

## Buck Runners Win 2nd Meet

Hoke High's Cross Country team won their second consecutive tri-way meet on Wednesday. The meet was hosted by E.E. Smith but was run on the Reid Ross course.

The meet consisted of teams from Hoke, E.E. Smith and Reid Ross.

The order of finish was Hoke with 31 points, E.E. Smith with 44 points, and Reid Ross with 47 points.

Paul Hunt of Hoke finished first with a time of 16:23 on the 5,000 meter (3.1 mile) course. He cut 30 seconds off his winning time of the previous week's run at Scotland County.

The other runners in Hoke's top five were Mike McPhatter who finished 3rd overall, in a time of 17:33; Ronnie McRae who finished 4th, in a time of 18:02; Don Woods who finished 9th overall, in a time of 18:59; and Mike Graham who finished 14th overall in a time of 20:09.

Other Hoke runners who competed were Leroy McNatt, 15th; Nicky Hunt, 18th; Mark Morgan, 22nd; and Kevin Locklear, 23rd.

The Hoke team has now competed and won against every team in the conference except Pinecrest, whom Hoke will not meet until the last meet of the season.

The next meet is scheduled for Buck's Stadium at Hoke High on Wednesday September 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

## From the Superintendent's Desk

by Raz Autry

### The Top of the Mountain

I have been deeply involved in athletics all during my many years in school work; as a player at East Carolina University, head coach, principal, and superintendent. I have heard all of the criticisms that go along with every phase of athletics.

Everyone in the stands is a better coach than the one on the field. If you don't believe this, all you need to do is sit in the stands during a game and listen to the "spectator coaches", including yours truly.

As a breed, coaches have visions of grandeur. They can visualize themselves directing a team at a large university or coaching the super bowl champions. I have witnessed coaches who had such visions but I have also worked with those who had visions of making responsible, dedicated, caring men out of boys.

Two of the latter kind I have worked with; namely, John Pecora and presently Tom Jones.

A lot has been written about John Pecora and all of it was good. I personally paid him the ultimate compliment when I said that I couldn't possibly think of a man that I would rather my son than John Pecora.

Tom Jones is cut from the same mold. He is honest, dedicated, and places the welfare of his players above everything else. His coaching methods have proven effective.

Coach Jones is going through some trying times now because he is a winner. Winning hasn't come easy to Hoke High the last few years. In time Coach Jones will produce a winning team. It will be a team made up of fine, dedicated, young men who know what is necessary to become winners.

The public and school officials will have to be patient. We have experienced entirely too many changes in our coaching staff. Some of our former coaches, in my personal opinion, have exploited our youngsters on the younger teams because they wanted to win at any cost.

That attitude, plus the fact that we have not had very many gifted athletes the past few years, is the reason for our lack of victories.

We have played many fine outstanding young men but the athlete who would stand above the crowd, the one with the special gift of leadership just hasn't been available.

Even if a team doesn't have the above qualities, they can still win if they have been exposed to a coach who has given them a sense of stability and personal worth. Tom Jones will supply both of these ingredients.

Hoke County High School has changed conferences several times during the last few years and this has not helped. Many of those teams have been, and still are, sitting on top of the mountain because of their athletic program.

The miscalculation teams on the mountain make about teams in the valley is that they think the teams in the valley are envying or worshipping them. The truth is that the teams in the valley are working as hard as they can to get to the top of the mountain.

Sooner or later all teams must come to the valley. If our fans will be patient Tom Jones will carry us to the top of the mountain and keep us there for a long time.

My writing, talking, or cursing won't stop the boys at the coffee shops, etc., from doing their Monday morning quarterbacking.



Head Coach Tom Jones

This is as much a part of the American athletic scene as it is for a half-back to imagine he scored a touchdown everytime he touched the ball.

Everyone be of good cheer because we have the coach, the athletes, and the time to get to the top of the mountain.

We need to brainwash our supporters like the Carolina graduates who really believe that stuff about God loving Carolina because the sky is blue. They even believe that when it's raining.

PLAY BALL!!!!

### Four Hoke Runners Place In Columbia

Four Hoke Runners won awards in the McEntire Air Force Base Road Races in Columbia, S.C. on Saturday.

In the two mile race, Paul Hunt won 1st place overall and 1st place in the 15-19 year old age division in 9:59.

Paul's time set a new course record for the five-year-old event. There were 134 runners in the two mile race.

Two other members of the IEA Road Runners also won awards in the two mile race.

Don Woods placed second in the 10-14-year-old division and ninth overall in a time of 11:31 and Kevin Locklear placed third in the same division and 23rd overall in a time of 12:41.

Also competing in the two mile race was Nicky Hunt who finished 10th in 11:36 and Robert Jacobs who finished 28th in 13:07.

## Recreation Bits

### Let's Go To The State Fair

Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission will be offering a State Fair Trip on Monday, October 18. Senior citizens 65 and over must present some ID verifying their age to the trip. All others will have to pay the \$3 admission fee. Everyone must pay a \$3.50 transportation fee. Transportation will be provided by the Parks and Recreation office prior to October 18. The trip will be limited to the first 35 persons to register. Contact the Parks and Recreation office for more information.

### Youth Ceramic's Class

Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a Youth Ceramic's Class for the first 15, ages 8-up; October 6-November 10. The class will meet at the Parks and Recreation office from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Christmas items and other goodies will highlight the class. The cost per child will be \$10. Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, of Chick Ceramics, will be the instructor. Contact the Parks and Recreation office to get your name on the list.

### Midget Football Schedule

Team	Coaches	Team color	Cheerleading sponsors
1. Packers	Bill Norris Linwood Hoffman	Green Jerseys	Denise Melton
2. Kings	Sam Warren Eddie Ramsey	Purple Jerseys	Rachael Locklear
3. Falcons	Clayton Singletary Red Singletary	Red Jerseys	Linda Shaw
4. Panthers	Charlie Parsons	Black Jerseys	Karen Hudson

The home team (team listed first on schedule) will occupy the bench at the 40-yard line near the big fence. Visiting team will occupy bench opposite side of field at 40-yard line. All games will be played at Armory Park with a starting time of 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Scrimmages:

September 27	1-2
September 28	3-4

Games:

October 4	2-4
October 5	1-3
October 11	2-3
October 12	1-4
October 18	4-3
October 19	2-1
October 23	10 a.m., 3-1, Hoke High School stadium 11 a.m., 4-2 Hoke High School stadium
October 25	4-1
October 26	3-2
November 1	3-4
November 2	1-2

All Star Games:  
November 6 - 6 p.m. HHS Stadium  
7 p.m. HHS Stadium

### Ladies' Aerobic Exercise

Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission will be offering a ladies' aerobic exercise class starting October 19 and continuing through November 30 at the J.W. Turlington School Gym.

The sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights with beginners coming from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and intermediates coming from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

There will be a \$15 per person charge payable the first night. The instructor will be Sue Davis. Contact the Parks and Recreation office to sign up.

### Youth Flag Football Schedule

TEAM	COACH
1. Cowboys	Wayne Branch
2. Colts	Chuck Davis
3. Dolphins	Larry Baker
4. Eagles	Richard Ferguson

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Scrimmages:

September 29	1-2
September 30	3-4
October 6	1-3
October 7	2-4
October 13	1-4
October 14	2-3
October 20	1-2
October 21	4-3
October 27	3-1
October 28	4-2
November 3	4-1
November 4	3-2
November 10	1-2
November 11	3-4

### Senior Citizens' Bingo

Who's ready to try your luck at Bingo? Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission will be offering a free afternoon for bingo fun for all Hoke County Senior Citizens. The party will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, at the Recreation office. Prizes, refreshments, and good conversation will highlight the afternoon activities. Call your friends and join the excitement.

### Children's Class To Start

Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a series of children's crafts classes starting Monday, September 27 3:30-4:45 p.m. at the Recreation office. The classes will be held on Mondays. For their appropriate afternoon will be enrolled. The cost for the ten week session per child will be \$6.

Students in grades 1-5 will come on Mondays, students in grades 6-8 will come on Tuesdays, and preschoolers ages 3-6 will come on Thursdays.

Activities to be included are: designer wall hangings, clay, paper, and painting, basketry, foam art projects, paper, fabric, and plastic, stained glass hangings, and craft projects.

Contact the Recreation office, 875-5600. Also, if you have any questions or are unsatisfied for the various reasons, contact the Recreation office.

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