

# Sports

## Bucks Played Well, Laney Loss Tough

By Sherry Matthews

The Hoke High Bucks went out with a fight even though they were eliminated by Wilmington Laney in the first round of the state 4-A playoff games by a score of 73-62.

"We played hard, but we got behind early and that changed what we planned to do," Hoke High Coach Ron Parsons said.

Once the Bucks got behind, that is where they stayed although they fought hard to close the margin.

The closest Hoke High came was the eight point halftime margin.

"We never were allowed to play in the zone, the way we had planned and that did not help us any," Coach Parsons said.

Even with the loss, Coach Parsons was very proud of his team overall.

"I am very happy with our overall season, and we can honestly say we accomplished our two main goals, winning the conference title and going to the playoffs," Parsons said.

Looking ahead to next season, Parson feels pretty confident.

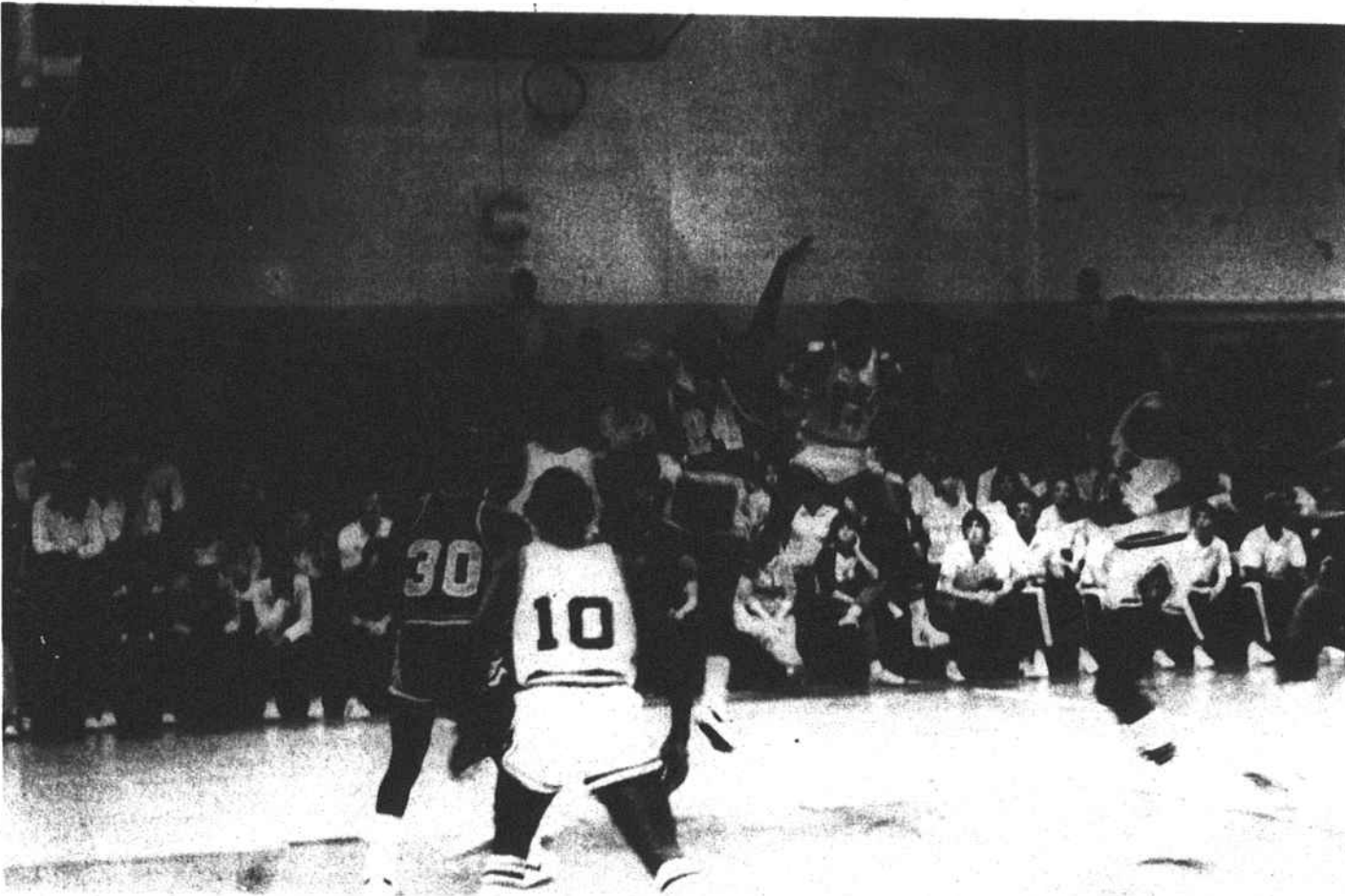
Seven players from this year's squad will be returning next season, and Parsons believes he'll have another good team to work with.

Greg Hollingsworth, who is a senior at Hoke High, has been looked over by several colleges for a possible scholarship, but he has made no commitment yet, Parsons said.

Chowan, Mt. Olive, Pembroke and Atlantic Christian College all have shown interests in Hollingsworth. The offers probably will continue to come in because the deadline isn't until April 15, Parsons added.

Freddy McLean, another senior on the team, will more than likely attend Southeastern College, Parsons said.

Scorers for the Bucks final game were: Hollingsworth 28, McLauren 6, McRae 5, Easterling 8, McLean 7, McDuffie, Peguese 2, Galbreath 2, Pickett 2.



**FIGHT TIL THE END:** Greg Hollingsworth (14) struggles for the ball against a Wilmington Laney player in an effort to pull his team's score to a closer range.

### DeVane, House Team Take On PSU Faculty

On Wednesday, March 23, a benefit basketball game between members of the North Carolina House of Representatives and the Pembroke State University faculty will be played at 8 p.m. in PSU's English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center.

Proceeds from the game will go into PSU's TV Project.

Rep. Daniel DeVane of Raeford was instrumental in having such a game. He is a member of a legislators' team which each year plays the faculty of N.C. State University.

Writing to Dr. Matt Morrison, director of PSU's radio and TV communications, DeVane said: "As a member of the N.C. House of Representatives basketball team, I think a game with your faculty would create a lot of interest."

Tickets to the benefit game are \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

The PSU TV project at last report had \$15,404 in cash toward the \$55,479 needed in matching funds to qualify for \$145,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce. However, the TV Project also has pledges amounting to \$22,370.



**Eagles Readying --** Members of the Upchurch Junior High School baseball team are getting ready for the season opener against Hamlet on Friday. The Eagles play Hamlet in Hamlet, but will play the same team here on Tuesday. The Upchurch boys will also play this schedule: March 18, Hamlet, Away, March 22, Hamlet, Home, March 24, Anson, Away, March 31, Anson, Home, April 14, Irwin, Away, April 19, Edgewood, Away, April 21, Hillcrest, Home, April 26, Irwin, Home, April 28, Edgewood, Home, May 3, Hillcrest, Away, May 5, Irwin, Away, May 10, Edgewood, Away, May 12, Hillcrest, Home.

### McMillan Hits 1,000 Points In UNC-W Play

Former Hoke County standout Sharon McMillan became only the second 1,000-point scorer in UNC-Wilmington women's basketball history during the recently concluded 1982-83 season.

McMillan, a swing player who plays both guard and forward for the Lady Seahawks, scored her 1,000th point on February 23rd in a 74-67 loss to East Carolina here.

After missing the first seven games of the 82-83 season, for

academic reasons, the 5'8 junior started slowly in early January but came on to hit double figures in nine of UNCW's last 11 games. She netted a season-high of 29 points in a 101-79 win over St. Augustine's in Mid-February.

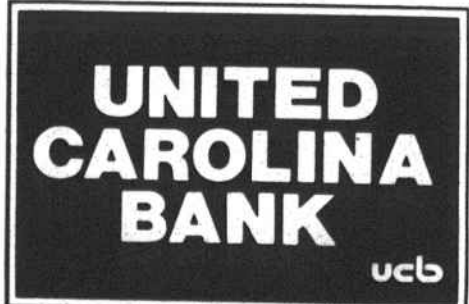
The quick-handed McMillan was particularly effective in the year's final four outings, averaging 20 points, five assists and five steals per game during that stretch. "Sharon is a superb all-around

athlete, but even she had some difficulty after missing the preseason and first few games," UNCW coach Marilyn Christoph says. "But once she got it going, she was outstanding."

McMillan finished the season with averages of 12 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. Despite playing in just 18 of UNCW's 25 contests, she was second on the squad in both assists, 60, and steals, 45.

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