

Out Of Bounds

By Mike Steadman

The Hoke High girls' track team did it again as they added another state championship trophy to their collection here Friday behind the efforts of Kathy McMillan.

Kathy broke the national prep long jump mark with a leap of 21-7. She also broke the 220 record and was on the record setting 880 relay team.

The event marked the last time Kathy was to perform as a student at Hoke High school and she finished out her track career here in style.

She totaled 19½ points on her own in the meet, (more than the second place team), and missed tying her mark in the 100 yard dash by only one tenth of a second.

Nothing can be taken away from the Hoke team as a whole as they have worked for the title as a team, but it's hard to lose when you have a performer of such quality as Kathy.

Not only is she a top-notch athlete, but she is also a very congenial personality.

It is said "that for everything that is taken away, there is also something left behind", and in Kathy's case there are many things that will be remembered for a long time to come.

There is no doubt that her records will remain for a while, and may even be broken some day, but the good feelings about her in this community will never be erased.

The Hoke High Bucks' diamondmen finished out their season last week with wins over Bowman and Scotland County.

Coach Terry Grier's troops finished the season with a 15-9 overall record and a 7-5 conference mark (third place).

These figures might not seem that impressive at first glance, but when one considers that this was the first year the Bucks were in 4-A competition, it is quite an accomplishment.

Grier said he is pleased with the overall season, and is looking to the future. He said the program has become stronger since the beginning of the season and is on the average of becoming great.

"We were hoping we could win in this league, and we knew that it would take a few breaks to go our way. We've had our ups and downs this season, but considering the competition, we accomplished quite a bit," said Grier.

Congratulations to Grier and the Hoke team for a job well done.

Muhammad Ali will go into battle again Monday night against Richard Dunn in a title bout. If this fight is not any better than the Jimmy Young battle(?), you should probably watch the movie on the other channel.

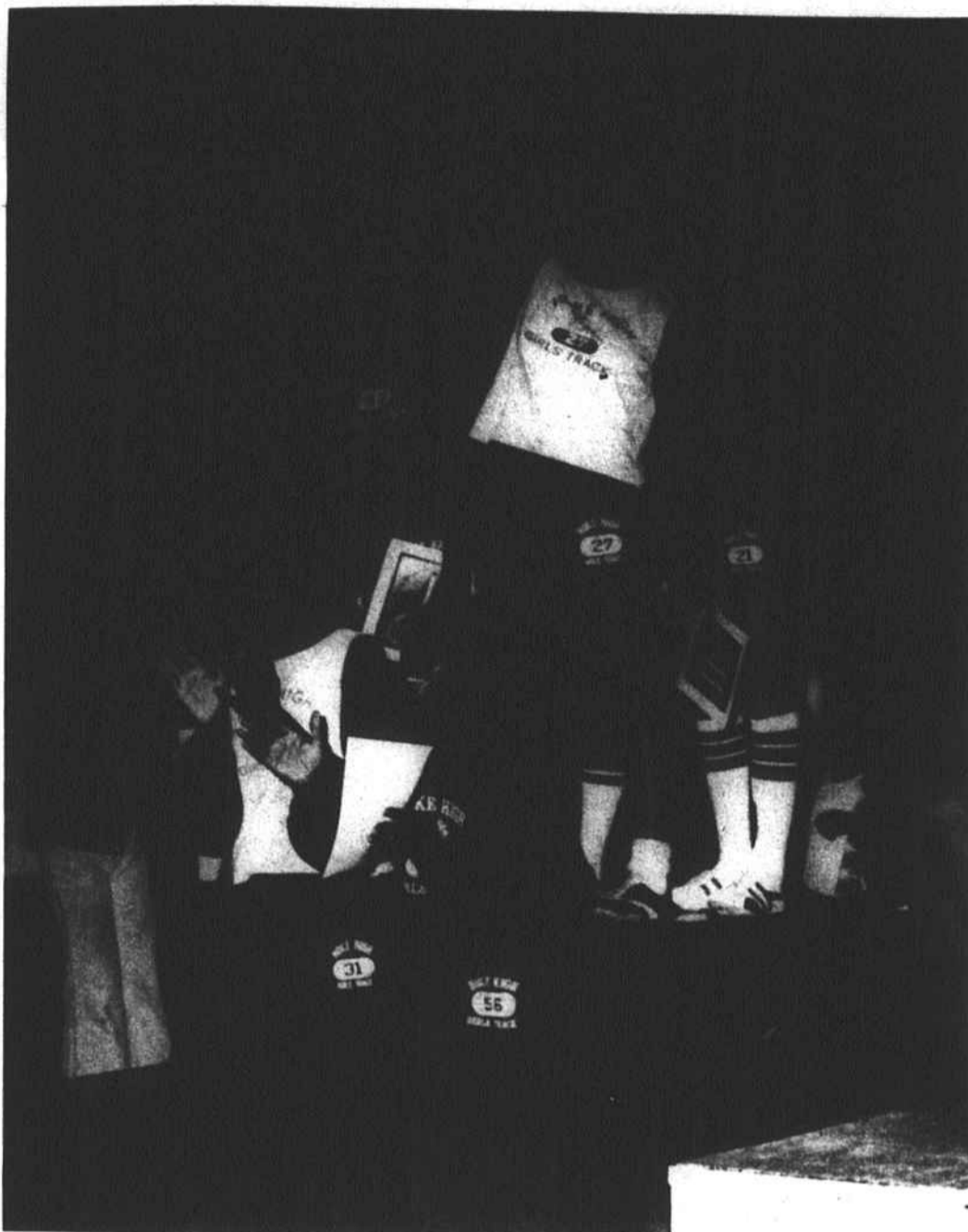
Ali should be in better shape this time around. Of course, if he's not the fight just might be an occasion to remember.

Though there were a lot of questions surrounding the Young bout, it was plain to see that every time Ali made an aggressive move toward him, he would hide between the ropes.

The title cannot and should not be given away. It must be taken and Young did not do that.

Dunn does have a punch that can hurt Ali; Young didn't. Ali might use his ROPE-A-DOPE on Dunn, but he had better hope Dunn is a dope.

Congratulations to Franklin Jordan for winning the pole vault event in the state sectional meet held in Pembroke last week. Jordan vaulted 13-0 in the meet. He now qualifies for the regional meet which will be held in Greenville tomorrow (Friday).



THE THRILL OF VICTORY -- These members of the Hoke girls' track team seem elated over winning their fifth straight state championship in as many years. Hoke runners pictured are: (on platform) Lillian Stubbs, Addie Baldwin, Madalyn Miller, and Tondea Jackson. Standing in front are Kathy McMillan and Minnie McPhatter. (Photo by Hoke High Photography class)

Finish With 15-9 Record

Bucks Rip Bearcats, Scots

The Hoke High baseball team finished out their season last week with wins over Wadesboro-Bowman and Scotland County.

The wins gave the Bucks a 15-9 overall record and a 7-5 conference mark with a steadfast hold on third place.

Allen Thomas won his fourth and fifth games of the season for the Bucks against only one loss as the Hoke team beat the Bearcats last Tuesday by a 7-2 score and then played host to Scotland County here Friday and held them to only three hits as they won by a 4-2 margin.

The Bucks collected ten hits against Bowman as Thomas had three hits in four trips to the plate, and was followed by Noah Hendrix who went 3-3, and Eddie Ramsey was 3-4.

Bowman jumped to a quick 2-1 lead after only two innings, but the Bucks added six more runs in the next three innings to capture the win.

The Hoke team held off a comeback attempt by the Scots to claim a win in front of the Hoke student body.

The Bucks jumped to an early 3-0 lead after the first inning and added another run in the fifth.

The Scots scored two in the seventh, but it wasn't enough to claim a victory.

David McNeill had a double for the Bucks and was 1-2 for the game. He was followed by Tim Ross and Noah Hendrix who were also 1-2.

Baseball coach Terry Grier said he was really pleased with the progress of the baseball program at Hoke High and the season was nothing to be disappointed about considering the competition.

"It's a big switch from 3-A to 4-A and I'm pleased with the season and especially our baseball program," he said.

"Considering we played a lot of the season with young players (starting four freshmen and two sophomores), I am very pleased with the outcome," he concluded.

Hoke Co. 0 1 1 2 3 0 0 7-10-2
Bowman 1 1 0 0 0 0 2 5-4

Scotland Co. 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 2-3-1
Hoke Co. 3 0 0 0 1 0 X 4 7-1

1976 Team Statistics

| NAME | AB | R | H | RBI | BAT. AVE. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----------|
| Brown, Halbert | 13 | 2 | 3 | 2 | .230 |
| Carpenter, Kenny | 18 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .111 |
| Carrol, Bruce | 21 | 2 | 3 | 4 | .142 |
| Cummings, Stanley | 67 | 9 | 18 | 18 | .268 |
| Hendrix, Noah | 66 | 15 | 27 | 22 | .409 |
| Jackson, Eddie | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| McNeill, David | 57 | 8 | 14 | 5 | .245 |
| Pecora, Ernie | 39 | 5 | 6 | 3 | .153 |
| Pennell, Eddie | 50 | 9 | 8 | 3 | .160 |
| Ramsey, Eddie | 60 | 9 | 22 | 13 | .366 |
| Ray, Eddie | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .200 |
| Ross, Timmy | 75 | 16 | 24 | 15 | .320 |
| Thomas, Allen | 60 | 21 | 29 | 7 | .483 |
| Wood, Mark | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .125 |

Boys' Softball Meeting 25th

There will be a meeting for all boys interested in youth softball on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:30 P.M. at Armory Park, the recreation commission announced.

Teams will be chosen at the meeting. The season is scheduled to start June 1.

Softball Results

By Ann Howell

In men's slow pitch softball action last Thursday night at Armory Park, Gentry's Tire defeated Rose's Aviation 9 - 4. Gentry's had 17 hits with their leading batter of the night, Eddie Baker, going 3 - 3.

For Rose's, Delton Harden was 2 - 3 at bat, aiding his team's total hits for the evening to nine. Rose's had three runs in the fifth inning, but wasn't able in the last two innings to capture enough runs for a victory.

The second game of the night was a real thriller, with Rexall-Turf defeating Hoke Concrete 7 - 5. Rx - Turf had a super sixth inning, pulling in six runs to win the game. For Rx - Turf, Bob Manuel was 4 - 4 at bat. Hoke Concrete had 10 hits with leading batter Sam Young going 2 - 2.

The night's final game went to Raeford Plumbing and Heating, who defeated Virgil's 17 - 1. Virgil's was held scoreless in the fifth inning, thus bringing the game to a short end. RPH had a good start with six runs in the first inning compared to Virgil's three quick outs. Virgil's only run was scored in the third inning by J. Jones.

Standings

| | W | L |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Gentry's Tire | 6 | 1 |
| Rexall-Turf | 5 | 2 |
| Rose's Aviation | 4 | 3 |
| Virgil's Drive-In | 3 | 4 |
| RPH | 2 | 5 |
| Hoke Concrete | 1 | 6 |

Top Ten Batters

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|------------------|-----|
| Eddie Roper | 609 |
| Henry Thompson | 600 |
| Charles Crowder | 600 |
| Harrison Daniels | 593 |
| Bill McPhaul | 588 |
| Wayne Mills | 579 |
| Eddie Baker | 555 |
| Randy Huggins | 545 |
| George Hendrix | 526 |
| George McFadyen | 526 |

Volleyball, Self-defense

The Hoke County Recreation Commission is sponsoring a co-educational volleyball program and a self-defense class.

The volleyball program will be divided into two age levels, adults (graduating seniors or older) and school age youth.

Those interested in participating are asked to submit a team roster composed of four males and four females. An organizational meeting will be held at Upchurch school gym Wednesday, May 26 at 8 P.M.

The self-defense class will run for approximately eight weeks, meeting one night a week for a one and one half hour session.

Tentative age minimum is 12 years old. The class will be co-educational and limited to 30 students. Classes will be taught at Upchurch school between 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Specific details will be announced later.

For further information on any summer recreation programs, call Ann Howell at 875-3307.

Tar Heel Ball Meets Today

There will be an organizational meeting for all boys interested in either junior or senior Tar Heel League baseball on Thursday, May 20 at 4:30 P.M. at Hoke High field, the recreation commission announced.

Junior Tar Heel players must be either 13 or 14 and senior Tar Heel players must be 15, 16, or 17. A birth certificate will be required.

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