

Bucks Lose Two

By Mike Steadman

The Hoke High Bucks dropped their first two encounters following the Christmas break last week as they were soundly defeated by the Sanford Central Yellowjackets 78-61 in Sanford, Tuesday, Jan. 6, and lost to Richmond County at home 63-55 Friday, Jan. 9.

The Bucks could not cope with the hot shooting of the Sanford team as they fell behind quickly and never posed a threat.

The Bucks experienced a setback early in the game as they fell behind 18-7 after the first quarter, and were outscored every quarter until the last.

Sanford placed four players in double figures as they were paced

by Barry Patterson's 16 points. Hoke had three players in double figures, led by Nate McNeill's 22 points.

Richmond County, paced by Willie Summers' 19 points jumped to a quick lead and needed a surge in the last quarter to hold off the Bucks to capture their eighth win of the season here Friday night.

Hoke was led by Allen Thomas' 15 points, followed by Nate McNeill's 11 points.

The two losses brought Hoke's record to 3-3 and 0-2 in conference play.

Sanford and Richmond are undefeated in Division IV, 4-0.

Hoke's next game was against Lumberton here Tuesday night.

Upchurch Boys Lose First In Two Years

By Pat Scott

The Upchurch Eagles were on the road last week playing Hamlet and Rockingham. The boys lost to Hamlet 27-21. The loss was the first in two years for the Eagles and Coach Callendar.

The leading scorer for Upchurch was Richard Blue with eight points while Hamlet's leading scorer, D. Little also had eight.

Rockingham was no match for the Eagles as the boys racked up a 26-2 lead after the first quarter. They

went on to win the game 55-23.

Harold Thompson led the scoring for Upchurch with 12 points, followed by Cunningham and Jones with eight points each. Ten of Upchurch's 15 players scored in the game.

Moo Lilly of Rockingham led the Rockets with ten points.

Upchurch's girls defeated Hamlet 49-30 with Sharon McMillan scoring 26 and Cheryl McIntyre adding 11.

Other point contributors were Brenda Graham with eight, Monroe with two and Minor with two.

The girls played as a team and the scoring did not reflect the players total ability. Doris Maynor played a fine defensive game as did Cohilda Black.

The girls experienced a great deal of pressure during the Rockingham game, but came through with a 35-23 victory.

Graham and Maynor played great defensive ball with ten and five ball respectively. McMillan had 12 points, McIntyre six, and Minor two.

The leading scorer for the Rockets was Lori Wilson with 11.

Out Of Bounds

By Mike Steadman

The loss to Sanford Central knocked the Bucks right out of the regional and state rankings this week. Maybe the Yellowjackets are better than I thought, or the Bucks are worse than I had imagined. Getting beat by 17 points is no disgrace unless you are supposed to be better than that. You can't win them all, but you're not supposed to keep losing them either...

It's so nice to have police protection at the ball game for all sorts of reasons. Rumors are going around that this protection is not paid for by the school at football games even though a fee is paid for basketball games.

WHY? I thought football was the money sport and is sometimes played in weather that is not exactly the best in the world.

It seems that the officers are required to be at the football games in uniform to protect the public for no fee.

IS THIS FAIR? It seems to me a fee would be more likely for football than basketball. SHOULDN'T A FEE BE PAID FOR BOTH SPORTS AND EVEN OTHERS?

From what I gather, the protection is given as a service and is not in any way complained about, but it seems to me that if protection is paid for in one sport, it should be paid for in another.

WHAT IF ANYTHING SHOULD BE DONE?

I'm looking forward to the baseball season. From what I hear it should be a very interesting season.

We should have some prospects for college on the team and I'm sure if Coach Grier has anything to do with it, they will get every opportunity to do so.

I know Sanford Central and Richmond County have more experience in 4-A competition than the local school does, but I don't see how the difference of a year makes our athletic program look as bad as it seems.

Is it a question of money? I don't think so.

I think it is a question of the change of students' attitudes rather than the situation. It is not as important for a student to go out for sports as it used to be.

I hope and I'm sure many other people also hope that this type of attitude changes. I don't know whose fault if anyone it is, but maybe a more concerned effort by supporters and participants will improve the situation.

Maybe it is not as bad as it seems, but I feel that a change of this nature will be very important to the future of Hoke High sports.

Thanks to those who have not taken this attitude and make sports at Hoke High as representative as it is.

Merchant Bowling

Oakwood By Five

In the action last week Oakwood Laundry moved out front by five games even though they split four games with Gentry's Tire. Webb's Tire, the number 2 team, had a tough time with Earl's Electric losing three games and winning only one. McNeill's shut out Kennerty's Cleaners four games. The Moose Lodge continues to hold the third spot by one game. The barbers from Hollingsworth

trimmed Hunt's Bonding three games to one. The Moose Lodge turned back the National Guard three games to one.

The high 200 last week went to Thad Marks for the barbers, a 211. The high series went to James Gay for McNeill's, a 578, which included a 207 and a 200 for the evening. Others hitting the 200 circle last week included Bill Hendrix a 205, Harry Walters a 200, Mackie Carter a 200, and Marion Hollingsworth a 200.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Oakwood Laundry	47	21
Webb's Tire	42	26
Moose Lodge	41	27
Earl's Electric	40	28
Hunt's Bonding	38	30
Kennerty's Cleaners	35	33
Hollingsworth	30	38
McNeill's	26	42
Gentry's Tire	25	43
National Guard	16	52

TOP TEN BOWLERS

Mackie Carter	177
Jesse Taylor	176
Howard Hendrix	173
Bill Hendrix	172
Leo Schulenburg	172
Thad Marks	171
Harold Campbell	171
Ted Pulhamus	170
James Gay	170
Bob Canady	170
Everett Bowen	170

This week's schedule: The battle for the number 2 spot shapes up this week featuring Webb's Tire against the Moose Lodge. Oakwood Laundry meets McNeill's, Hunt's Bonding tackles the National Guard, up and coming Earl's Electric meets Kennerty's Cleaners, and Hollingsworth tangles with Gentry's Tire.

Ladies' League

Odd Balls Give Up No. 2

The competition was strong last week at LaFayette Lanes with teams and individuals trying to do their best.

The Travelers gave up two games to the Wonders, while the Odd Balls gave up second place, losing three games to the Helpers. The Upsetters and Dynamites fought for two games each.

Barbara Odom outdid herself and everyone else as it seems with a 543 series (highest series bowled), with games of 136, 184, and 223 (highest game bowled).

Next week the Upsetters take on the Travelers as they keep moving on. The Helpers need no help as

they meet the Wonders, while the Odd Balls will meet the Dynamites.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Travelers	27	9
Helpers	20	16
Odd Balls	18	18
Dynamites	17	19
Wonders	14	22
Upsetters	12	24

TOP SIX BOWLERS

Barbara Odom	157
Linda Chason	152
Debbie Hutson	151
Sybil Freeman	149
Donna Cannon	144
Jean Schulenburg	137

BI Bowling

Old Timers Sink

By Blanche Farmer

The Spark Knockers defeated the Old Timers three games to one. The pressure was on but Lean and Mean couldn't stand under it as Hot Shots won four games.

The Sicycles got retrained when they upset the Fantastic Four all four games. Go Getters won four more from the Strickers.

High game went to Bobby Monroe, a 223.

TOP TEN BOWLERS

Bobby Monroe	181
George McKoy	170
Larry Woodcox	165
Alexander Kelly	161

STANDINGS

	W	L
Spark Knockers	50	22
Go Getters	46	26
Old Timers	40½	37½
Sicycles	38	34
Hot Shots	35	37
Lean and Mean	29	43
Fantastic Four	26½	45½
Strickers	23	49

Hoke Highlights

by Barry Ellis

Exams were once again upon the students here at Hoke High. Exams were held Monday, January 12 through Thursday, January 15. After the shock of how quickly the time passed after Christmas until it was time for exams, everyone finally got down and started studying. Small groups of students could be seen around campus during lunch and before school all last week. Even though teachers declared it absolutely could not be done, most students were succeeding (or at least trying) to cram four months of learning into twenty minutes of studying. January and mid-term exams always bring resolutions of more studying and better grades from students, but how many actually succeed is anybody's guess!

January 6 was the big day for the Art Department at Hoke High. The department with the cooperation and joint sponsorship of the Raeford Woman's Club held an art show for the art students of Hoke High and Upchurch School. The local first place winners, who will advance to the district competition at Campbell College in Buies Creek on February 28, are David Carroll, Vendella Campbell, Joyce Melvin, Art Diehl, Ronald English, Cynthia Baker, Tony McLaurin, Bernice Locklear, Pamela McNeill, Tony Minshew, and Joanna Best. The

district winners go to the advanced state competition on March 27 at Salem College. In the state division, winners will be awarded cash prizes in the sculpture and painting division. David Carroll's entry was voted best of the show. He made a sculpture of an American Indian, entitled 'Homage of Clyde'.

The Health Occupation II students visited Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst this past Monday, January 5, for their orientation into their clinical training. The students will begin working the first Monday of every month beginning on January 26 to gain clinical and medical experience.

The Students in Action for Education Club went to the various schools for their teaching experience for the second time this year. Everyone was probably a little more relaxed this time as the students knew their 'teachers' a lot better. The club members will go teach several times before the end of the semester.

A short reminder for all the juniors at Hoke High: class rings will be measured for on Tuesday, January 21. A twenty dollar deposit is required before you can be measured. By measuring earlier than usual this year, everyone is hoping we will receive our rings by the end of this year.

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DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CHARGING BEGINS JANUARY 15

On January 15, Carolina Telephone will begin charging for Directory Assistance calls in excess of five per month, per line. The charge will be 20c for each direct dialed call, above the five call allowance, to local Directory Assistance and requests for numbers within the 919 area.

The reason for this charge is simply to reduce the growing volume of unnecessary calls to Directory Assistance, and thus reduce the soaring cost of providing this service, which last year amounted to \$1.5 million.

Based on studies made by the company, we feel sure that 90% of our customers will never be billed for Directory Assistance.

These studies also showed that just a few - 8% - of the company's customers make 51% of the local Directory Assistance calls, and that 74% of all local numbers asked for were listed in the telephone directory.

With this charging plan, those customers who choose to continue to call Directory Assistance frequently, will pay their share of the expense of providing this special service.

Because of anticipated economies, the recently authorized rates for basic local telephone service are approximately 20c per month less, per line, than would otherwise have been required.

Some of the features of the plan are:

1. In order to make allowance for a reasonable need for directory assistance including numbers not in the directory, directory inaccessibility, and other similar conditions, customers will be allowed five free direct dialed requests for directory assistance within their local calling area and 919 area for billing month.

2. No charge will be made for calls to directory assistance placed from coin telephones, or for calls to directory assistance outside the 919 area.

3. A request for two numbers at one time will be considered as one call.

Operators will continue to provide Directory Assistance without charge through January 14. This will give you time to make preparations that will help you cut down on your use of Directory Assistance.

EXEMPTIONS PROPOSED FOR BLIND AND HANDICAPPED

Carolina Telephone has been notified in a proposed order from the North Carolina Utilities Commission that blind persons and those persons physically handicapped to the extent that they cannot use a telephone directory, will be exempt from directory assistance charging.

The commission proposes to issue a formal order to this effect unless any party involved files exceptions prior to January 15, 1976, and requests to be heard on these exceptions.

Directory assistance charging exemptions for the blind and handicapped would be on an interim trial basis for the calendar year 1976.

Efforts will be made by the company to contact those individuals who may be eligible for the exemption. Telephone users who believe themselves eligible for the exemptions should contact their local telephone business office.



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