

WORKING FOR A PIN—Dick McNeill works for a pin during a match which led to his eventual qualification for the United States Wrestling Federation Junior National Freestyle Championships in Iowa City, Iowa in July.

Hoke Wrestler Wins Silver Medal

Hoke High wrestler Dick McNeill qualified Saturday for a trip to the United States Wrestling Federation (USWF) Junior National Freestyle Championships in Iowa City, Iowa, this July. McNeill placed second in the North Carolina qualifying tournament held Saturday at N.C. State University in Raleigh. Competing in the 81kg (178 lb.) division, McNeill wrestled five matches on his way to the silver medal.

In the first and second rounds McNeill defeated Curry Hayes of Durham 17-3, and won by default over Tim Blake of Cary.

In a tough third round match, McNeill was awarded an 8-7 decision over Roger Brown of Stanley when the mat judge and referee awarded Brown 3 points for holding McNeill in one danger position for five seconds instead of

Pee Wee Play

Hoke County Pee Wee Baseball will begin Monday, June 14, at 9 A.M. at Armory Park, according to Mac McNeill, coordinator of the county baseball program.

McNeill said Pee Wee baseball is for young people ages 7-9.

2 points twice for holding McNeill in two danger positions during the same period of time. McNeill was leading 8-4 and in the danger position as the clock ran out.

In the final two rounds McNeill pinned third place winner Raymond Wooten of Greenville in 5:24, but lost to eventual champion Gary Dean of Eden on a second period pin.

Runner-up conference and sectional champion Mike McNeill dropped identical 7-6 decisions to eventual first and second place winners Jose Magalhaes of Waynesville and Melvin Hodges of Wilson before being eliminated.

Sectional champion Maverick Carpenter also participated, defeating Ronald Harris of Greenville 6-2 before being eliminated in the next two rounds. One of his losses was to silver medal winner Andy Aikens of Trinity, 14-6. Carpenter wrestled in the 60kg (132 lb.) division.

Arthur Kemp was ousted in the second round by 52kg (114.5 lb.) champion David Glover of Gastonia.

Silver medalist McNeill will travel with the North Carolina team to the USWF Junior Championships during the week of July 19-26.

Out Of Bounds

By Mike Steadman

What is in the future of Hoke County High School athletics? This question is in the minds of many people in the county, especially after the athletic banquet last week.

As far as football is concerned, a transition of coaches looms in the shadows of whether a change of face can really change the overall picture of the sport.

This change of face is not just that but a change in philosophy. In all fairness to the previous coach it can not be said that he did anything wrong at anytime, but was a student of the old school of football.

This old schooling brought about vast differences of opinion. That is fact! BUT even though the opinions were different, no one and that is NO ONE, can say that the old school teachings are wrong.

If a man is doing what he thinks is right, feels is right, and has faith that it is right, who can condemn him. He should not be condemned in any way, but in all probability should be praised for being man enough to confirm his beliefs and stick by them.

What is wrong for one place is right for another and the whole matter stems from geographic differences more than anything else, although it is something that is hard to accept.

The future of the sport in the county now is on the shoulders of a man who believes that involvement is the key to the future. He wants to get the parents involved in the program as well as the students. He wants to coach each player as if he were his own son. Again this is not wrong.

Whether this approach will work or not is to be seen. Basketball is a sport that many feel can be of primary importance in the county since the talent is definitely here. No one really knows what happened last season. As Coach Smith said at the banquet, the fate of the games was decided upon the moods of the players.

The new coach will try to develop this talent to resemble one of the great all-time teams of a couple years ago that lost only one regular season game. The baseball team's future is one that is looking very bright since their program has increased so much in the last two years.

The facilities have come due to an extraordinary effort by both the coaches and players.

They won more games this past season than they ever have and they also played more games than in the past.

They finished in third place in the conference standings and are looking to better years as time passes.

Girls' sports have been the highlight of the year for the high school as the golf team finished second in the conference and fifth in the state.

It was the first year the girls had a volleyball or softball team and considering the competition, they did well and are also looking to the future with many players returning.

The basketball team did not seem as good this year as last but the fact of change from 3-A competition to 4-A make it look that way.

Hoke had two conference champions this year: wrestling and girls' track, with the latter taking the state crown again this year.

Coach Bill Colston is the coach of both teams, ironically enough; or is it? That says a lot for him as a coach.

The boys' track team did not do as well, but they have over 25 people returning next year to make the team much stronger.

The tennis teams (both girls and boys) did not come out too well, but they too are in a building process.

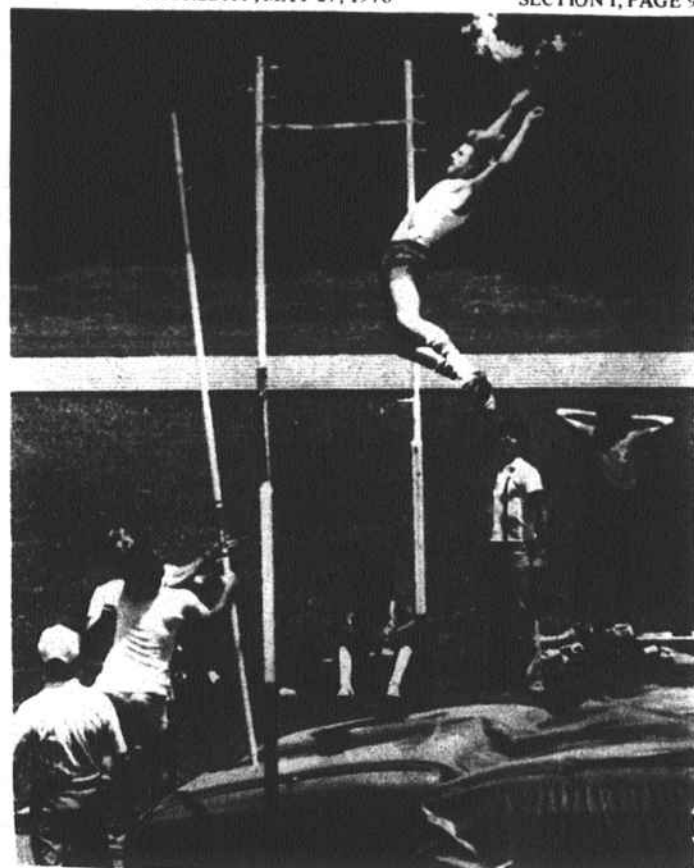
Many awards were given at the banquet last week for each sport. It is always hard to single out a person for a team sport, and the job of the coaches the other night was not easy.

The athlete of the year is with no doubt Kathy McMillan, and no one could dispute that.

Overall, it has been a very good year for Hoke High athletes and the future looks bright according to the forecast of who is coming back next year on each team.

What ever the outcome of next year's teams, there is one thing that is sure. The support of the community is always present whether verbal, written, or bodily. That is something to be proud of, even if everything else fails.

That made the year a success and many other smaller things that go with it.



WINNING VAULT—Franklin Jordan clears the bar to win the pole vault event at the Regional Meet held at East Carolina University in Greenville last week. Jordan's best vault ever of 13 feet, six inches earned him a chance to compete in the state high school meet, which will be held in Raleigh tomorrow [Friday].

Jordan Wins Pole Vault

Hoke High finished in eleventh place in the State Regional track meet held in Greenville Friday as they were paced by Franklin Jordan's winning effort in the pole vault.

Jordan vaulted 13 feet, six inches (best for the year) to take first place in the event and earn a place in the state meet which will be held next week at North Carolina State

University in Raleigh.

In addition to Jordan's performance, the Hoke 880 relay team finished fourth.

Since the first four places in each event goes to the state meet, the relay team will also make the trip.

The Hoke team finished with nine points, ten points behind Terry Sanford, the winning team with 19 points.

Sales Taxes In

Local sales and use tax collections in Hoke County amounted to \$16,106.21 in April, according to state revenue officials.

Statewide collections for the month were \$11,112,467.53, according to the report.



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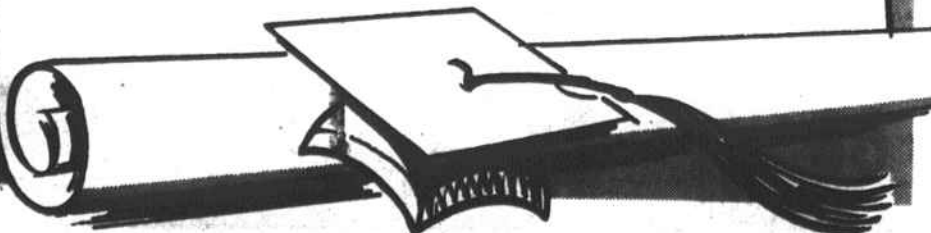
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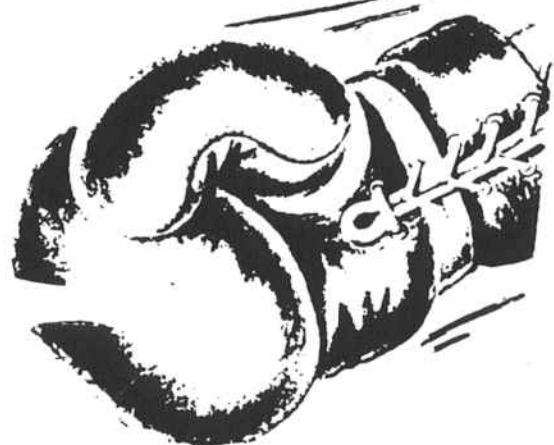
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