

Sports



Frustration -- Buck Coaches Andy Brown (left) and Roger Edwards during a recent team loss. The Hoke High staff is thinking upset in Friday's contest with fifth ranked Pinecrest. [Photo by Joe Gonzales]

Bucks Thinking Upset Friday Night

The Hoke High Bucks are looking for the biggest upset of the year as they take on fifth ranked Pinecrest Friday night, on their home turf.

If the one and six Bucks can pull it off, the upset would be one of the biggest in the state during this year's high school season.

While the Bucks were struggling to generate offense Friday night during their 15-0 loss to Reid Ross, the Patriots were maintaining their undefeated season's record by stopping Terry Sanford 28-21.

Terry Sanford was the team that handed the Bucks their worse defeat of the season three weeks ago, 33-0.

However, despite the rocky record, the Bucks have been playing

well defensively and with a little help from the offense could stay on the field with Pinecrest. Coach Tom Jones said.

In Friday's loss, the defensive unit yielded only 150 yards to Reid Ross and the Bucks were in the game until the offense fumbled, the ball was scooped up and returned for a touchdown, Jones said.

The Bucks were able to generate only six first downs during the evening and come up with only 61 yards in total offense.

"If we can get our defense away from playing 60 to 70 downs per game and get them to have to play only 40 downs a game, then I think that we can compete," the coach said.

The biggest problem with the

Buck offense is that they are inconsistent and unable to make the big play, Jones said.

On a key play Friday night, the Bucks needed a pass completion and had a receiver open, but he couldn't catch the ball, Jones said.

Penalties and turnovers also killed the offense's chance of putting points on the board and controlling the ball, he said.

"We have just got to be more consistent and to perform," Jones said.

During Friday's contest, Reid Ross broke a scoreless tie in the second quarter, when running back Mike White ran five yards for a touchdown and Darryl Harrington carried over for the two-point conversion, making it 8-0 at the half.

In the fourth quarter, Reid Ross's Kenny Jeffries ended any hopes of a Buck comeback by recovering a fumble and returning it 15 yards for a score.

On the bright side, both the Buck Junior Varsity and the Freshman teams were victorious last week.

The J.V. team is leading the league after topping Reid Ross 8-6 last Thursday.

The J.V. Bucks take on Pinecrest in Raeford Thursday at 7 p.m. The junior Bucks are 5-2 for the season and 3-0 in the conference.

The freshman team was also victorious last week edging Ellerbee 21-20 to remain undefeated for the season. They are leading the ninth grade division.

Buck Frosh Remain Unbeaten Top Ellerbee In Comeback

The freshmen football team preserved their unbeaten record by a scrappy comeback win, 21-20, against Ellerbee last Thursday.

At the outset of the game it looked as if it was going to be another easy win for the Bucks as they scored on their first possession on a 10 yard run by tailback Marcus Graham.

Terry Brasier kicked the extra point to make the score 7-0.

The Bucks then ran into the chain-saw attack of the Ellerbee offense. The Ellerbee team scored three times, all on the halfback pass and converted two out of three extra points to make the half time score 20-7.

In the second half it was all Bucks show time.

On the Bucks' first possession of the second half and team capped a long drive with a 20 yard run by fullback David Jacobs and a 2 point conversion run by Marcus Graham to make the score 20-15 in Ellerbee's favor.

The Bucks completed the scoring in the 4th quarter when quarterback Ricky Chavis kept the ball for a 25 yard jaunt into the end zone.

The two point conversion attempt failed but the Bucks held on to win by a score of 21-20.

The Bucks' defense posted another good outing, except for the three half back passes that went for Ellerbee scores.

The defense led by "Wild Buck" Ricky Chavis, who had 5 solo tackles and caused three fumbles, held the Ellerbee offense to 63 yards rushing and only one first down in the second half.

An outstanding defensive effort was also turned in by Michael McCrae, who had four tackles, Terry Brasier, Donnie Henderson, David Jacobs, and Kenneth Locklear all recorded three tackles each.

The freshmen team will travel to Wadesboro this Thursday to meet Anson County in the battle of the unbeaten.

Cross Country Team Wins Meet Here

The Buck's Cross Country team won 1st place in a quadrangular meet held on Wednesday on the Hoke High course.

The other schools in the squad meet were Scotland, Pinecrest, and Reid Ross. Hoke placed first with 34 points, Pinecrest was second with 41 points, Reid Ross was 3rd with 60 points, and Scotland was fourth with 121 points.

Hoke's Paul Hunt finished 1st in the 5K (3.1 mile) race in a time of 16:19 20 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor. Hunt has finished 1st in each of the meets he has competed in this year.

The other members of Hoke's top five were Ronnie McRae who finished 3rd overall in a time of 17:02; Mike McPhatter who finished 5th overall, in a time of 17:29; Leroy McNatt who finished 11th overall, in a time of 17:53; and Don Woods who finished 14th, in a time of 18:32.

Other Hoke runners included Everette Andrews, who finished 16th; Kevin Locklear, who finished

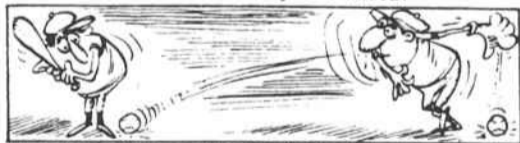
21st; Nicky Hunt, who finished 24th; Mark Morgan, who finished 27th; and Mike Graham, who finished 36th.

This was the last regular season meet for Hoke County before the Conference meet next Wednesday at Scotland.

As he faces the Conference meet, Coach Ron Parsons is feeling confident of his team's chances and had high praise for his charges.

"It was truly an outstanding team performance. Anytime you can get your runners to finish in 1st, 3rd, and 5th places, it is hard to beat. We feel confident because we did beat Pinecrest today, and I feel they will be our main competition for the Conference Championship", the coach said.

"I feel we will have a psychological edge going into the championship meet. We are going to practice hard this last week and try to be both mentally and physically prepared next Wednesday," he added.



If one baseball is tossed horizontally while at the same instant a second baseball is dropped vertically from the same height, both of them will reach the ground simultaneously.



UPCHURCH VOLLEYBALLERS -- Upchurch Junior High School's volleyball team with Coach Brenda Ramsey (right rear) is shown here. Front, L-R -- Stephanie Goff, Tina Brewer, Regina Oxendine, Vickie Headen, and Bendetta Kelly. Center, L-R -- Leslie McLean, Nicki Bratcher, Connie Oxendine, Mary Bailey, and Rosalyn Day. Rear, L-R -- Jackie Hunt, Neicy Singletary, and Teresa Kelton.



Blazers' Queen candidates Kim Parker (standing) and Wanda Tapscott. (Staff photo by Pam Frederick).

Blazers' Queen Candidates Seeking Support This Week

Kim Parker and Wanda Tapscott, Queen Candidates for the Hoke County Blazers' semi-pro baseball team will be seeking support from sponsors for the rest of this week.

The selected Hoke County Blazers' team Queen will be announced at a banquet which is to be held Saturday at the Hoke County

Civic Center. The queen will then represent the Hoke County Blazers as candidate for Miss Tri-County Baseball League at a banquet in Hope Mills on Saturday, October 23.

All members of the Blazers' team are also cordially invited to attend the Miss Tri-County Baseball League banquet for recognition.

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