

Coach Disappointed

Bucks Beaten By Patriots, Falcons

The Hoke High baseball team dropped two decisions last week at the hands of Pinecrest and Seventy-First of Fayetteville.

The Patriots handed the Bucks an 8-1 loss in what Hoke coach Terry Grier called, "The most disappointing game we've played all year".

Grier said he felt like the players quit after the first inning when they were down 5-0.

David McNeill was the loser for the Bucks and his record dropped to 4-3 for the year.

"McNeill couldn't find the plate as he walked five batters in the first inning," said Grier.

He said it was hard to explain, but he felt the players were down before the game and just gave up after falling behind in the first inning.

Grier explained that the team worked hard after the Pinecrest loss, but a strong game by the Falcons of Seventy-First gave them another loss in Fayetteville Friday by a 5-0 score.

The Bucks collected only five hits compared to the Falcons' eleven.

Each team had only one error. The losses brought the Bucks' record to 12-9 overall and 5-4 in conference play.

Richmond County leads the conference with a 20-1 overall record.

The Bucks played Bowman in Wadesboro Tuesday and will take

on the Scots of Scotland County here tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

Pinecrest 5 0 0 0 2 0 1 8- 8-2
 Hoke County 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1- 4-1

Hoke County 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0- 5-1
 Seventy-First 3 0 0 0 1 1 0 5-11-1

Out Of Bounds

By Mike Steadman

The Hoke High track team will send eight cindermen to the sectional meet which will be held at Pembroke tomorrow (Friday).

Franklin Jordan will be competing in the pole vault, high jump, and low hurdles. Charles Deese will compete in the high jump, long jump, and will run a leg of the 880 relay along with Vernon Morrison, James Quick, and Mitchell Bratcher. The Hoke 880 relay team won the conference championship.

Morrison will also participate in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Daniel McNeill will put the shot for the Bucks and Carnell Andrews will run the mile. Anthony Freeman will run the low hurdles for the Hoke team.

The Hoke team came in fifth place in the conference meet last week, but coach John Buchholz thinks the eight trackmen who will compete in the sectional meet will probably go on the regional meet in Greenville later in the month.

Hoke Wins Sectional

Kathy McMillan broke two records as she led the Hoke High girls' track team to a win in the sectional meet in New Bern last Friday.

She broke the 100 and 220 yard dash records with times of 10.7 and 25.0 respectively.

She also jumped 20-1 in the long jump competition and was on the winning 880 relay team.

The Hoke 440 relay team also finished first in the meet.

Minnie McPhatter was the only other individual winner with a jump of 5-0 in the high jump.

The top two finishers in each

event qualified for the state meet, which will be held here tomorrow night (Friday).

The Hoke team compiled 42 points to edge out second place finisher Jacksonville, who had 35 points.

A total of 420 athletes competed in the sectional meet.

Winners from two other sectional meets that were held last Friday will compete here in the state meet.

The Hoke team is the only champion the state meet has ever known and hope to keep their record unblemished.

Kathy Congratulated By District Legislators

District legislators expressed desire to honor Hoke High's Kathy McMillan in the North Carolina General Assembly with a joint resolution in recognition of her achievement through a letter this week.

The letter from District Representatives Joy J. Johnson, Henry W. Oxendine, David R. Parnell, and Senator Luther J. Britt, congratulated Miss McMillan for setting the American women's long jump record of 22 feet, one and 3/4 inches and being

"probably the greatest female athlete in NCHSAA sports in the past 20 years".

"Due to the limitations of this mini-session, this recognition will not be possible," the letter stated concerning the joint resolution.

The legislators congratulated Miss McMillan by stating,

"Therefore, we congratulate you upon the most excellent achievements, distinctions and honors you have brought to yourself, school, county, state and nation.

"Hopefully, appropriate recognition can be given you during the 1977 General Assembly.

"May your achievements, inspirations, and true sportsmanship be incentives to all youths the world over."

Gals' Softball Begins 18th

Hoke County's women softball season begins May 18 at 7:30 P.M. at Armory Park, the recreation commission announced.

First game competitors will be Hollingsworth & Top Sound Music taking on Rose's Aviation. Second game, scheduled at 8:30, will pit Hoke Jaycees against Rosa's Grill.

Little League Organizing

All youngsters aged 10-13, (if birthday falls after Aug. 1) interested in Little League softball should attend the meeting Saturday, May 15 at 10 A.M. at Armory Park, the recreation commission announced.

Teams will be chosen at the meeting.

Softball Results

In Thursday's first round action at Armory Park in men's slow pitch softball, Gentry's Tire defeated Virgil's Drive-In 11-5. Harrison Daniels powered two homers scoring six runs, while Randy Huggins went 3-3 at bat. Gentry's had 17 hits, Virgil's 10. Leading batter for Virgil's was Charles Chandler, with Donnie Monroe hitting a solo into the park.

Hoke Concrete won its first game of the season over Raeford Plumbing and Heating, 15-10. RPH made its rally in the fifth inning with five runs, but couldn't pull it out. For RPH, Eddie Rope was 4-4 at bat while Dale Teal for Hoke Concrete was 4-3 in trips.

In the final game Rexall-Turf defeated Rose's Aviation 8-6. With a four-run streak in the fourth inning Rx-Turf was able to maintain a winning edge. Bill McPhaul and Mike Wood both hit 3-2 at bat. For Rose's, Rene Figueroa had a good night, going 2-2 at the plate. In the seventh inning, Rose's scored two runs, but were still two runs short for a possible tie.

STANDINGS

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Gentry's	4	1
Rose's	4	1
Rx-Turf	3	2
Virgil's	2	3
RPH	1	4
Hoke Concrete	1	4

Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- Is a widow drawing pension eligible to receive additional pension benefits after her son is released from military service and enrolls in school under the GI Bill?

A -- If the son has established his entitlement under the GI Bill, is between 18 and 23 years of age, and is unmarried, the widow is eligible to receive benefits for her son as a dependent.

Q -- My husband is a peacetime veteran. Will he be eligible for the VA burial allowance?

A -- A peacetime veteran is eligible for the burial allowance, if he was discharged or retired from service for a disability incurred in line of duty or if he was in receipt or entitled to receive compensation from the VA for a service-connected disability at time of death.

Q -- I did not use my GI loan to purchase my home. I would like to purchase another house as an investment for rental purposes. Can I use my GI loan?

A -- No. If you use a GI loan to purchase a house, you must agree to occupy it as your home within a reasonable time.

Q -- Does the Veterans Administration make small business loans?

A -- No. The Small Business Administration should be contacted in this regard.



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