

Merchant Bowling

Tie On For Top Spot

By Larry Long

There remains a tie for the top spot in The Raeford Merchant Bowling Action. Last week Earl's Electric tripped John's Short Shop three games to one. The Barbers from Hollingsworth shaved McMillian Grocery three games to one. County Line Plaza smeared Airco Machine Shop four games. Marks' Food continues to move up the ladder by turning back Hunt's Trucking three games to one. Melton's Heating & A/C dumped Raeford Auto three games to one.

The high series last week went to Harry Walters for Hunt's, a 577 series with a 212 game. The high 200 last week went to McMillian's Larry McDonald, a 232. Others over 200: Thad Marks for Marks' a 221 and teammate Ben Elledge a 225; Thomas Ham for the Barbers a 213; Bobby Powell for Earl's a 202; George Hendrix for John's a 201; Alex Kelly for Plaza a 201; and James Nixon for Hunt's a 200.

This week's schedule: the Barbers battle it out with John's Short Shop. Earl's meets Melton's Heating, Hunt's faces C.L. Plaza for the right to the third spot. Marks' meets McMillian's Grocery and Airco Machine Shop faces Raeford Auto.

Standings	
W	L
Earl's Electric	30
Hollingsworth	30
County Line Plaza	27
Hunt's Trucking	27
Airco Machine	23
Mark's Food	21
Melton's Heating	20½
John's Short Shop	18½
McMillian's Groc.	14
Raeford Auto	9

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Top Ten Bowlers

H. Walters (Hunt's)	176
J. Taylor (Hunt's)	176
B. Powell (Earl's)	175
T. Ham (Barber's)	173
E. Bowen (Hunt's)	171
H. Campbell (Hunt's)	171
J. Lockett (John's)	170
W. Dickerson (Marks')	170
T. Marks (Marks')	170
B. Hendrix (John's)	169

Ladies League

Lady Stars In 2nd

Patricia Campbell led the high games last week with a 181. Other high scorers were Vernetta Jones with 175 and 158, Ella Shaw with a 171, Maxine Holmes with a 168, Kat Taylor with a 158 and Thelma Grace with a 156. High series scorers include Campbell with 470, Jones 460, Taylor 454, Shaw 449, Holmes 445, Frahm 438.

This week Three Plus One will take on the Lady Stars, the Alley Cats, go after the Misfits, and the Go Getters go after the Has Beens.

Standings	
W	L
Go Getters	31½
Lady Stars	27
ThreePlus One	25
Misfits	24½
Has Beens	14
Alley Cats	11

Top Six Bowlers

Jan Walters	150
Debbie Hutson	148
Sandra Holcomb	143
Barbara Odom	142
Ella Shaw	136
Patricia Campbell	135
Kathy Beall	135

Recreation Bits

The "Little Miss Football" contest concluded on Saturday, Nov. 5, when voting was closed at 3:00 p.m., with 41 contestants hoping for the crown.

Through the excellent efforts of all the 41 contestants, parents, and supporters, \$538.65 was raised to aid the recreation department.

The Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank each and every supporter of the Midget Football League, the Flag Football League and the energetic cheerleaders. Supporters, your time, efforts, and donations are truly appreciated.

Sign Up For Workshop

The Christmas decorations workshop now has only 4 spaces available.

The workshop will take place on Nov. 28 and 29 from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Recreation Office. Cost for the class will be \$5 and some special supplies may have to be furnished by each participant. Call the Recreation Office for program offerings. Deadline for sign-up is Nov. 18.

Organizational Meetings

Who will be the men's volleyball champs? Get your teams together and send a representative to the organizational meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 at the Recreation Office.

There will be a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., at the Recreation Office for all ladies interested in participating in some type of recreation activity one night a week. Come on ladies, and get involved, give yourself a break!

Gridiron Photos For Sale

The Parks and Recreation Commission has pictures available for sale of the Midget Football players and cheerleaders. These pictures are on display at the Recreation Office and may be purchased as long as the supply lasts.

Seats Open For Mall Trip

There are 11 spaces left on the bus heading to Cross Creek Mall Tuesday, Nov. 15, for the Senior Citizen's shopping spree. Check with the Recreation Office for details.

Cake Decorating Class Set

Nine people have signed up for the cake decorating class scheduled Dec. 3-Feb. 21. 20 are required in order to hold the course.

The class will meet 7-9:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office. Fee is \$5 and a small charge for supplies.

Midget Football

Vikings, Falcons Win To Cap Off Season

Last Saturday night the Vikings and Falcons recorded victories in the final games of the Midget Football League for 1977.

In the first game of the night the Rams received the opening kickoff and marched down the field with Rob Wilcox scoring from five yards out. The point after was not successful.

In the second quarter the Vikings scored with Calvin Dixon going around right end from five yards out. The extra point failed, making the score 6-6 at half-time.

In the third quarter, Leon Bruton scampered 61 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. The extra point play failed.

In the fourth quarter both defenses tightened up. Final score was Vikings 12, Rams 6.

In the second game of the night the Redskins had the Falcons back on their heels with a fine display of offensive football by running consecutive plays without a huddle. The Redskins, on their first possession, marched down the field and made a touchdown when quarter-

back Anthony Graham optioned to James McQueen who scored from five yards out. The extra point play failed, leaving the score 6-0 Redskins.

The Falcons received the second-half kickoff and then slowed their own offensive punch by going for a touchdown with Jerry McMillian going in from seven yards out. On the all-important extra point McMillian got the pitch from the option play and scored the two points which made the score Falcons eight, Redskins six.

In the fourth quarter the Falcons threatened to score, but the Redskins put together a tremendous goal line stand.

During half-time of the second game of the night, crowning ceremonies were held for the "Little Miss Football." Members of the Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission, Chairman W.K. Morgan and Mrs. Ellen Willis of the program committee crowned the queen, Kim Tuttle, and honored first runner-up Lisa Potts and second runner-up Lori Pickler.

Men's Football

Western Auto Rolls Over Cowboys 15-6

In Men's Flag Football League action last Tuesday, Western Auto erased a 6-2 first-half deficit to claim a 15-6 win over the Cowboys.

Jimmy Wood caught a seven-yard pass from Jerry Tucker early in the second half to put W.A. ahead for good. Charles Crowder added some insurance points with a 37-yard run late in the game. Cecil Campbell caught a 40-yard pass from Wayne Mills to put points up for the Cowboys.

	1	2	Total
Western Auto	2	13	15
Cowboys	6	0	6

In the second game, Hoke Auto remained unbeaten with a 21-6 win over the Towne B.S. Chuck Davis scored H.A.'s first T.D. on a

seven-yard pass from Tom Howell. In the second half Davis threw seven yards to Darryl Deese for H.A.'s final score. Danny McGougan caught a four-yard pass from Bill Senter for H.A.'s other touchdown. Wayne Denkins scored from seven yards out for Towne B.S.

	1	2	Total
Towne B.S.	6	0	6
Hoke Auto	15	6	21

Standings	
W	L
Western Auto	4
Hoke Auto	4
Cowboys	1
Towne B.S.	0

BI Bowling

Scratchers Scratch

By LaDaris McNeill

The Scratchers' nails have grown again. Last week they came out on top of team Three Plus One, scratching all four games.

Lucille McNeill had a game of 148; Lonzell Kelly gave a 178. Another 200 man on the spot light; Alexander Kelly scratched a 201 game with a divine 516 series for the leading team. As for Three Plus One, Robert McNeill slipped a 185.

Another team with a devastating win was The Floaters who floated on a four game win. Maxine Holmes shared a 144. Geraldine Murray, a newcomer, floated a 145; and Artis Gay landed a 172. Halsecalken just couldn't get things on the go so they let them go.

The Spare Getters spared three games to Under the Hill Gang. Under the Hill came on top with help from a fine performance by Linda Hardon with her 141 game. Priscilla McCormick (Pris), a double figure bowler, went up hill with a tremendous 126 game, but Larry McDonald's 179 and Calvin Singletary's 165 held the team up.

James Leggett and his better half shared the load alone with C. Kelly and T. O'Ham. M. Leggett had a 143 game and a 408 series, while J.

Leggett turned in a 164.

The Rookies, performing like Pros, ripped off three games from Holly Davis Plus Two. The Rookie Pernel Kelly was going for 200; however, he failed by only two pins. P. Kelly had quite a night and is determined to reach the 200 pin mark.

Sylvester McAllister turned in a 437 series. Thelma Grace hit a 146. For Holly Davis Plus Two, Kirk Davis bowled a 462 series. La McNeill matched up for a 153 game and a 432 series. Not only were the teams battling, but Thelma Grace and LaDaris had a go at it. Coming out on top -- yours truly. Poor Grace.

Standings	
W	L
The Scratchers	26
The Rookies	23
Spare Getters	212
Holly Davis Plus Two	17
Three Plus One	15½
Halsecalken	15
Under Hill Gang	14
Floaters	12

If the Scratchers lose, the Rookies are a threat to take the lead. They only need four games to win. Read next week, same paper, with more people making news!

Baby Bucks Close Out Season 4-5-1

The J.V. Bucks closed the season out on a sour note, losing to Scotland 34-6. The Bucks' only score came on a yard run by Elvis Purcell in the fourth quarter. The Bucks whose play was outstanding in the defeat by Scotland were: Richard Cole, Darryl Cobb, James Washington, Mark Norton and Keith Rogers.

The Junior Varsity ends the season with a 4-5-1 record. The team has come a long way since

August 1, 14 weeks ago, says Coach John Buchholz.

The 1977 edition of the "Baby Bucks" arrived on the Hoke campus Aug. 1. There were 35 sophomore hopefuls scheduled to report at this time, according to Coach Buchholz. Seven were immediately moved up to the varsity squad, ten were unable to report due to farming and only eighteen were present. Buchholz said the outlook was dim as the J.V.'s averaged only 13 boys at practice throughout the pre-season.

School started and the ten absentees reported -- five weeks late -- how can you play a J.V. schedule with such tremendous handicaps, asks Buchholz. Tobacco won out and the "Baby Bucks" suffered embarrassing losses at 71st and Sanford.

Finally, in the fifth week of the season, the young sophomores began to play up to their potential, according to Buchholz, winning over Lakewood, Lumberton, Cary and Bowman and tying Pinecrest.

Buchholz says the future should be bright at Hoke High with 25 sophomores moving up to the varsity to join their seven classmates. The handicaps can be overcome, Buchholz says.

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