

# Sports

## Buck Grapplers Capture 4A Crown

The Hoke High wrestling team mounted a 19 point edge Saturday to capture their first ever 4A Conference Tournament crown.

The team was paced in its victory over runner up Scotland County with three first place wins, two second places and four thirds.

The Bucks were lead in the scoring with wins by John Davis, Don Woods, Tyrone Jackson and Darryl Kelly.

Three Hoke wrestlers won their weight classes. They were Marvin Peguese, 122 pounds, Orlando McKinnon, 170 pounds, and Robert Moody at 198 pounds.

The wrestling team closed out its

regular season by defeating Lumberton 40-22 on Tuesday night.

The Bucks vaulted to a commanding 30-0 lead after the first 6 matches of the meet.

This was accomplished by three Buck wins and three forfeits by the Lumberton squad. In the 100 pound class, Billy Locklear ran his regular season record to 13-3 by decisioning his opponent from Lumberton. John Davis then pinned his man in the 107 pound division to grease the wheels of the "Big Red Machine."

In the 114, 121, and 128 pound classes, Hoke received forfeits by Don Woods, Marvin Peguese, and Tyrone Jackson. In the 134 pound

class, Ricky Allen then pushed Hoke's lead to an unsurmountable 30-0 lead by winning his match by a decision.

Lumberton edged by to a score of 30-16 by winning the middleweight divisions. These divisions have been Coach Jack Southern's cross-to-bear all year as they have not contributed many points to the Hoke victories.

The Buck's as usual, closed the match out with victories in the 187

pound division by Darrell Kelly and a pin by Robert Moody in the 197 pound class. Moody, the undisputed leader of the team, pushed his regular season record to 15-2 with this pin.

The final score of 40-22 pushed the Buck's conference record to 5-1 for the season. This mark provided the impetus and confidence that Coach Southern feels his team had as they entered the conference tournament.



Delanita Pridgen

## Pridgen, Wrestlers Named Stars of Week

Delanita Pridgen has been named as Female Athlete of the Week and the members of the wrestling team were honored as Male Co-Athletes of the Week for the week of January 31-February 4 by the Hoke High coaching staff.

The wrestling team was nominated for its success in the Southeastern 4A Conference Tournament last week. The Bucks won the Conference Championship at the meet held last Saturday at Terry Sanford.

The team had three individual champions, two 2nd places, and four 3rd places to defeat runner-up Scotland County for the team title by a score of 156-137.

Delanita Pridgen, a 5'5" swing guard for the Girl's Varsity Basketball Team, was named Female Athlete of the Week for her performances in last week's games against Lumberton and Terry Sanford.

Last Tuesday night, Delanita helped lead her team to a 79-74 victory over rival Lumberton by scor-

ing a personal high 28 points.

In the 55-47 Hoke victory over Terry Sanford on Friday night, Dela scored 11 points to help insure the Lady Bucks victory.

Dela is in the midst of her third year in competitive basketball. She played on the eighth grade team as well as on the 9th grade team last year.

Outside of sports, Dela is very active in other school and community activities. She is a member of the FHA club at school. She is very active in her church, Buffalo Springs Baptist Church, where she is in the choir, a member of the Usher Board and a member of the BTU. Dela's main hobbies include bike riding, running, music and dancing.

Upon completion of high school, Dela plans to attend technical school to further her education. She plans to receive a degree leading to a career in the field of computer technology.

Dela is the daughter of Ms. Bessie Mack of Route 3, Raeford.

## Hoke Runners Win In Georgia, SC Races

Members of the IEA Road Runners won awards in two races this weekend.

The first race was the Kappa Alpha Run held at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. on Saturday, February 5th. The Run consisted of a 1 mile race and a 5K (3.1 mile) race.

In the 1 mile race, in which there were 72 runners, the Road Runners entered 7 runners.

The order of finish for the IEA team was as follows: Ronnie E. Locklear finished 5th with a time of 5:43; Donnie Henderson finished 10th with a time of 5:56; Marty Locklear finished 13th in a time of 6:04; Keith Locklear finished 14th in a time of 6:13; Henry McMillan finished 15th in a time of 6:14; Ivory Henderson finished 16th in a time of 6:18; and Robert Locklear finished 20th in a time of 6:28.

In the 5K race the Road Runners had three entries in the 16 and under age division. Robert Lambert placed 2nd in this division in a time of 17:46. Allen Jacobs placed 3rd in a time of 18:23 and

Robert Jacobs placed 4th in a time of 19:24.

On Sunday the Road Runners ran in the Burger King Road Races in Toccoa, Georgia. The races consisted of a 1 mile and a three mile race.

In the 1 mile race, Keith Locklear placed 2nd in a time of 5:53. Marty Locklear placed 3rd in a time of 5:54. Robert Locklear finished 4th in a time of 6:05. Donnie Henderson finished 5th in a time of 6:06 and David Jacobs finished 6th in a time of 6:07.

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