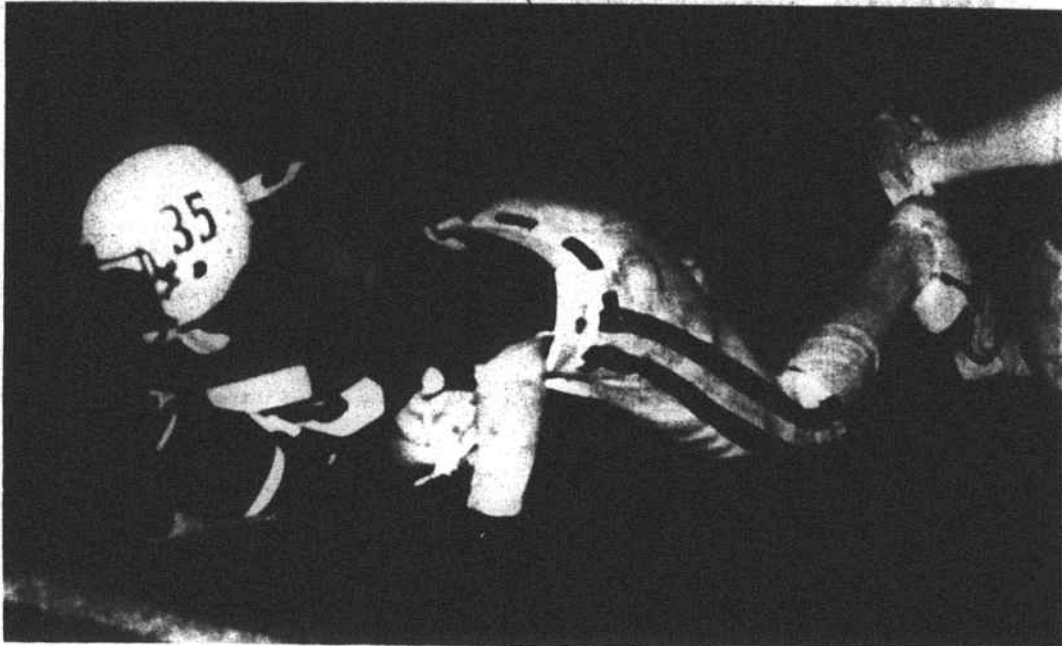


# Sports

## Patriots Unbeaten In 7 Previous Games

# Hoke Upsets Pinecrest, 10-8, For Second Win



Calvin Dixon, shown here lunging for yardage in a recent game, scored Hoke's touchdown and helped set up the clinching field goal in the victory over Pinecrest. [Photo by Joe Gonzales.]

Hoke County High School's Bucks, unranked in 4-A standings and winner of only one of their seven games this season, won their second Friday night -- upsetting fourth-ranked and previously unbeaten Pinecrest, 10-8.

The Bucks did it on Pinecrest's home field at that and in Pinecrest's Homecoming game, before a record crowd of 3,200. It was Hoke's first victory in Southeastern Conference play this season following two loop losses. The only other win the Bucks managed was the one over South View September 3. Pinecrest's record now is 7-1 overall and 3-1 in the league.

Senior running back Calvin Dixon scored the Bucks' line touchdown in the second period, 8:12 minutes before intermission. The Bucks covered 69 yards in eight plays. Fifth-three of those yards were covered by a pass play with Quarterback Marcus Virgil, playing his first game since breaking a thumb early in the season, throwing to Gary Stevens. That put the Bucks on the Pinecrest 4. The drive started on the first of three fumbles by Pinecrest tailback John Ingram. Dixon scored from the 1 and Michael Bethea kicked the point. Bethea also nailed down the victory in the fourth period with a 24-yard field goal after Pinecrest had made it 7-6. It was Dixon's long kickoff return after the Pinecrest TD that set up the 3-pointer. Pinecrest's final points came when Hoke's punter John McDuffie took a safety on purpose to avoid a kick being blocked deep in his own territory.

Pinecrest got the ball again with 17 seconds left in the game and

moved to the Hoke 30 on pass interference. Greg Clark on the final play of the game tossed a pass to Kurt Green in the end zone, but Green was covered by the Hoke pass defense, which had knocked out certain touchdown tosses through the earlier stages of the game with interceptions.

Pinecrest missed a chance to move ahead before the field goal. After Ingram made it 7-6 with a 23-yard run, he tried for two extra points with a run but was stopped.

Hoke's nose Guard Bobby Ray was praised by Buck Head Coach Tom Jones for critical tackles he made through the game. Ray, 5 feet 9 and 160 pounds, made one of his key tackles when Hoke was only one point ahead. When Ingram was trying for a first down with two yards to go on the Pinecrest 44, Ray broke through and stopped him for a 1-yard loss.

After Bethea made it 10-6 with his field goal, Ray threw Clark for a 9-yard loss when the Patriots were on the Hoke 27 with two minutes left in the game.

The Hoke defense as a whole frustrated an offense that was tops in the conference. Among other things, the Bucks forced Pinecrest into five turnovers, including the fumble that launched Hoke's touchdown drive.

After the game, Jones said Hoke High's Athlete of the Week was the entire football team.

He said that the defense had had to handle 65 to 70 plays per game before Pinecrest clash, but the offense moved the ball so well against the Patriots that the Hoke defense had to run through only 55 plays. Sharing the coach's strong

praise with Ray for defensive work was Lee McNeill, who made 14 tackles and two sacks.

Of the offense, he said the players executed "perfectly." Individually speaking, Jones said Dixon played his best ball game of the year.

"It was a total team effort," Jones said of the victory. The open date will give the team time to rest, though the players suffered only "bumps and bruises" in the Pinecrest contest, he said.

The next game for the Bucks will be the Hoke Homecoming clash October 29 with E.E. Smith of Cumberland County.

While Hoke was upsetting Pinecrest, Smith was whipping Lumberton at Lumberton, 28-13, coming from behind in the second half.

Hoke will play Lumberton November 5 in the Bucks' season closer. The game will be played at Lumberton. Smith will play Terry Sanford Friday night. Smith's win last weekend left Smith with 3-4 over-all and 2-1 conference records to date.

### The Pinecrest-Hoke statistics:

	H	P
First downs	9	13
Yds. rushing	60	165
Rushes	33	44
Yds. passing	116	74
Passes	14	16
Passes comp.	4	4
Passes inter. by	3	1
Punts	5	5
Yds. aver. punt	28	35
Fumbles	4	5
Fumbles lost	3	4
Penalties	7	7
Yds. lost penal.	65	68

## Honors Given At Blazers' Banquet

The members of the Hoke County Blazers semipro baseball team and their guests were honored Saturday evening at an Awards Banquet at the Hoke County Civic Center.

The Team Queen, Miss Wanda Tapscott, was announced at the banquet. She will serve for the 1983 baseball season. Miss Tapscott was awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Runnerup and Queen's Aide was Miss Kim Parker, who was presented gifts by Linda Reams, representing the Hoke County Semi-Pro Baseball Association.

Their selections were based on donations they obtained from sponsors for the benefit of the association.

Miss Tapscott will serve as Miss Hoke County Blazers in the Miss Tri-County Baseball League Contest on Saturday.

Playing members of the baseball team were presented with trophies as Tri-County League champions by Billy Jones, vice president of the association.

Mike Nieves won the trophies for Best Batting Average and Most Valuable Player. They were given

by Jimmie N. Conoly, vice president of the association and general manager of the Blazers, on behalf of the association.

Conoly was honored in special presentations made by John Howard, Blazers' club president.

Conoly received the Manager's Trophy for his over-all leadership of the team and the baseball program's successful first season. Joe Augustoni was recognized for his dedication as scorekeeper.

## Laurels Heaped On Teams, L. Slade

The Hoke High coaching staff, due to the unusual circumstances, broke precedent and nominated two entire teams as Male Athlete of the Week for October 11-15. Laurice Slade was nominated as Female Athlete of the Week.

The coaches nominated the Varsity Football Team and the Cross Country Team for their performances last week. The Cross-Country team won the Southeastern 4A Conference Championship last Wednesday in a meet at Scotland.

It was the first conference title ever for the Hoke Harriers. The Football team was nominated for its upset win over the 4th ranked Pinecrest Patriots on Friday Night.

Laurice Slade, a senior member of the volleyball team, was nominated as Female Athlete of the Week for her outstanding play in the match against Lumberton last week.

"Laurice may be one of the best spikers I had this year," Coach Melissa McGougan said.

"She has improved her game 100 percent since she first started as a sophomore. We had a tough time setting the ball against Lumberton, but when Laurice was given the set she scored on her spike. I will hate losing her next year," the coach added.

Laurice has been active in sports throughout her high school career. She has played volleyball for her Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. She played softball both her sophomore and junior years and was a member of the cheerleading squad her freshmen year.

Laurice has been active in many extracurricular activities including HOSA and DECA. She served as Miss DECA for 1981-82 and has served as a member of the Miss Homecoming Court for two years.

Laurice plans to attend modeling school in New York next year with a view to a future in fashion modeling. Laurice is the daughter of Ms. Algie L. Bratcher of 409 Wolley Street, Raeford.



Laurice Slade

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