



CONFERENCE CHAMPS -- Hoke High Bucks Wrestling Team poses after winning the Division IV Wrestling Tournament at Richmond Senior High last Saturday. Pictured holding boards depicting their journey to an individual conference title are, (left to right) Glenn Cobb, Clarence Patterson, and Ricky Singletary.

**Three Champions**

# Hoke Grapplers Take Title

The Hoke High Bucks wrestling team captured the Division IV Wrestling championship in Rockingham Saturday.

The Bucks won only three matches in the finals, but had eight grapplers in the finals out of 13 divisional categories, which helped them mount up points.

The Bucks totaled 121 points to beat out a second place Sanford Central team which scored 112 points.

Hoke carried an 11-2-1 record into the tournament, following Sanford with a 14-3 mark.

Winners in the respective weight classes were: Nathan Williams, Sanford Central, 101; Glen Cobb, Hoke, 108; Clayton Fore, Sanford Central, 115; Clarence Patterson, Hoke, 122; Woodrow Locklear, Pinecrest, 129; Freddy DeGraffenridge, Sanford Central, 135; Ricky Singletary, Hoke, 141; Joe Simmons, Pinecrest, 148; James Speed,

Sanford Central, 158; Gregg Duncan, Wadesboro Bowman, 170; Dennis Sumpter, Sanford Central, 188; Vander Thomas, Richmond, 198; and Terry Best, Scotland, heavyweight.

Cobb carried a 13-1 record into the tournament. Patterson and Singletary carried records of 9-2 and 10-1 respectively.

Hoke will now advance into the sectional tournament and then to the state meet.

## Helpers Get Help

LaFayette Lanes was really hot last week. The Travelers seem to be going on short trips now since The Helpers moved on, taking four games.

The Upsetters upset The Odd Balls three games to one. The Dynamites fuse seems to still be burning strong as they took four games from The Wonders.

Everyone is trying to outdo themselves as time is ending for the season. Linda Chason had a 544 series with games of 158, 177, and 209. Debbie Hutson had a 577 series with games of 177, 183, and 197. Both are highest series for the season.

Next week The Helpers and The Odd Balls will battle it out since they are only games apart. The Upsetters will try their luck with The Dynamites, while The Wonders will meet The Travelers.

The team standings are getting closer and closer with only nine weeks to go. The lead is held by The Travelers with a 169 pin advantage. Can they hold on, or will they be passed by?

Standings	W	L
Travelers	32	24
Odd Balls	32	24
Dynamites	31	25
Helpers	29	27
Upsetters	24	32
Wonders	20	36

TOP SIX BOWLERS	W	L
Debbie Hutson	158	
Linda Chason	157	
Barbara Odom	153	
Sybil Freeman	146	
Donna Cannon	140	
Jean Schulenburg	138	

## Out Of Bounds

By Mike Steadman

The ACC is turning into a run-way race for the UNC Tarheels as they stand with a 8-1 conference record after soundly beating Maryland at College park 81-69.

The men in the light blue never looked better considering their competition. The four corners worked like a charm, and that coupled with UNC shooting 75% in the second half (15 of 20 shots), made Maryland look like a much worse team than they really are.

The Terps looked like they had never seen the four corners before as they played tag in the final minutes just to get a foul called on them.

State squeaked by a very tough UNC-C team by three unimpressive points to bring the ACC mark to 77-9 against competition outside the conference.

While all of this was going on, Wake Forest dropped Clemson 84-77, and Duke lost a tough one to Virginia 94-90.

All teams in the conference seem to be good, but the best two teams will represent the ACC in the NCAA tournament...or will they?

If the regular season was over now, the tournament pairings would look like this: UNC-by; State vs. Duke; Maryland vs. Virginia; and Wake Forest vs. Clemson.

The first round would have enough in it to bring heart failure to any avid ACC fan.

Woudn't it be nice if four ACC teams could go to th NCAA tournament?

Teams around the nation had better watch out because it looks like Carolina will be assured a seat in the NCAA tournament. Don't count the Terps, Deacons, or Wolfpack out yet either.

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Congratulations to Kathy McMillan for winning the long jump at the Mason-Dixon Games. She is proving to be as consistant as one can be in her competition and good luck to her as she competes on the road to the Olympics.

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The United States Winter Olympic team is doing better than anyone had anticipated and has an excellent chance for another gold in the last two days of competition as Dorothy Hamill is in first place heading into the last phase of competition.

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The Hoke High baseball team has been invited to participate in the Pete Hogan Invitational Baseball Tournament April 22-24 at Richmond County Senior High School.

Coach Terry Grier indicated that eight of the best teams in the state will be going for the Hogan championship.

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The eight teams are: Richmond County, Sanford, Lumberton, Northern Nash, Scotland, Bowman, Hoke County, and Rocky Mount.

The tournament will produce a most valuable player, an all tournament team, and individual trophies for the members of the winning team.

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Russell Davis led his VPI team to a 50-48 victory over William and Mary the other night. Davis hit for 18 points and grabbed ten rebounds in the win which brought Tech.s record to 19-3 for the season. VPI is currently ranked 18th in the nation and is looking to be asked to participate in the NCCA tournament.

## Five Laps Left

By Blanche Farmer

### STANDINGS

	W	L
Spark Knockers	62	30
Go Getters	56½	35½
Sicycles	48½	43½
Old Timers	47½	44½
Hot Shots	43	49
Fantastic Four	37½	54½
Strickers	37	55
Lean and Mean	36	56
TOP TEN BOWLERS		
Bobby Monroe	180	
George McKoy	168	
Larry Woodcox	164	
James Barajfoot	163	
Johnny Melton	163	
Leon Bruton	162	
Zan Kelly	162	
Coy Jackson	154	
Silas Glines	153	
Robert McNeill	152	

The Spark Knockers couldn't get up enough speed to pass the Sicycles, three games to one. Lean and Mean stayed half and half all the way to the end with the Go Getters, two games each. Leon Bruton had a 210 game.

# Wood In Carolina 500

The usually imperturbable David Pearson who won Sunday's Daytona 500, got all excited earlier this week when he learned that car owner Glenn Wood is seriously considering running for the NASCAR Winston Cup Grand National championship.

Wood signed an entry for the Carolina 500 on Feb. 29 at North Carolina Motor Speedway and indicated then he would have to seriously consider going for the title if Pearson did well in the Daytona 500 and the Carolina 500. Pearson drove Wood's Purlator Mercury to victory in the season opener at Riverside, California.

"There was a time when I thought I would never want to run for the championship again," said Pearson, who won the Grand National crown in 1966, 1968 and 1969. "Back then we used to run 45 to 50 races on small asphalt tracks, dirt tracks, all kinds. It was very exhausting. Now we have 30 races on good tracks with some breathing room between races.

"Besides, the championship is worth more than five times what it used to be with all that point money that Winston, Goodyear, STP and other accessory firms put up. When the figures pass \$100,000 I get excited."

Pearson, winner of four races at NCMS' high-banked one-mile superspeedway and runnerup on five occasions, has led more laps here than any other driver. "I like to race there," he said.

One of the season's first Bicentennial events will get underway with qualifying on Thursday, Feb. 26 continuing through Saturday. The \$130,750 spring classic, which features all of NASCAR's leading drivers-Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough, Bobby Allison, Benny Parsons, Dave Marcis, Darrell Waltrip, Buddy Baker, plus USAC star A.J. Foyt-will get underway at noon Sunday, Feb. 29.

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