

Yellowjackets Sting Bucks In 47-12 Romp

By Mike Steadman

"We had too many days to prepare for them. Maybe we were over-prepared, but when we played them, we didn't seem ready to play," said Bill Cameron, Hoke High

football coach, concerning Hoke's loss to Sanford 47-12 here Friday night.

"I don't think we were overpowered by Sanford," he said. "I think we were intimidated by their aggressiveness."

Hoke got off to a bad start as their first possession following the kickoff was short lived and a punt return gave Sanford the ball first and ten on the nine yard line. Sanford scored from the four in only three plays and the conversion made it 7-0 with 9:05 showing on the clock.

Hoke was forced to punt again after the kickoff and Sanford took eight plays to score after starting from their own 31 yard line. The extra point was no good and the score was 13-0 with 4:48 left to go in the quarter.

Following the kickoff, Hoke took the ball on their 25 yard line and again failed to move the ball. The Buck punt was blocked and Sanford had another quick touchdown. The Yellowjackets converted for two and the score was 21-0 with 1:43 still remaining in the first quarter.

Sanford again thwarted a Buck drive after the kickoff and Noah Hendrix's 69 yard punt gave the Yellowjackets the ball on their own one yard line as the first quarter

ended. The Jackets rammed the ball 99 yards in five plays highlighted by a 40 yard scoring run by Calvin McLean to make it 27-0 as the extra point was missed.

Three Sanford quarterbacks made an appearance in the quarter and the half ended with Sanford still leading 27-0.

Hoke's first drive in the third quarter following the kickoff was stopped by a Sanford interception on the Jacket 31 yard line.

The Jackets marched the distance in nine plays and led 34-0 after the extra point with 3:20 left in the quarter.

Sanford substituted freely as Hoke took the ball on their 34 yard line following the kickoff. Reginald McRae and Vernon Morrison combined for yardage as Hoke took it in from the nine yard line with :33 showing on the clock. The extra point was no good and Hoke trailed 34-6 as the third quarter ended.

Sanford again marched to a score in only five plays on a drive that began on their 43 yard line. They missed the extra point and the score was 40-6 with 10:11 remaining in the quarter.

A Hoke drive failed and the Bucks were forced to punt to the Jackets following the kickoff. Penalties plagued the Sanford team as they were forced into a third and 23 situation when Doug Gay released a 90 yard touchdown pass with 5:57 remaining in the game. The extra point was good and the score was 47-6.

The ball exchanged hands twice before Eddie Pennell intercepted a Sanford pass on the 38 yard line and took it to the 22 before he was dragged down.

Vernon Morrison scored on the second play from scrimmage with one second left from the 22 yard line. The extra point was no good and the game ended with Sanford on the long end of a 47-12 score.

"We were fortunate not to have any injuries against Sanford," Cameron said. He cited Reginald McRae's play as one of the only bright spots for Hoke and indicated that there would be four changes on offense and seven new faces would be seen on defense against Richmond County next week.

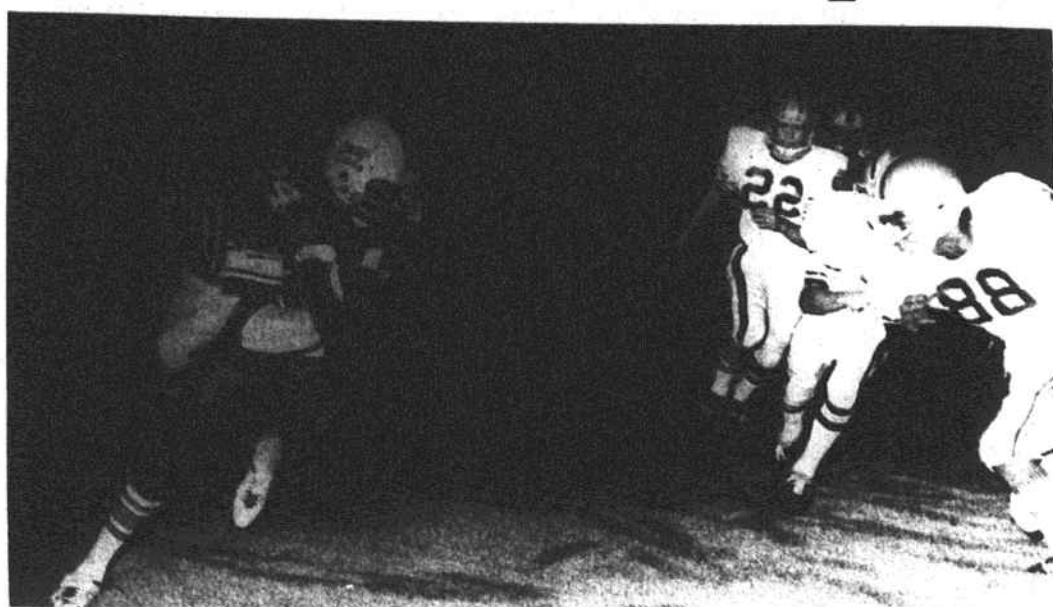
"We won't change a thing on offense except for personnel and we'll probably go back to our normal defense," said Cameron.

He said he expects Richmond to be as good as Sanford.

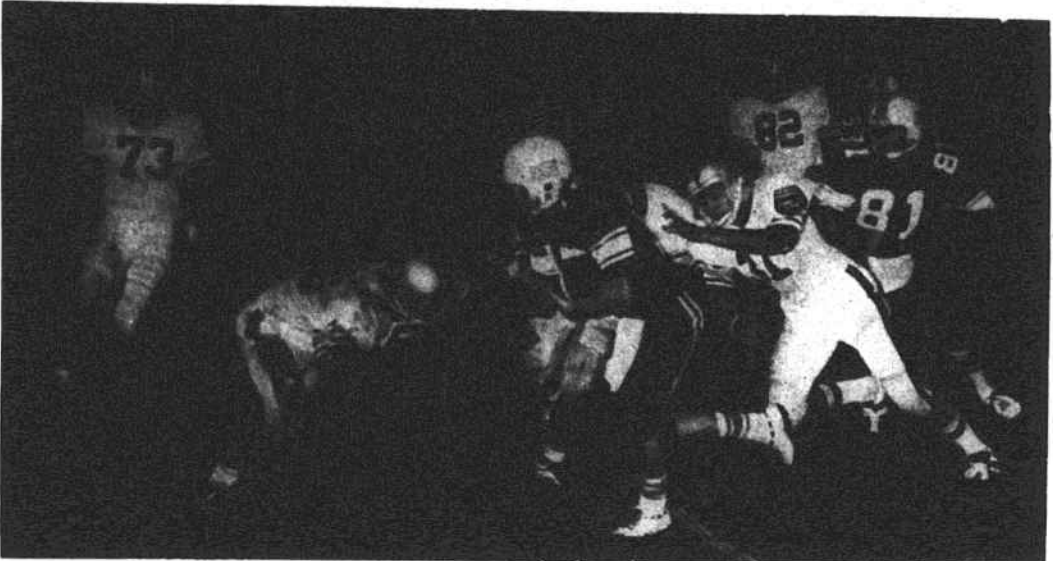
"I think Richmond's backs are as good as Sanford's. They have a good passing game with the combination of Charlie Davis and Jeff Thomas. I expect to see the ball in the air quite a bit.

"Charlie Davis is the best quarterback I've seen this year and I don't think there is one better," he said.

Cameron cited their defense as strong as he said. "Their linebackers are good and are the kind that tear



TURNING THE CORNER - Allen Thomas tries to escape the grasp of the Sanford defense during Friday night's loss to the Jackets by a 47-12 margin. (Photo by Paul Morgan and Ed Tinker)



NO WAY OUT - Franklin Jordan is surrounded by Sanford defenders as he tries an end sweep during Friday night's action. (Photo by Paul Morgan and Ed Tinker)

	Hoke	Sanford
First Downs	6	15
Yds. Rush	117	316
Yds. Pass	43	101
Ret. Yds.	28	64
Passes	3-14-2	4-7-1
Punt. Ave.	6-29.2	2-35.5
Fumbles Lst.	2	0
Yds. Pen.	117	115
Hoke	0	0
Sanford	21	6



APPRECIATION - Noah Hendrix presents the Booster Club's symbol of appreciation to Leonard Frahm as Hoke High Principal Allen Edwards looks on during half-time ceremonies of Hoke's football game with Sanford Central Friday night. Frahm received the award for his contributions to the Booster Club and High School through the years.

PPK Contest Begins

The annual Punt, Pass, and Kick competition will take place Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9 AM, according to Bernard Bray, president of Raeford Auto Company.

Officiating at the competition will be Hoke High coaches Bill Cameron, Terry Grier, John Buchholz and Bill Colston.

"We've had good turn-outs for the past few years and are hoping for a good one this year," said Colston.

Records in local competition are held by Mark Wood and Robb Langdon in the eight year-old group with a score of 123 points.

Kelvin Morrison holds the nine year-old mark with 208½ points. Lester Monroe has the ten-year old slot with 210½ points. Stephen Knox set a record of 213 points for eleven year-olds, and Rocky Wood established a goal of 259 points for twelve year-olds.

Present Jayvee quarterback David McNeill scored 287 points to set the high score for thirteen year-olds.

"We've averaged 97 people per year for the last few years in local competition and we're hoping for even more this year," said Colston.

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