

Sports

2nd half letdown kills girls hopes

A second half letdown resulted in the Hoke High Girls Basketball team's loss in the State Tournament semi-finals last week, the coach said Monday.

The Hoke girls were winning that game until late in the third quarter, but ended up losing to Cary by 10 points.

"We just didn't play ball the second half," Hoke Head Coach Audrey Long said.

"Shots wouldn't fall and there was no rebounding," she said.

The final score of the game was Cary 66, Hoke County 56.

At half-time, the ladies were up by six points with a score of 30-24.

Although disappointed that the girls did not win the game, Coach Long is still proud of her team.

"They did well to get (to the semi-finals)," Long said.

"They beat some good teams to get there."

Hoke ended the season with a 24-3 overall record with two of those losses being to last year's state champions, Reid Ross.

The Bucks were led by Del Pridgen who popped the nets for 19 points.

Following behind closely was Sheila Southerland who scored 12.

According to Long, next year will be one of rebuilding for the girls.

"All of this year's front five are gone," she said.

"But, Hoke shouldn't be so bad next year."

There will be some strong forwards on the team and there were some dedicated guards on the bench this season, Long said.

"There was a lot of talent on the bench," she said.

Next year may be the one that sees Hoke County bring home a state crown.

Bucks capture two

The Hoke County Bucks Baseball team is playing up to potential now as they won two games last week.

On March 12, the Bucks played South View and emerged winners by two runs, 6-4.

The winning pitcher in that game was Larry McMillian who now has a record of 2-2.

Leading hitters in that game were Benji Harrel who went two for three and popped two singles, Charles Douglas batting one for three with a homerun and two RBI's, Elgin Blue who hit two for four with two doubles and one RBI and Jimmy Barefoot who went two for five with two singles, according to Head Coach Roger Edwards.

In another game on last Friday, pitcher Brian Norris threw a no hitter and struck out 17 batters.

Norris was also one of the leading hitters in a game against Red Springs that ended 3-0.

Norris batted one for three in the game.

Along with the pitcher was Larry McMillian who went one for three with a homerun and one RBI.

Elgin Blue also showed colors in the game batting two for three with two doubles and two RBI's.

"The Hoke County boys are off to a good start this year and are playing good ball," said Coach Edwards.

Hoke's record now stands at 3-2.

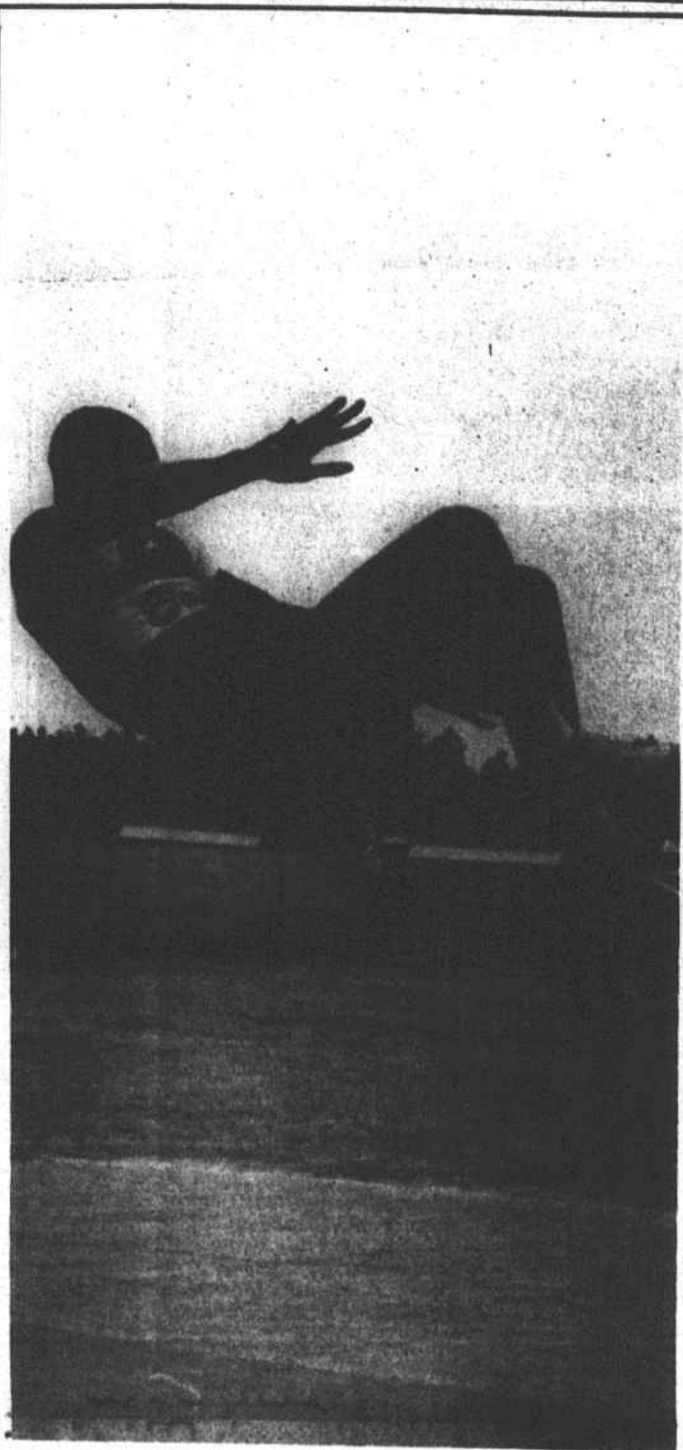
For those who may wish to attend home games, action starts at 4 p.m.

McNatt completes communications training course.

Pvt. David E. McNatt, son of Shirley L. and Leroy McNatt of Rural Route 3, Raeford, has completed the tactical communications systems course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

During the course, students were taught basic electronics, receiver and transmitter repair for tactical communications.

He is a 1984 graduate of Hoke County High School.



Over the top
Hoke High Bucks high jumper Johnny Allbrooks clears the bar during recent track action at the school.

Recreation Bits

Bambino and Babe Ruth baseball sign-ups
The Recreation Department will sign up participants for the Bambino Baseball League (10-12) and the Babe Ruth baseball league (13-15) beginning March 25. Sign-ups will take place on March 25-28 (Monday-Thursday), April 3-4 (Wednesday-Thursday) and April 9-10 (Tuesday-Wednesday) from 4:30-6 at Armory Park. To be eligible to play BAMBINO BASEBALL - players must turn 13 on or after August 1 OR turn 10 on or before August 1. To be eligible to play BABE RUTH BASEBALL - players must turn 16 on or after August 1 OR turn 13 on or before August 1.

FEES: Bambino - All players that participated in the 1984 Baseball League (either T-ball or Bambino) must bring \$2 to cover registration. Those WHO DID NOT play in the 1984 season must bring \$3 to cover registration, AND bring your BIRTH CERTIFICATE before being allowed to sign up.

Babe Ruth - All players that participated in the 1984 Baseball League (either Bambino or Babe Ruth) must bring \$4 to cover registration. Those WHO DID NOT play in the 1984 season must bring \$5 to cover registration, AND a BIRTH CERTIFICATE before being allowed to sign up.

Bambino baseball coaches meeting
There will be a meeting for all interested Bambino baseball (10-12) coaches in the Recreation Office on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. For more information, please call 875-4035.

Babe Ruth baseball coaches meeting
There will be a meeting for all interested Babe Ruth baseball (13-15) coaches in the Recreation Office on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. You are encouraged to bring your ideas and suggestions.

Men's softball meeting
An organizational meeting for those interested in playing in the Men's Softball League will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Office. All interested teams should have a representative present. Rules and regulations will be discussed. For additional information, call 5-4035.

Senior Citizens
Come on out senior citizens! Mark Wednesday, March 27 on your calendar. EVENT - bingo and refreshments. LOCATION - the Lester Building (Agricultural Extension Building) from 2-4. No charge.

Women's volleyball

March 18:

Heritage Federal	Cato's 15-11, 15-12
United Carolina Bank	Spam & Company 15-3, 15-8
United Carolina Bank	Southern National Bank 15-4, 15-8
Fat Girls	Spam & Company 12-15, 15-12, 15-13

Standings	W	L
1. UCB	8	0
2. Fat Girls	6	2
3. Heritage Fed.	5	3
4. Spam & Company	3	5
5. Cato's	2	6
6. SNB	0	8

Merchants Bowling League

TOP BOWLERS	Strikers 3	Crazy Four 1
Larry McDonald - 173	T.J.B.'s 3	
Ron Pickett - 171	Raeford No. 1's 2	
James Nixon - 171	Medicine Shoppe 2	
George McKoy - 166		
Lenon Ransom - 164		
Marion Hollingsworth - 163		
Zeke Wiggins - 161		
Glenn Thompkins - 161		
James Singletary - 159		
Willie Morrison - 157		
Leroy Hobbs - 157		
Jerry Gore - 157		

200+ AND HIGH SERIES

Dale Patterson - 202	Medicine Shoppe	83 1/2	28 1/2
Michael Updike - 213	Towne Barber Shop	67	45
Ardell Southerland - 212	Strikers	66	46
James Singletary - 546 Series	Hollingsworth Bus Co.	64	48

RESULTS

Towne Barber Shop 1 Foursome 3	Raeford No. 1's	59	53
Hollingsworth Bus Co. 1	Foursome	41	71
	T.J.B.'s	41	71
	Crazy Four	27 1/2	84 1/2

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