Mistakes Cause Bucks First Loss



Getting Ready -- Members of the Hoke High football team are spending this week getting ready for Friday nights game with South View. The game

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is important to the Bucks and will get underway at 8 p.m. in Hope Mills.

Mistakes killed the Hoke High Bucks chance for a season opening

victory Friday night. Miscues ended three scoring opportunities for the Bucks inside the Cape Fear High School 20 yard line, and left the Colts on top at the final buzzer 7-6.

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"It was a disappointing loss," Bucks Head Coach Tom Jones said. We were our own worst enemy. Our mistakes beat us. We were harder on ourselves than Cape Fear," Jones said.

One of the bright spots of the game was the Hoke defense.

The Bucks held Cape Fear to a total offense of 127 yards and allowed only one sustained drive.

However, the offense failed to capitalize on the defense effort and scoring opportunities went by the boards.

Junior defensive end Ambrosia Douglass got to the Cape Fear punter twice and blocked punts which gave the Bucks good field positions.

"Our offense is behind the defense, but we expect that this time of year," Jones said.

After trailing at the half 7-0, Hoke got its only counting score

early in the third quarter when junior running back Lowell Simmons hauled in a quarterback John McDuffie pass at the nine yard

The Bucks' score came following a fumble by Cape Fear quarterback Tony Smith.

Three other attempted scores ended after the Bucks miscued.

One TD was called back after a holding call, and two other Buck hopes were dashed after McDuffie passes were picked off by quarterback Smith who was playing in the Cape Fear defensive secondary.

On the bright side for the offense was the passing game, Jones said, noting that the ball was thrown

Good catches were also made during the season opening contest by tight end Orlando McKinnon and split end Gary Stevens, Jones

The Bucks will be working this week on ironing out some of those mistakes that spoiled the victory over Cape Fear, and preparing for season's second battle against South View Friday night in Hope Mills.

"We don't know much about them, but I think that we can be competitive with South View." Jones said.

'We need the win badly," the coach said.

South View, as was Cape Fear, will be a non-conference game. Victories in the early games

could set the stage for a winning season for the Bucks. Jones added.

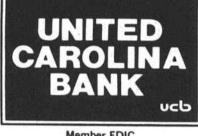
Revival

A revival will be held at Freedom Chapel AME Zion Church in Raeford September 13-17 with services starting at 7:30 p.m. daily.

The Rev. Lawrence Turner of Durham, pastor of Sandy Grove and Hatcher's Chapel AME Zion churches, will be the evangelist.

The public is invited to attend and bring "the sick, blind, deaf, unsaved, and folk from all walks of life," the Rev. James Glenn, pastor of Freedom Chapel church, said.

The Rev. Ann Little is the church



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