

Bucks Lose First; Rout Red Springs

By Mike Steadman

The Hoke High Bucks suffered their first loss of the season Wednesday night in Goldsboro and took an easy victory from the out-classed Red Springs Red Devils Thursday night at home to bring their season record to 2-1.

"We missed easy lay-ups and foul shots, and we just didn't play good defense," said Buck Coach Howard Smith about their 64-50 loss to Goldsboro.

"We lost the game in the final quarter when we were out-scored 14-7," he said.

Allen Thomas was the only Buck to score in double figures for the

Hoke team finishing with 14 points. Nate McNeill added nine and Frierson Barnes scored eight in the loss.

The Bucks had four players to score in double figures with Allen Thomas leading the way with 15, followed by Nate McNeill with 14, Larry Miller with 14, and Larry Black with 10, in their 66-51 romp over Red Springs, Thursday night.

"I wasn't at all pleased with the Bucks performance in the game," said Smith.

"We played a terrible second half. We should have run them off the court," he added.

"The players haven't developed a killer instinct yet. When they get 15 or 20 points ahead, they want to settle back instead of putting the game away for good," he said.

"That was the trouble with last year's team. They just wouldn't put one away like I wanted them to do," he said.

"We beat Red Springs bad in the first half, but they came back and beat us in the second half. That shouldn't happen," he concluded.

The Bucks will take on Red Springs again tonight (Thursday) in Red Springs for their last game before the Christmas break.

The Bucks were ranked sixth in the region last week before the loss to Goldsboro.

Hoke	11	20	12	7	50
Goldsboro	20	14	16	14	64

Hoke	19	18	14	15	66
R. Springs	4	14	17	16	51

Game Date Re-scheduled

The basketball game between the Hoke High Bucks and the Red Springs Red Devils that was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 19, has been changed to Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Red Springs gym.

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Out Of Bounds

By Mike Steadman

The Bucks jumped to number six in the region rankings this week, but the loss to Goldsboro will probably knock them down a few notches or even out of the top 15.

I don't really think the competition was as big a factor in the loss as the trip. It's hard enough to jump into 4-A competition, but a 100-plus mile trip to do so seems to be even harder.

I guess you have to pay to play, but a regular season game that far away seems a bit too much. We'll find out how good Goldsboro is when they invade Buck Country later in the season.

The Bucks now stand 2-1 and Coach Smith is gradually making jello.

I don't think anything is as exciting as individual competition, and even though the Hoke wrestling team's record stands at 0-1-1, the overall effort put out by a matman seems to exceed any type of play in an actual team sport.

Hoke has put out a number of conference wrestling champions. Who were those matmen anyway?

Tondea Jackson, Hoke High Senior basketball player, has to have one of the best outside shots seen around here in a long time. She recently helped the girl Bucks make a great comeback against a tough Red Springs team. Jackson, along with the other members of the team, are pointing to a great year as they stand at 2-1 with wins so far over Goldsboro and Red Springs.

I think it's about time a name was applied to Hoke High Gym. After all, the football stadium carries the name of "the pit". Try on "the box", "the coffin", or "the OR" (operating room) for size. It is a fact that whoever takes on the J.V. girls, or the varsity at Hoke High this year will be a victim of sweat, death, or a cutting experience in general.

Speaking of the Hoke High Gym, it has a new look this year. It is decorated in early plywood due to construction for its expansion into a gymnasium.

Maybe "the coffin" fits after all.

Last week I defined a coach as I saw one. This week's term is a player, athlete, or whatever one would like to call him or her. To me, a player is a combination of a physical specimen, a student, a listener, a doer, a leader, a face in the crowd, an individual, a tool for victory, an excuse for defeat, a key, a lock, a goof-off, a space filler on the bench, a pride figure, a status symbol, and most of all only human.

BI Bowling

Lean Not So Mean

By Blanche Farmer

The Spark Knockers are still adding on to their wins as they defeated Lean & Mean three games to one.

The Go-Getters pulled the wool over the Sicycles as they were victorious three games to one.

The Old Timers did a J-o-b on the Fantastic Four as they came out on top, four games to nothing.

The Strickers are still trying to hang in there, as they defeated the Hot Shots three games to one.

High games: Larry Woodcox - 202, Bobby Monroe - 197, Ann Mansfield - 185.

TOP TEN BOWLERS

Bobby Monroe	178
George McKay	169
Larry Woodcox	167
Alexander Kelly	163
James Barefoot	162
Leon Bruton	160
Johnny Melton	160
Coy Jackson	155
Robert McNeill	153
Silas Glines	151

STANDINGS

Spark Knockers	43	17
Go-Getters	39	21
Old Timers	34 1/2	25 1/2
Hot Shots	30	30
Sicycles	29	31
Lean & Mean	23	37
Fantastic Four	21 1/2	38 1/2
Strickers	20	40

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Merchant Bowling

Oakwood Holds Lead

By Larry Long

Oakwood Laundry continues to hold the top spot again this week. In the action last week, Oakwood dumped Earl's Electric three games to one, Webb's won the battle for the second spot in the league standing. The Tremen picked up three wins from Hunt's Bonding. The Moose Lodge found the winning way again, they shut down McNeill's four games. Kennerty's Cleaners sacked The Barbers four games. The Kennerty's crew are making a move toward the 1st Division. Gentry's Tire recapped the National Guard three games to one.

The High 200 last week went to Howard Taylor for Kennerty's a fine 257. The high series went to Harold Campbell for the Moose Lodge a 574. That included a 215 and a 211, others hitting the 200 mark last week included Oakwood's Wayne Sealey a 215, Everett Bowen for Hunt's a 201.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:
Kennerty's Cleaners will tangle with the National Guard, Oakwood will meet a tough crew from Hunt's

Bonding, Webb's Tire will battle with The Barbers, Earl's Electric will try and stop the Moose Lodge, Gentry's Tire will face McNeill's.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Oakwood Laundry	39	17
Webb's Tire	36	20
Moose Lodge	33	23
Hunt's Bonding	32	24
Earl's Electric	31	25
Kennerty's Cleaners	31	25
Hollingsworth's	23	33
Gentry's Tire	22	34
McNeill's	19	37
National Guard	14	42

TOP TEN BOWLERS

Mackie Carter	179
Jesse Taylor	175
Howard Hendrix	175
Bill Hendrix	175
James Gay	173
Leo Schulenburg	173
Harold Campbell	171
Thad Marks	171
Bob Canady	170
James Nixon	169
Everett Bowen	169

Ladies League

Travelers Take Four

Thursday, Dec. 11 at LaFayette Lanes, things remained just about the same. The Travelers defeated the Odd Balls, four to nothing. The Upsetters took on the Wonders and took three games from them while the Helpers needed no help at all, taking three games from the Dynamites.

Donna Cannon for the Travelers outdid herself with a 515 series, and games of 190, 153, and 172.

TOP SIX BOWLERS

Barbara Odom	152
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Linda Chason	148
Debbie Hutson	148
Sybil Freeman	145
Donna Cannon	142
Jean Schulenburg	141

STANDINGS

	W	L
Travelers	22	6
Helpers	16	12
Odd Balls	13	15
Dynamites	12	16
Wonders	11	17
Upsetters	10	18

Local Man State Chief For Karate

Raeford's Don Bendell, owner and instructor of the Karate Institute of Raeford, has been appointed state chairman for North Carolina, regional administrator for the southeastern United States, and supervisory chairman for administration for the southeastern United States by the Central Tae Kwon Do Association.

The association, consisting of more than 100 different schools all over the United States selected Bendell last week in Canton, Ohio at a Karate tournament there.

The Karate Institute also has been named the district headquarters for the southeastern United States.

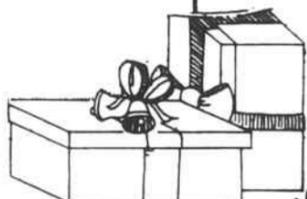
Bendell was hospitalized during the course of the tournament with

injuries to his ribs, internal bleeding of the liver, a broken toe, and a dislocated sternum, which he received in a semi-contact match with Billy Powers, one of the top black belts in the eastern United States.

Reached by telephone Monday, Bendell said he would be able to return to Raeford Wednesday.

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