

Hoke County Women's Slow Pitch Softball Schedule

DATE	TIME	TEAMS
May 13	7:00 8:00	Doby's Funeral Home vs Hoke Jaycees Hollingsworth vs Pig 'n Chicken
May 15	7:00 8:00	B&J Funeral Home vs Burlington Ind Hollingsworth vs B&J Funeral
May 19	7:00 8:00	Burlington Ind. vs Doby's Funeral Home Pig 'n Chicken vs Hoke Jaycees
May 21	7:00 8:00	Pig 'n Chicken vs Burlington Ind B&J Funeral Home vs Doby's Funeral
May 26	7:00 8:00	Hoke Jaycees vs Hollingsworth Burlington vs Hollingsworth
May 28	7:00 8:00	Hoke Jaycees vs B&J Funeral Home Doby's Funeral Home vs Pig 'n Chicken
June 2	7:00 8:00	B&J Funeral Home vs Burlington Ind Burlington Ind vs Hoke Jaycees
June 4	7:00 8:00	Doby's Funeral Home vs Hollingsworth Hoke Jaycees vs Doby's Funeral Home
June 9	7:00 8:00	Pig 'n Chicken vs Hollingsworth Burlington Ind vs B&J Funeral Home
June 11	7:00 8:00	B&J Funeral Home vs Hollingsworth Doby's Funeral Home vs Burlington
June 16	7:00 8:00	Hoke Jaycees vs Pig 'n Chicken Hollingsworth vs Hoke Jaycees
June 18	7:00 8:00	Burlington Ind vs Pig 'n Chicken Doby's Funeral Home vs B&J Funeral
June 23	7:00 8:00	Pig 'n Chicken vs Doby's Funeral B&J Funeral Home vs Hoke Jaycees
June 25	7:00 8:00	Hollingsworth vs Burlington Ind Hoke Jaycees vs Burlington Ind

Hawkes A Major Factor In PSU's Tourney Hopes



Former Hoke High athlete Tim Hawkes is expected to be a major factor when Pembroke defends their title in the NAIA District 29 tournament this week in Wilmington.

The 5'10", 175-pound right fielder is regarded as a "super arm" by Pembroke's sports officials and Hawkes has proven he is no slouch at the plate either.

Hawkes, co-captain of the Braves, currently shares the team batting lead with .303, and has also tied the lead for hits, with 275.

Stolen bases are another speciality of Hawkes and he has racked up 11 this year to tie the team lead.

The left handed batter, who throws right handed, has slugged out seven doubles to take team honors in that department.

Winding up his second straight year as a starter, Hawkes is regarded as having a major league arm by Pembroke's sports information director Gene Warren.

"He's a real determined ball player," Warren said. "And he was a vital factor in last year's win (at the District 29 tourney)."

The 23-year-old senior turned in a solid performance last year, finishing

the season as number two hitter with a .317 average, which included a home run. He took second place honors for stolen bases with ten credited.

Hawkes was named "All District" honorable mention last year, and has been nominated again this year for the prestigious list.

Hawkes transferred to Pembroke from Sandhills Community College with an established record behind him. At Sandhills, he led the team with a .333 average and set a conference stolen base record of 24.

He was voted "Most Valuable Player" on the 1970 Richmond County American Legion team, which had a 29-9 record.

At Hoke High, Hawkes established a school batting record with a whopping .565 average in his senior year.

A physical education major at Pembroke, Hawkes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hawkes of Rockfish. He is married to the former Patsy Bray of Raeford.

Eagles Wind Up Season

By Pat Scott

The Upchurch Eagles were defeated the second time around by Jonesboro, 7-3. Jonesboro's Holmes allowed only four hits while the Eagles gave up nine. Losing pitcher was David Blue.

Upchurch's hits came from Bob Jordan's double, David Horne's double, Leonard Everett's single, and a single from Lemar Cook.

Everett suffered a broken ankle when he slid into second on a steal.

The Eagles defeated Wicker 13-5 on May 8. Eddie Jackson allowed only five hits for Wicker's five runs. Jackson tripled, Brayboy was 3-4. Horne got a triple, Cook singled, Brown was 2-2 with singles by Carroll and Peterkin.

Richard Blue hit a solo homerun, the only one for the Eagles this season.

Coach Miles announced he was very pleased with his team's 6-2 record for the season.



FIRST PLACE - Kirkland Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis K. Parker, Jr., was winner in the fifth division United Daughters of the Confederacy poetry contest. The sixth grader's poem entitled "Traveler" was about Gen. Robert E. Lee's horse.

GIVE A HOOT

DON'T POLLUTE

Wildlife Afield

Have you ever considered what fishing might be like in North Carolina today if there were no shellcrackers (redbreast sunfish), rainbow trout or brown trout?

These species - along with some others - are not native to this state; that is, they were brought here and stocked. In other words, they're foreigners.

For example, before the late 1800s, the only trout native to North Carolina were brook trout or "speckles" and these fish are not really trout, but members of the char family.

The shellcracker is a native of the deep south, and was brought here some years back. Shellcrackers are now found in many farm ponds and lakes, and some anglers believe they rank alongside the bluegill in popularity. In fact, the fish are quite similar and many fishermen cannot tell them apart.

Fish - and animals - which are transplanted to new homes where they never existed before are called exotics. In the strictest sense of the word, striped bass or rockfish are also exotics when they are successfully stocked in large lakes.

Obviously, some of our finest sportfish are exotics. I personally would hate to approach the fishing season without knowing that I could fish for bedding shellcrackers or flyfish a stream for browns or rainbows. And I'm sure I'm not alone in my enthusiasm for the landlocked striper.

Of course, not all exotic species are desirable. The carp was introduced into the Hudson River in New York back about 1831, and these fish have caused a good bit of destruction to fish habitat - especially for some native species. A transplanted Englishman who happened to like starlings also brought these birds over, and I haven't met many people who wouldn't like to ship every starling (along with that Englishman) back to Europe.

The point is that while some exotics have been very popular and useful, the introduction of some others must rank as monumental blunders.

Most of the disasters in transplanting exotics - including the carp and starling

- were caused by untrained people who tried to fool with Mother Nature. Scientists and biologists have made far fewer such errors in judgement.

Recently, I talked to Don Baker, chief of the Division of Inland Fisheries about the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's policy towards the importation and stocking of exotics.

"Exotics, of course, can be good or bad," said Don. "When they are carefully researched so that we know what will happen, they can furnish fine fishing. But unless extreme care is taken, they can have far-reaching and terrible consequences. Look what happened when walking catfish were accidentally stocked in Florida by aquarium enthusiasts."

"We are, and have been, experimenting with a number of exotics, but it's our policy to be very cautious," said Don. "Some of the exotics we've studied didn't turn out, and we quickly destroyed them. Others have been very useful."

"Some fishermen don't know it, but we've netted many blueback herring and threadfin shad from the eastern rivers and stocked them in large lakes in the piedmont and western parts of the state," said Don. "These fish have provided good forage (food) for many of our more popular gamefish such as largemouth bass. In lakes where this kind of exotic transplant works, it can improve both the numbers and size of native fish such as bass. It also makes possible the success of striped and white bass stockings."

"Recently, we've been experimenting with another exotic, the Florida largemouth bass, but some states have had problems with these fish, so we are giving them a very careful appraisal," said Baker. "I'm not sure these fish will ever be stocked in our state."

Even more recently, the Wildlife Commission brought steelhead eggs and fry (sea-run rainbow trout) from Michigan to study and see if they might be suitable for stocking in one or two of the larger western lakes. These exotics have done well in the Great Lakes, and may provide super fishing here at some point in the future.

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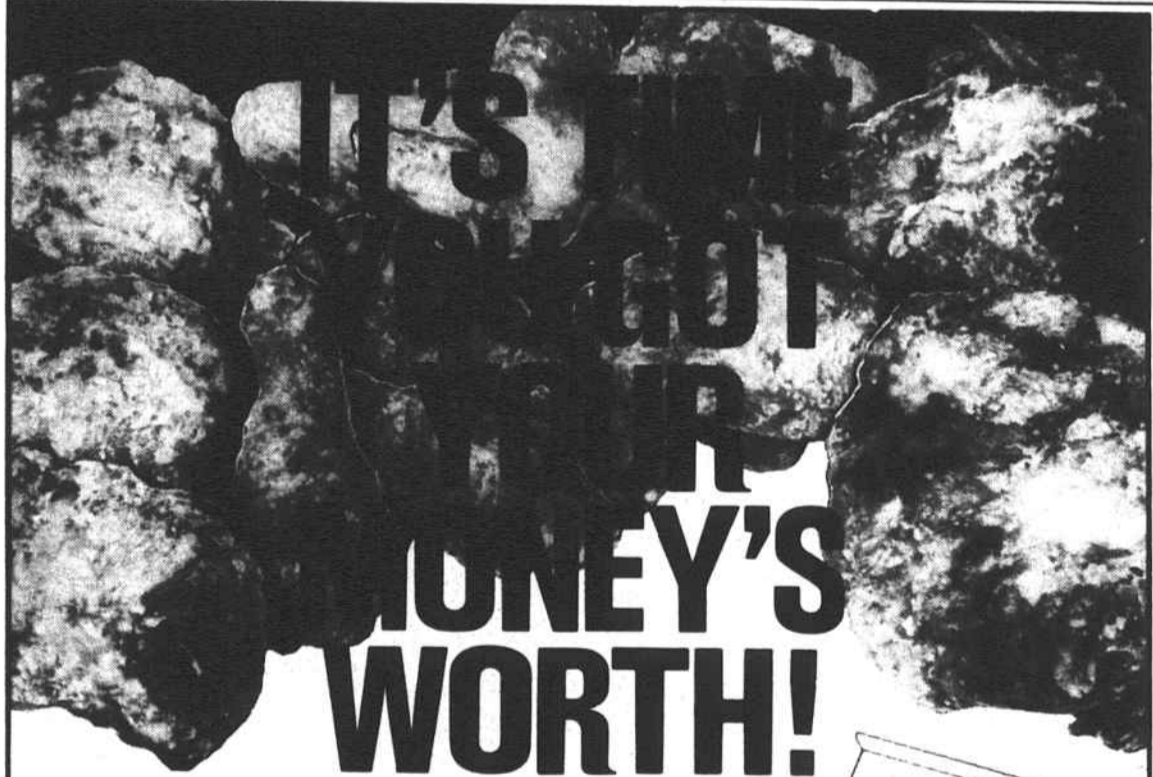
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