

Bucks Lose To Falcons, Breeze By Bearcats

By Mike Steadman

Hoke High's basketball team split their games last week as they lost to homestanding Seventy First of Fayetteville by a 61-50 margin Tuesday and then dumped conference foe Wadesboro. Bowman 75-68 at home Friday night.

The Bucks were down by a ten point margin at the end of the first quarter against the Falcons, and were down by 11 at halftime.

The Hoke offense matched the Falcon scoring in the second half, but were unable to close the margin of victory held by the Falcons.

Reggie Smith and James Coleman led the Falcons in the scoring department with 20 and 16 points respectively.

Marcus Brown had 15 points for the Bucks followed by Allen Thomas with 14.

The Bucks and Bearcats were knotted four times in the first quarter which ended in a 14-14 tie.

In the second quarter Nate McNeill, Allen Thomas, and Marcus Brown went on a scoring spree and helped the Bucks to a 34-22

halftime advantage.

At one time in the second quarter the Bucks rallied for eight unanswered points.

The Bearcats pulled to within nine points in the third quarter as both teams displayed their scoring power, and the score was 54-45 at the end of the period.

Marcus Brown saved the Bucks from a disastrous fourth period as a full court pressure by Bowman was more effective than the Bucks zone defense.

The Bearcats pulled to within three points with 1:45 showing on the clock as the score stood at 69-66, but Brown's shooting kept the Bucks out front and iced the game.

The win was the second for the Bucks in conference play and gives them a 2-3 league mark and a 5-5 overall mark for the year.

Bowman dropped to 1-3 and 3-9 overall.

This week's games had the Bucks traveling to Laurinburg Tuesday night for another conference tilt and at home tomorrow night (Friday) against Pine Forest.

Farm Items

By Hoke County Agricultural Extension Agents

A large number of Hoke County farmers are taking soil samples this season. This is almost a must for every farmer since my people cut down on the use of fertilizer this past season due to cost. A large majority of the samples coming back show a need for lime on the soil. This should be applied this winter, if possible to let it become available as the plants start to grow. Most tests show that the soils are low in potash. This adjustment must be made before top yields can be secured. Potash is about as cheap as any other element that you use to fertilize plants, so don't get caught short. Most of the farmers in Hoke County that are producing top yields are testing the soils, taking nematode samples and do plant leaf analysis whenever it is needed. These are most important tools in making a profit on your farm.

February will bring on some activities in the garden in eastern North Carolina. You can usually set out cabbage plants or sets. In the latter part of the month you can look toward seeding several cool season crops. The garden manual can be helpful in selecting these crops. It is also important that you use good garden seed. Any carry over seeds should have another germination test before planting.

Some bulletins of interest to corn producers have just come off the press. The first one is Leaflet No. 202 which gives information on Variety Tests. The second leaflet is No. 203 that gives information on up to date practices in corn production. It looks as if there will be an increase in corn average in Hoke County this year and this information can be helpful.

Farm Trade Show Set For Feb. 18-19

Farm machinery of all types will be on display at the Southeastern Farm and Home Trade Show, set for the Cooperative Warehouse in Lumberton, Feb. 18-19. The theme of the show is "Your Gateway Into Tomorrow".

For the tobacco farmer, just about every major equipment company plans to show wares, from plows to curing barns, covering the whole range of tobacco production --even trucks and equipment to carry the crop to market.

On the list of equipment are plows, transplanters, fertilizer placement equipment, rolling cultivators, bedders, sprayers, loopers, toppers. Every type of automatic harvester will be on display, including the once-over harvester.

The grower can see not only the equipment but the other elements that play a part in quality production: soil conditioners, chemicals, fertilizers. If he is interested in irrigation, then there will be equipment of that nature ready for his inspection.

Bulk barns are attracting more interest and companies which manufacture these will be at the show. Representatives will explain the operation, and explain how such barns can reduce labor needs.

Companies with tractor mounted fork lifts will be among those present as will companies with all manner of trucks and vehicles.



SEWING STUDENTS -- Adults enrolled in the sewing class sponsored by Sandhills Community College and The Cameron Heights Neighborhood Service Center check their patterns. Students in the class taught by Joy Tatum are Annie Mae Priest, Bertha Lee Hollingsworth, Annie Bratcher, Fannie B. McRae, Mary Jane Roper, Nina Morrissey, Melvin R. Parkings, Jr., Margaret Martin, and Helen Billinger.

About Social Security

You Can Collect At 62

Most men and women who reach 62 in 1976 can collect monthly Social Security checks if they've worked as little as 6 1/4 years in jobs covered by Social Security, according to W.W. Thomas, Social Security District Manager in Fayetteville.

People earn retirement benefits by credit for work covered by Social Security done in or after 1937, the year Social Security started. The work credit is measured in calendar quarters--January-March, April-June, July-September, or October-December.

"Most employees get credit for a quarter of work if they're paid \$50 or more in that quarter for work covered by social security," he said. "Most self-employed people get Social Security credit for four quarters in any year their annual self-employment net income is \$400 or more."

Most jobs and self-employment are covered by Social Security. "To be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits," Thomas said, "you need, at a minimum, quarters of work equal to the number of years between 1950 and the year you reach 62. So, if you reach 62 in 1976, you need at least

25 quarters--or 6 1/4 years--of work credit."

Eligible workers can begin collecting their full social security retirement benefits at 65 or reduced benefits at 62. Dependents can also get payments based on the worker's earnings record.

"Quarters of work credit help determine eligibility for social security retirement benefits," he said, "but they don't affect the amount of your monthly check. That's based on your average

earnings covered by Social Security over a set period of time.

"You can find out how much work and earnings are credited to your Social Security record free of charge," he said.

The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The Fayetteville social security office is at 111 Lamon Street. The phone number is 483-2661.

Merchant Bowling

Lodge Stops Oakwood

By Larry Long

In the action last week in the Raeford Merchant Bowling, the Moose Lodge stopped the Oakwood Laundry by sweeping four games, and cut the Oakwood lead to two games. The National Guard bumped Earl's Electric four games, Webb's Tire trimmed Kennerty's Cleaners three games to one, the barbers shaved McNeil's three games to one, and Gentry's found the winning ways three out of four games with Hunt's Bonding.

The high series last week went to Jesse Taylor for Hunt's a 608 and that included a 214 and a 208. The high 200 went to Leo Schulerberg for the Moose Lodge, a 235. Others hitting the 200 mark included Harold Campbell, 219 and 202; Ronnie Taylor, 211; Tim Cannon, 209; James Nixon, 205; George McKoy, 202; and Leon Bruton, 201.

TOP TEN BOWLERS

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

This Week's Schedule:

Oakwood Laundry tangles with the National Guard, Webb's Tire meets Gentry's, Moose Lodge takes on the barbers, Kennerty's faces Hunt's Bonding, and Earl's Electric will try and turn back McNeil's.

Deaths And Funerals

Infant Branch

Funeral services for Jonathan Eric Branch, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Branch of Charlotte, were conducted Tuesday at 3:30 p.m., with graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery in Mint Hill. Rev. David Gales officiated.

Jonathan died Sunday, Jan. 25 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a brother, Steven Gregory Branch, and a sister, Tamara Jean Branch, both of the home; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Rosie Allen of Charlotte; maternal grandfather, Charles Martin Fennwald of Mexico, Mo.; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ricks Branch of Raeford.

STANDINGS

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Oakwood Laundry	51	25
Moose Lodge	49	27
Webb's Tire	45	31
Earl's Electric	41	35
Kennerty's	39	37
Hunt's Bonding	39	37
Hollingsworth's	37	39
Gentry's Tire	28	48
McNeil's	27	49
National Guard	24	52

Teachers Meet

In Tilt

The faculties of Hoke High School and Upchurch Middle School will meet in a basketball game at the Upchurch Gym Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 P.M.

Admission for the game will be 1 for adults and \$.50 for students.

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