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Bucks Blast St. Pauls, Tournney Next

Reliever Allen Thomas posted his third win of the season as the Bucks blasted St. Pauls 6 - 1 Saturday here at home.

Timmy Ross went 2-3 and drove in two runs, while Noah Hendrix added a pair of doubles along with two RBI. Steve Evans led St. Pauls

with two hits in three trips. Thomas allowed only one hit and struck out eight batters in pitching four innings after starter Eddie

Ramsey got into trouble and was taken out in the second inning. Freshman Eddie Ramsey struck out two batters and allowed no hits in the final inning. The Bucks stole eight bases, with Ross leading with four steals. The Bucks are now 10 - 4 for the year. They return to action Thurs-

day night in the first round of the Pete Hogan Invitational Tournament in Rockingham, taking on Rocky Mount. St. Pauls 100 000 0-1 5 1 Hoke 101 022 x-6 8 1 Murph and Terry; Ramsey, Thomas (3), Jackson (7) and Kicklighter, Hendrix (3).



TOURNAMENT BOUND - The Hoke High baseball team will play Rocky Mount tonight (Thursday) in the opening round of the Pete Hogan Invitational Tournament in Rockingham. Pictured from left to right are: (standing) Eddie Pennell, Frank Kicklighter, David McNeill, Allan Thomas, Eddie Ramsey, Ernie Pecora, Ricky Gibson, Coach Terry Grier. (Kneeling): Timmy Ross, Halbert Brown, Rocky Wood, Stanley Cummings, Noah Hendrix, Kenny Carpenter, Eddie Jackson, and Bruce Carrol.

Out Of Bounds

By Mike Steadman

The Hoke High baseball team will begin competition tonight (Thursday) at 8 P.M. at Richmond County as they will try to win the Pete Hogan Invitational Tournament which will last through Saturday.

The first day pairings have Sanford and Richmond County starting off the festivities, Lumberton taking on Northern Nash in the second game, Scotland and Bowman facing each other in the third game, and Hoke and Rocky Mount in the final game of the opening round.

The Rocky Mount team is supposed to be one of the best teams in the state again this year, and there is no doubt that the other competition stands up to par.

The Bucks will go into the tournament with a 10-4 overall record and a 4-3 conference record.

The Upchurch baseball team has an unblemished 4-0 record so far this season. The Eagles' pitching has held their own against other competition to help the Eagles to very impressive wins.

This should bring a smile to Coach Grier's face as he is always looking to the future.

If this is an indication of what is to come, the future certainly looks bright.

The Division IV, 4-A Conference (Southeastern) resembles the ACC basketball season of this past year as far as the balance aspect is concerned.

The standings are as tight as a drum and probably won't loosen up until the last game is played.

For instance, Richmond County, the pre-season favorite for the conference title, has already lost one conference game to a tough Sanford Central team, who have been beaten by Hoke, who were trounced by Richmond County. Does that sound familiar?

With that kind of balance, the conference could really go to anyone.

The Pete Hogan Tournament will feature the top eight teams in the state, according to Coach Terry Grier. If that is the case, the Southeastern conference must be tough because six of the eight teams in the tournament are in it.

It is a good chance that a member of the Southeastern conference will come out a victor in the tournament.

The time has come for baseball on television to earn a rating. The game that was shown Monday night could have been rated X because of the language used by the catchers of the respective teams.

This came about because the umpire at home plate was wearing a microphone.

The funny thing about the whole situation was to hear the announcers' reactions to the comments.

A quick change of subject works every time!

League Asks More Teams

Three additional teams are needed for the adult women's softball league this season and interested players are asked to sign up now, according to the recreation commission.

Women should contact either W.K. Morgan at 875-2971, or Larry Long at 875-2148.

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RECEIVES BLACK BELT - Hobert Freeman, social work supervisor for the Hoke County Department of Social Services received his black belt in Karate Thursday, April 15, in Winston-Salem. Freeman took a three and one half hour examination testing his mental and physical knowledge of Tae Kwon Do (Korean Karate). During the examination, Freeman had to display power of the art by breaking three one-inch boards pressed together with a variety of Karate techniques.

Eagles Post Wins

By Pat Scott

The Upchurch Eagles won two games last week, defeating Peachland and Jonesboro 15 - 1 and 10 - 7 respectively.

Perry Worley and Bobby Posey combined to limit Peachland to only two hits and one run. The Eagles' offensive was led by David Blue, Junior Currie, Mike McDougald, John Moses, and Dennis Lomack, who were all two for two.

The team compiled 18 hits in only five innings.

Perry Worley and David Blue combined to defeat Jonesboro in a close contest. Leading the Eagles' offensive attack was David Horne, 3 - 4, Mike McDougald and Junior Currie, 2 - 4, and John Moses 2 - 2. Bobby Posey scored four runs and stole five bases.

Jonesboro pitcher R. McNeill batted 3 - 4 with offensive assistance from F. Swindell and D. Jessup, both 2 - 4. McNeill blasted a three - run homer in the top of the seventh.

The Eagles, now 6 - 0, host Elizabethtown April 26 at Armory park.

Softball Shutout

Upchurch's softball team won their fifth straight game Thursday, shutting out Jonesboro 10 - 0 after six innings of play.

Angela Thomas allowed the Tigers only two hits. She added her own hitting power, going 2 - 3 at the plate, with help from B. Graham, 2 - 4, M. McNeill, 2 - 4, and W. Riggins, 2 - 3.

In Tuesday's game against Peachland, the girls were victorious 15 - 5 after six innings, allowing only four hits to Upchurch's 19.

Carolyn Monroe pitched, adding a 2 - 3 effort at the plate, with B. Graham 4 - 5, C. Kershaw 3 - 5, S. McMillan 2 - 4, M. McNeill, 2 - 3, and W. Riggins 2 - 3 aiding the Eagles victory.

Action will resume following the Easter break.

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