

Sports

Bucks End Season, Head For Tourney

The Hoke High Varsity Bucks finished regular season play last week with an 11-11 season record and a 6-8 conference record.

The varsity basketball squad placed fifth in the conference and takes on Lumberton Tuesday night in the first round of 4-A conference play.

"I feel real good about the game against Lumberton," Head Coach Greg Killingsworth said.

"We had one of the best practices we have had all year Monday night. I think that is a good sign," he added.

Although Killingsworth is "optimistic" about his squads chances of defeating Lumberton, the Hoke Bucks lost to the same opponents during home court action last Friday night.

The Lumberton team came from behind Friday night to down the Bucks by 19 points.

"It was hard for us. It was our last home game of the season," Killingsworth said.

The Bucks, who started all their senior players during the first quarter, came off the bench "hot."

"We had a 21-13 lead in the first quarter and a 37-33 lead at the half," Killingsworth said.

"We did the same thing we have been doing all year long...we relaxed for a second and the ballgame got turned around," he added.

According to the head coach, a "real bad lapse" in the third quarter gave the Lumberton team an advantage that they "capitalized on."

"We let them back in the ballgame and then we got in foul trouble," Killingsworth said.

"After that, they took us out of the game real quick," he added.

"We had to change to their game plan," the head coach noted.

Despite the 76-57 loss, Killingsworth said his team was prepared for the rematch.

"They were really fired up during our practice," Killingsworth said.

"I am pretty confident about this game."

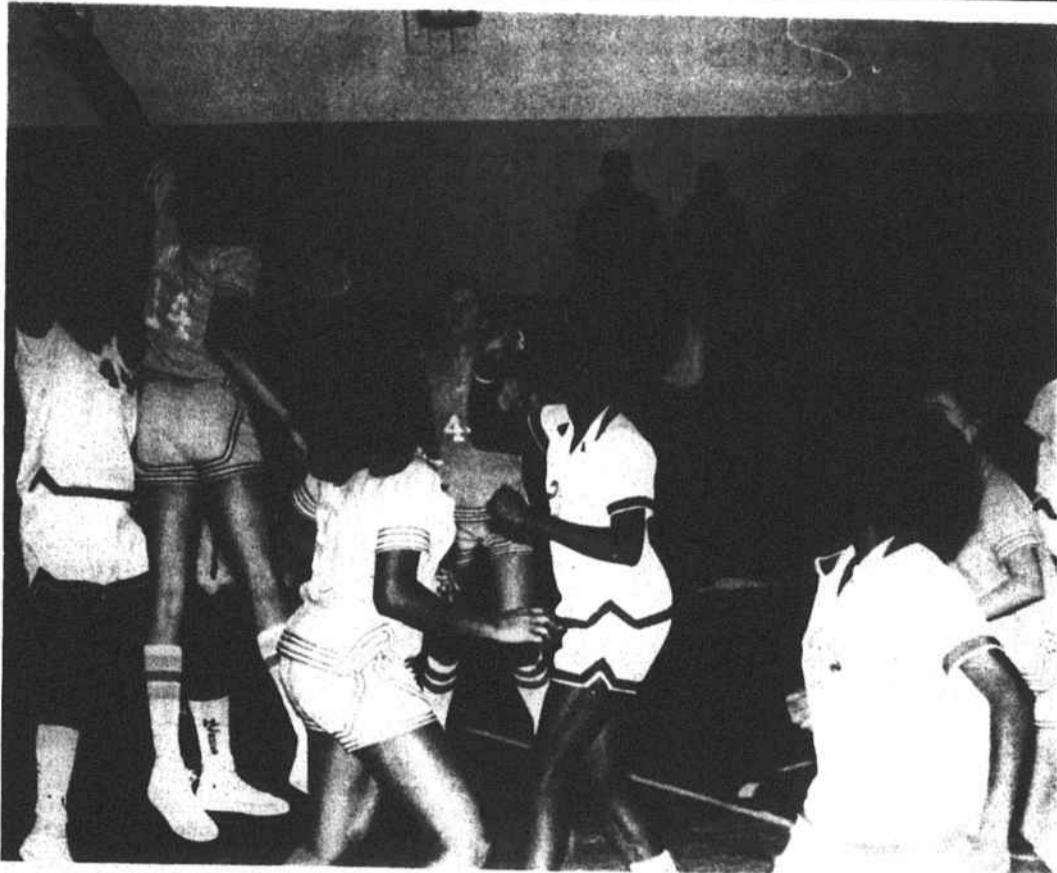
Although the Bucks lost their final home game last Friday night, they did pull off a 50-47 victory during play last Tuesday night against West Robeson.

"Our boys came through splendidly during the game," Killingsworth said.

Again, Killingsworth admits that the game was won from the free throw line.

"The boys came through when it was needed the most. The final score proves that," Killingsworth said.

Buck player Tony McRae was lead scorer with 13 points while Barriett Easterling added 12.



Battling conference

Members of the Hoke High girls varsity squad battle here for the ball during a recent home game. The Lady Bucks finished the regular season with an overall record of 17-6 and a conference record of 11 wins and

three losses. The team will enter the second of the conference on Wednesday night against Lumberton in Raeford. The girls took E.E. Smith on Monday night 57-35.

RoadRunners Take Title In SC Race

The IEA RoadRunners captured the team championship in the first Annual President's Run in Marion, South Carolina on Saturday.

The run was a 4K (3.1 mile) race. The three RoadRunners who comprised the IEA team was Don Woods, Robert Lambert and Marty Locklear.

The team title was decided by adding the finish place numbers of the team members with the lowest total winning the title.

The RoadRunners also won two individual awards in this race.

In the 18 and under age division, Don Woods took second place in a time of 16:44. Don placed sixth overall in a field of 114 runners.

In the same age division, Robert Lambert took the third place award by clocking in in a time of 17:10 for a 10th place finish overall.

Marty Locklear placed fourth in the age division in a time of 17:52 for a 19th place finish overall.

In the one mile run, the RoadRunners had two runners to compete.

Ivory Henderson placed sixth by clocking in in a time of 5:36.

Ray Godwin placed eighth in a time of 5:59.

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Foursome vs. Auto Parts

STANDINGS

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Auto Parts	67	29
Towne Barber Shop	62½	33½
Hollingsworth Bus Co.	54½	41½

Strikers	51	45
Foursome	28	68
Seventy-Five	24	72

Lady Bucks Head For Tourney

The Hoke High girls' varsity basketball team, ranked second in regular conference play, advanced to the second round of the ladies' 4-A finals Monday night with a win over E.E. Smith.

The lady Bucks captured an easy win over their opponents, taking the win 57-35.

"I think we are getting better," Head Coach Audrey Long said.

"We were in a slump for a while but I think we are getting back on track," she added.

The girls' team advanced to conference play after putting two more regular season wins under their belt last week.

In a game last Tuesday, the lady Bucks outscored their West Robeson opponents by 10 points, winning the game 50-40.

Del Pridden and Sheila Southerland were high scorers with 14 points each. Teammate Brenda Melvin added 12 points to round out the top scoring for the lady Bucks.

Friday's game, although a tighter race, put the lady Bucks on top once again as they drove past Lumberton 63-59.

Toni Rheames and Del Pridden topped the scorers with a game high of 17 points each.

Buck player Brenda Melvin added 12 points while Sheila Southerland scored 11 to round out top scorers for the Hoke team.

The lady Bucks, who are 17-6 overall and 11-3 in conference play, will host Lumberton

Wednesday night in the second round of tournament play.

"I think there is a good possibility that we can go all the way," Long said.

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