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**Football Coach Complains:**

**'No Camp, No School Pride'**

By Mike Steadman

"If we had gone to camp, we would have had a lot more players. Right now we are just short of personnel," said Hoke High football coach Bill Cameron.

Cameron contends that the inability to go to football camp this year, which has been the standard custom in the past, has hurt the team in more ways than one.

Cameron said that the deposit had already been paid to the camp and that they were supposed to leave last Sunday August 17, but a ruling by the State Department of Education said that a teacher could only coach in the afternoon or evening of a regular teacher's school day. School started for teachers August 18.

"We learned of the ruling July 30 at a state coaching clinic," said Cameron.

He said that by rules of the state, the team only had six days to get the players in shape (this meant dressing out without pads), and the only time left for them to go to camp would have been for four days last week.

"It was not worth it financially to go just for four days," said Cameron. "I have 25 players I can count on now. We would have at least 30 if we had been able to go to camp," said Cameron.

Cameron indicated that this was bad because the team had 31 players at the end of last season.

"It is a lot easier for a player to miss practice here than at camp. This is where a lot of the player trouble stems from, along with the fact that we can't work in as many practices here as we could at camp because of the heat," he said.

Cameron blasted the Hoke High student body for not showing more pride in their school and athletic program.

"I think if we had more student pride around here, we would have more people out there. I know that somewhere in this school there are some good ballplayers, but they don't care enough to come out," he said.

He resented the fact that some people got free physicals for the year.

"As far as I know right now, 36 varsity people got physicals, and only 32 turned up at practice. This means that four people got free physicals which is the doctor's contribution to the football team and the athletic program," he said.

Cameron said that the doctors had given roughly over 100 physicals this summer. This number includes ninth grade, junior varsity and varsity.

Coach Cameron said the team would be running from the 1-formation this year.

"I had hoped we would be able to really mix up our running and passing, but now it looks like we will be running 60 percent of the time and throwing 40 percent," said Cameron.

"We've been trying to get in shape to make sure we'll sting somebody. We've also been working a lot on fundamentals, but now it's time to get down to game preparation. Due to our early schedule, we have one week less to get ready than last year," he said.

He again emphasized the importance of camp. "We were knocked out of a lot of practice because we didn't go to camp and this hurt us in getting ready."

Cameron is looking to all-conference players Allen Thomas and David Howell from last year's team to lead the way this year, along with hopeful standouts Joe Poole, Thomas Farmer, and Reggie McRae.

Howell is a safety and Thomas is a tailback. Poole will run the team from the quarterback slot and hand off to Farmer, who will play fullback this year on offense, and is expected to hold the defense together as defensive end, along with linebacker McRae.

Injury problems have already come up as punter Noah Hendrix is out with a cracked wrist, and kicker



**HARD AT WORK**—Hoke High football coach Bill Cameron ponders his plans for the coming football season. He cited the inability of the team to attend camp this year as one of his main problems.

Ernie Pecora has a pulled muscle. "We have one player that weighs 210 pounds, but our offensive line will average only 177 pounds and our defensive line might be a little heavier," said Cameron.

Cameron said that this is not a rebuilding year, and that he saw two lean years for the future. He said that he has the best freshman group in a long time.

Cameron said he didn't know much about Southern Durham, Hoke High's first opponent, except that he sat with their head coach at a recent all-star game. The coach said that this year's Southern Durham team would

be the best he has ever coached. The Southern Durham team made it to the state play-offs last year.

Cameron tabbed Richmond County as being the class of the conference this year, but said that he looked for Seventy-First to be the strongest team in the area.

Cameron mentioned the new reserved section at the Hoke High Stadium and said that he hoped that it would even increase the already great support the team has received from Hoke citizens in the past.

"I would like to see some of the old football fans out here again," he said.

**TAR HEEL OUTDOORS**

Everyone knows that you may charter a boat for offshore fishing out of Hatteras on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

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Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, the Shady Lady sails offshore, but on the other days, she departs Hatteras Holiday Harbor Marina at eight for a half day of sound fishing. The rate is \$10 per person. Bait and tackle are furnished and cold drinks and hot sandwiches are sold aboard. This schedule will continue through October.

Reservations are taken (honored until 7:45), and group charters for up to 70 persons may be arranged. Phone (919) 986-2305.

A deluxe service for anglers interested in fishing lures rather than bait is available from Outer Banks Safaris (phone (919) 995-5183). Up to six persons may charter a 27-foot boat for fishing not only in the sound for cobia, trout and the bottom fish, but also for Spanish mackerel and bluefish in the inlet. In July, for example, when cobia are still numerous you may soak a fist-sized chunk of menhaden on the bottom for cobia for a while, troll for Spanish an hour or so, then cast for gray and speckled trout six to eight miles back in the sound. The daily rate is \$150. Tackle,

bait, and lures are furnished, but anglers are expected to provide their own lunch and beverages.

The cobia season is about over now at Hatteras, but from late summer through fall all evidence indicates there will be an unusual number of large gray trout. Already more citation-size grays have been taken in Pamlico Sound, from Outer Banks piers and from private boats than were caught during all of 1974.

Although Hatteras charter boats and the Shady Lady are more often booked in summer when many tourists visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, locals know that the best fishing season for the sound occurs between Labor Day and Christmas. The notable exception is cobia which peak between May and June.

Spanish will be larger, but less numerous later in the year, and large bluefish will show in late October if they follow the pattern they have set over the last six years. King mackerel will be close to shore when the first cool winds of Autumn rake Outer Banks beaches. Little tunny, locally called false albacore, will approach the beaches and cut bait in the inlet and generally the fishing scene will come alive, the oil will run more slowly in your can of sardines and strings of sea ducks will beat southward over the ragged sea.

Anglers without boats of their own may find fall the best time to charter for sound fishing or join the headboat crowd.

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**Wildlife Afield**

BY JIM DEAN

If you hunt with a bow and arrow or a muzzle loader, chances are you've heard about the new primitive weapons license.

"We've had a lot of calls and questions concerning the new primitive weapons license," said Bob Hazel, assistant executive director of field operations for the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "Apparently, some rumors have been spread around about it that are misleading. Also, it's possible that some people have been confused by the term, 'primitive' weapon."

Actually, the primitive weapons license is required for only bow and arrow hunting and muzzle-loading rifle hunting during the special bow and arrow deer seasons and the special muzzle-loading rifle deer seasons. If you've got a copy of the N.C. Hunting and Trapping Regulations for 1975-76, you'll find these seasons listed on pages 13 and 14.

During the regular hunting seasons, you do not need a primitive weapons license to hunt with a bow and arrow or a muzzle loader.

Lots of hunters have also asked whether muzzle-loading shotguns would be permitted during the special muzzle-loading rifle deer season. The answer is no. Only muzzle-loading rifles are permitted by the law. However, you can still hunt using muzzle-loading shotguns not larger than 10 gauge for deer during the regular gun seasons for deer, and of course, you can use a muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than 10 gauge for other game species like squirrels and quail anytime the season on these species is open.

Another question that's been asked occasionally concerns the use of crossbows. Crossbows are illegal weapons for all hunting in North Carolina.

A couple of letter writers have asked whether the primitive weapons license is required for bow fishing. No, it's not. But, you'll have to buy a special device fishing license, and you can check the requirements for it in your N.C. Inland Fishing Regulations. The confusion over this apparently arises because some folks have wondered whether shooting a fish with an arrow could accurately be called fishing or hunting. "It would be like bait-casting for squirrels," one writer joked. "I don't know what to call it." The Wildlife Commission considers it fishing and

bow fishing (or if you prefer, bow hunting for fish) is covered under the Inland Fishing Regulations.

"There is always some confusion when a new license is established," said Hazel, "and this has been no exception. However, we hope these explanations will help our hunters understand what is required. We'd also appreciate it if sportsmen would pass this information along, and if there are other questions, we'll be glad to answer them."

Hunters might also want to check page 32 of their N.C. Hunting and Trapping Regulations for information concerning legal restrictions on bow and arrow equipment. For example, bows must have a minimum pull of 45 pounds, and arrows used for deer must have broadheads with a minimum width of seven-eighths of an inch. Blunt type arrowheads may be used to take game birds and small animals. Of course, all sportsmen should read their regulations booklet thoroughly before the hunting seasons open.

The primitive weapons license costs \$5 and is available at license dealers across the state. Anyone who purchases one of these licenses to use during the early bow and arrow or muzzle-loading deer seasons will also need a regular hunting license and also a special big game license. However, you can get all three of these licenses as part of the new \$25 Resident Sportsman's License, which also covers statewide fishing, statewide mountain trout and the Game Lands Use Permit.

For further information, write the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611



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**Magazine Names Athletes**

Four former Hoke High students have been named by Coach & Athlete magazine as prep track and field "Athletes of the Year" for 1975.

The four are Geraldine Murray, Kathy Little, Minnie McPhatter and Sandra Kaye Oxendine.

The four Hoke athletes were picked on the basis of their athletic ability, including statistics and overall performance, sportsmanship and personal leadership displayed during the current season.

The athletic achievements of each athlete named will be featured in the 1975 edition of Prep Track & Field "Athletes of the Year," to be published in September.

A copy of the annual will be presented to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in Charleston, W.V.

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