcher and made the dash just before this shot. Thomas was thrown out at second.

A spectacular catch in the eighth inning by Pembroke third baseman Tommy Sampson left two men on base and squashed Hoke's last chance to win in the second game of the season at Hoke High Friday.

The Warriors broke a 4-4 tie in the top of the eighth to pull ahead. With one man out, Beatty Lowery drew a walk from Buck's pitcher David McNeill, then went to second on a wild pitch. Lowery scored the game winning run on a single to left field by Kenny Deese.

Hoke put to men on base in the bottom of the inning to challenge Pembroke.

With two men out and runners on base, McNeill hit an almost unreachable high foul that was snared by Sampson's desperate grab.

Bucks' coach Terry Grier blamed the loss on poor hitting and too many errors.

"I was disappointed in our outfield play," he said Monday. "We had a number of outfield mistakes by seasoned players who shouldn't have made them."

"And we've got to start hitting the ball."

Hoke left runners on base at several key points during the game, Grier said, as ten Bucks struck out. Eight of the strike-outs came with men on base.

Pembroke's Deese hit the second pitch of the game for a double, as Eddie Ramsey started the game on the mound for the Bucks.

Chris Locklear sent Deese in to score on a single, and soon after, Locklear scored on a second error.

The inning ended with the bases loaded as Jim Lowery fouled out to catcher Noah Hendrix.

With one man out, Hoke's first baseman, Allen Thomas, doubled to deep left center and Hendrix got on base on an error by the Pembroke third baseman.

A single by left fielder Curtis Jones

sent Thomas home and Hendrix scored on a single by center fielder Donnie Monroe to tie the game.

With runners on second and third base, the next two Hoke batters were called out on strikes.

In the second inning, Ramsey gave up two walks and both men then scored on errors in the outfield, to put the Warriors ahead 4-2.

In the Bucks' half of the inning, right fielder Mike Allen went to first after being hit by a pitch and scored on a hit by Thomas.

Again, Bucks were left on second and third as Pembroke's pitcher, Locklear, retired the side.

David McNeill relieved Ramsey on the mound to start the third inning and struck out nine batters while allowing only one hit and one unearned run for the remainder of the game.

Neither side scored until the bottom of the fifth, when Thomas beat the throw to first to get on base, then went to second on a sacrifice by Hendrix.

Elvis Buie, pinch-hitting for Curtis Jones, singled Thomas home to tie the score.

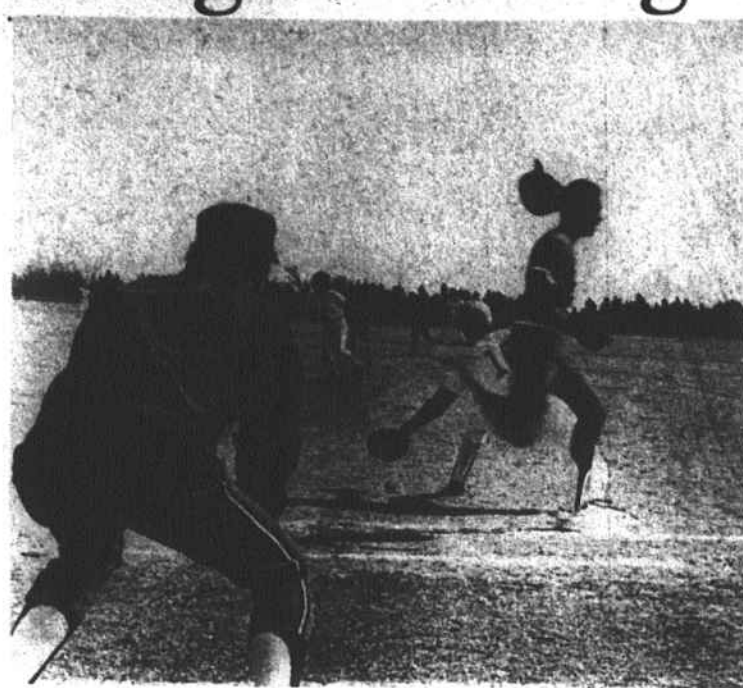
Both teams were held scoreless for the next two innings but Pembroke collected the needed run in the top of the eighth.

Going over the game later, Grier praised McNeill's pitching and Thomas' hitting. And he drew attention to the tough pre-conference competition. Hallsboro, who drew a tie in the opening game was last year's 2-A champion and Richmond County, scheduled this week, is defending 4-A titleholder, Grier explained.

"I feel like when we start really hitting the baseball, that instead of just playing everyone such a close game, we'll start winning some ball games," Grier said.

Hoke meets East Montgomery here at 4 p.m. Friday.

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 Hoke 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 4 6 5



SAFE - Allen Thomas beats the throw from Pembroke to put two men on base and raise Hoke hopes during action at the March 7 game.

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**HOKE COUNTY
 Board of Commissioners**



GOING GETS ROUGH - Bucks' pitcher David McNeill pauses to reflect as time is called before going into the extra inning against Pembroke March 7. Hoke lost by one run.

Merchant's Bowling

McNeill's Slows Leader

McNeill's slowed Webb's runaway in the Raeford Merchant Bowling League as McNeill's took four wins from the Tiremen last week. Webb's still has a 12 game edge over the runnerup team Oakwood.

While Webb's lost four games, Oakwood Laundry picked up four from B.C. Moore's, Marks' found the winning touch for four games from Kermit's and the City of Raeford took three games from Raeford Auto to move into a tie with WSHB for the third spot in the standing.

WSHB split four games with Hollingsworth Barber's.

The high 200 turned in last week went to George McKoy for the Barber's, with a 233 and also the high series, 582. Others hitting for the 200 mark included Earl Chason for WSHB, 215; James Gay for McNeill's, 214; Bill Hendrix for Marks', 204; Larry Long for WSHB, 203; Ted Pulhamus for the City of Raeford, 201, and Jesse Taylor for Marks', 200.

Top Ten Bowlers

Jesse Taylor - 177; Thad Marks - 176; Waylon Fulk - 175; Harry Walters - 175; Charlie Smith - 175; Mackie Carter - 174; James Nixon - 172; James Gay - 171; Bob Canady - 171; Billy Posey - 170.

This Weeks Schedule: Webb's Tire tangles with Oakwood; WSHB battles

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Three on 'All-Conference'

Three Hoke High basketball players have been named "All Conference" by the Southeastern 3-A Athletic Conference.

Seniors George Maynor and Ronald Black and junior Allen Thomas were chosen, officials announced.

Alphonso Haynes, a senior, and James Rainey, a junior, were selected for the honorable mention list.

Hoke rivaled Pinecrest with the

largest number selected from a school. Pinecrest had three, also.

Plate Sale

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