

Sports



The future looks bright for the Hoke High Bucks after the strong finish this year. [Photo by Joe Gonzales]

JV Record, Season's End Shows

Future Of Hoke Football Promising

by Bill Lindau

Coach Tom Jones and Hoke High School's football fans and players, current and future, had a lot to cheer about the last two weeks of the 1982 football season, even though the varsity Bucks won only three of their 10 games. But the mark was the best in the past three seasons.

What there was to cheer about was the Bucks ended the season with a 24-0 victory over Lumberton Friday night at Lumberton.

And only eight days before then, the Buck JVs won the Southeastern Conference title in their league, defeating E.E. Smith's juniors, 20-0. The following Thursday, the JVs provided a preliminary victory air for the next night's varsity win by defeating the Pinecrest JVs 38-13 in a nonconference contest in the Hoke juniors' season finale.

Though Pinecrest also is in the conference, the match was non-conference because the Bucks and Pinecrest had met already in a conference game this season. That was on October 14 in Hoke Stadium, and the Hoke JVs won it, 49-6.

The victory last Thursday left the

Hoke JVs with an 8-2 record for the season.

Jones, looking at the future, said of his varsity's victory in the season's closing game, "Things are looking up. The kids came around."

The varsity's performance Friday night showed the further improvement the Bucks have been showing from game to game.

The JV performances also bode well for the future Buck varsities.

Jones said the seniors played well, and this season's leadership was provided by just nine seniors. Eighteen juniors started, and Jones said, "We'll be looking to the juniors to be leaders next year."

The departing seniors include Calvin Dixon (who scored twice against Lumberton), Lee McNeill, William Locklear, and Robert Moody. Of all nine seniors, Jones added, "We'll miss all of them."

The varsity finished the season with a conference record of 2-6. But one of the victories was the October 15 conference upset of unbeaten Pinecrest, 10-8.

The other was 9-6 over South View, in the second game of the season, when three other Buck touchdowns were called back. The

losses also included some respectable scores, like the 7-6 heart-breaker in the season's opener to Cape Fear, and 14-6 to E.E. Smith in the Hoke Homecoming contest the Friday night before the Lumberton clash.

Last year, in Jones's first as head coach following his return from Scotland County, the Buck varsity won one and lost nine, the same mark of the 1980 season, Coach Glenn Draughon's only one with Hoke.

In the season's final contest, Dixon scored half the touchdowns on runs of 10 and one yard.

Lowell Simmons scored the third on a three-yard run, and Mike McGill picked up a Lumberton fumble on the Lumberton one and ran it over for the final touchdown.

The Bucks scored a touchdown in each period.

The attempts to get the extra points failed -- a run on each of the first three touchdowns and a kick on the fourth.

The result left Lumberton with a 2-8 record for the season against all opponents and 0-6 in conference play.

On Monday, Lumberton's head coach, Edward Fasold, resigned

after serving through two seasons in which Lumberton won six and lost 14 games. Fasold came to Lumberton from the job of defense coordinator at Fike of Wilson. He is a University of Florida graduate and also had played at Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

At Lumberton, he replaced Paul Willoaghy, whose teams had won 27 and lost 23 in five seasons.

Hoke-Lumberton statistics:

	H	L
First downs	13	6
Rushes	43	25
Yds. rushing	249	95
Yds. passing	49	49
Passes att'd.	11	17
Passes compl.	4	4
Passes had interc.	1	0
Punts	3	1
Av. yds. punts	21	33
Fumbles	1	4
Fumbles lost	1	3
Penalties	8	10
Yds. lost penalties	100	75

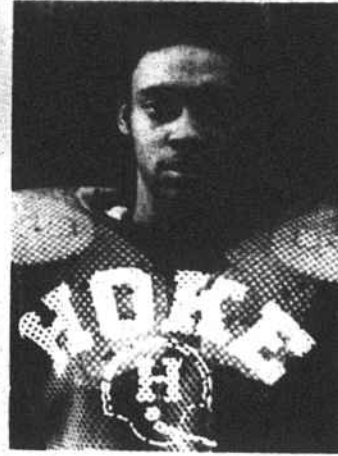
County Semi-Pro Ball To Hold Meeting Mon.

The Board of Directors of the Hoke County Semi-Pro Baseball Association has announced the plans for election of its 1983 officers.

Persons interested in becoming candidates for positions in the association should be present at a meeting to be held at the Hoke Co. Parks and Recreation Office, Elwood Ave., on Monday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. Team members or prospective team members should also plan to be present.

C. Dixon Named Athlete Of Week



The Hoke High Coaching Staff has named Calvin Dixon as Male Athlete of the Week for the week of November 1-5.

Calvin a 6', 175 pound senior running back on the Varsity Football team was tapped for the honor for his outstanding play in the 24-0 win over Lumberton on Friday night.

Calvin carried the ball 24 times for a total of 144 yards and scored two touchdowns to help clinch the Bucks' third win of the season.

"Calvin played the best game I have ever seen him play," said Coach Tom Jones.

"He did some tremendous running and his efforts helped our offense keep the ball and limited Lumberton's chances to score," he added.

Calvin called the victory a team effort and had high praise for his teammates.

"The team played a good game Friday night. The defense really played tough. They got the big turnovers and gave our offense a chance to show what they could do," Dixon said.

Calvin has played football all four years at Hoke High. He is also a member of the track team, competing in both the 100 meter dash and the 440 relay.

Calvin is a member of the Monogram Club and the Bus Driver's Club.

Upon graduation, Calvin plans to join the U.S. Air Force. He then plans to go to college either while in the Air Force or after completion of his tour of duty.

Calvin attends Laurel Hill Baptist Church and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Dixon of Route 1, Lumber Bridge.

Falcons Continue In Midget Lead

In the first game November 1, the Falcons defeated the Steelers 24-14. Matthew Billinger carried the ball six times for 129 yards and two touchdowns, and ran one interception back 30 yards for another touchdown.

George Morrison ran five times for 50 yards and 1 touchdown while Bobby Billinger, Mike Jacobs, Chris Long, Jack Lanier, and Earl Locklear were playing outstanding on offense and defense for the Falcons.

Ronald McNeill carried the ball five times for 134 yards and one touchdown and, with one minute remaining in the game, ran 55 yards for another touchdown. Both extra point attempts were good.

Tripp Wilson, Dale Locklear, Charles Leadford, Chris Locklear, and Jerome Dial all were outstanding players for the Steelers.

In the second game November 2, the Vikings defeated the Packers 6-0. The Vikings and the Packers were playing good offense and

defense. Neither team had scored until the last two minutes of the fourth quarter when Chris Clark threw a 40 yard pass to Anthony Monroe for a Viking touchdown.

Extra point attempt failed and the score was 6-0, with one minute remaining to be played in the game. The Packers fought back and tried to score but the Vikings held and time ran out.

Vikings got outstanding playing from Michael Morrissey, Jeff Lunsford, David L. Thomas, Mark Smith, Robert Strother, and John Richards while Guy Morris, Jeff Huffman, Terry Southerland, Lamont Blackshear, Curtis Baldwin, Rodney Sanders, Johnny Maynor, and Ron Parson were outstanding players for the Packers.

Standing

	W	L
1. Falcons	6	0
2. Packers	3	3
3. Vikings	2	4
4. Steelers	1	5

Safe Hunting Stressed

A man shoots at a movement in the brush and wounds his hunting partner. A boy tries to club a wounded rabbit with his shotgun and is badly hurt. A man is killed removing a loaded shotgun from his truck when the gun discharges.

"These are three typical examples of hunting accidents," said Winfield Rhyne, assistant chief of the Wildlife Commission's Division of Enforcement. "Although hunting is statistically a safe sport, there were eight fatal and 31 non-fatal hunting accidents in North Carolina last year. Most of these accidents had one thing in common - they could easily have been prevented."

Rhyne says that safe firearms handling and using common sense are the keys to safe hunting. Here are a few tips on how to have a safe trip:

—Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun. Be aware of what the muzzle is pointed at all times, and be sure the gun is never aimed at anyone. Also, keep the gun on "safety" until you are actually ready to shoot.

—Don't carry loaded firearms in vehicles, and keep firearms unloaded when you are not actually hunting.

—Wear blaze-orange clothing. This makes you more visible in thick cover and in poor light, especially in the early morning and late afternoon. Although blaze-orange clothing is commonly worn by deer hunters, small-game hunters should also consider its use. Blaze orange makes it much easier to keep track of companions when several hunters are working thick cover in close quarters.

—Unload firearms before crossing fences and other obstacles.

—Know your firearm. Know how it works, its range and capabilities.

—Be absolutely sure of your target before shooting. Also, be sure that buildings, roads, vehicles and other hunters aren't in the line of fire.

—Know the whereabouts of other members of your hunting party. The use of blaze-orange clothing is a great help.

—Don't drink alcohol before or during a hunt.

—If you are a newcomer to hunting, enroll in a hunter-safety course sponsored by the Wildlife Commission. Courses are available for young people and adults, and over 240,000 students have been trained in safe hunting since the program began.

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