

Sports

9th grade girls compile 4-1 mark

The Hoke High Ninth Grade Girls' Softball Team now stands with a record of 4-1, but Coach Spencer Sampson says the girls still need work.

"Our defense is improving but we need more consistency," Sampson said.

"We play well for a few innings then we play bad. Our pitching has to keep improving and hitting is spotty, but we are getting better," the coach said.

Last Wednesday, the girls defended their record against a team from East Lee.

The ninth grade girls won that game 14-8.

The day before, on April 2, the girls sent a well defeated E.E. Smith team home to tell of a score of 32-10.

"It was a fine hitting performance by the team," Sampson said.

"Better defense will be one of our main areas of improvement," said the coach.



Winning season

The Hoke County High School Girls Ninth Grade Softball Team is having a winning season. Defeating teams by 20 points or more, the girls now stand at 4-1. Shown is the team. They are: (Bottom row) S. Holland, -R. Oxendine, V. Headen, S. Bullard, T. Stephenson, B. Doby and R. Harden. (Top row) Coach Spencer Sampson, J. Locklear, M. Bailey, C. Jones, C. Parker, J. Goins and T. Havis.

In that game, Mary Bailey, Janie Locklear, Bonita Doby, Jackie Goins and Claudette Jones contributed fine hitting statistics to pace the team's 32 run scoring spree, said Sampson.

The Varsity Softball Team was not as successful as their younger

counterparts last week and they lost one last Tuesday to Pinecrest 19-2 and another last Friday to West Robeson 15-14.

Of last Tuesday's game, Coach Cheryl Farmer said: "Pinecrest has a well-rounded team with a lot of experienced athletes. We won't begin to win more games until I find the 10 girls who want to execute softball fundamentals and plays and reduce the number of errors. In this game alone we had 11 errors. You can't expect to win games like this. Also, the girls must start hitting the ball and getting baserunners into scoring position."

The varsity girls now hold a record of 2-8 overall and 2-3 in the conference.

The Hoke High Bucks lost their game with Pinecrest last Tuesday 1-0.

Pitcher Brian Norris gave up only two hits in that game according to Coach Roger Edwards.

The Hoke County Girls Track Team placed three ladies on the winning platform in a track meet at Richmond County last Wednesday.

Tony Rheames placed first in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash.

Rheames also placed second in the long jump and third in the 400 meters.

Rose Stevens placed second in the 300 meter low hurdles and Mable Oxendine placed fifth in the discus and in the shot put.

According to Coach Audrey Long, the team is very young.

There are 20 freshmen, 10 sophomores, seven juniors and two seniors on the team, Long said.

"This year is building. We have a lot of good talent. They work hard and with more time should develop into a good team," Long said.

Merchants Bowling League

TOP BOWLERS

Larry McDonald - 172
James Nixon - 170
Ron Pickett - 169
Ardell Leggett - 166
George McKoy - 166
Lenon Ransom - 164
Marion Hollingsworth - 164
Zeke Wiggins - 161
Glenn Thompkins - 161
James Singletary - 159

Foursome 2

Hollingsworth Bus Co. 2
Medicine Shoppe 4 Crazy Four 0
Raeford No. 1's 4 T.J.B.'s 0

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 11

Hollingsworth Bus Co. vs. Raeford No. 1's
Medicine Shoppe vs. Strikers
Foursome vs. T.J.B.'s
Towne Barber Shop vs. Crazy Four

STANDINGS

	W	L
Medicine Shoppe	90½	33½
Strikers	75	49
Towne Barber Shop	72	52
Hollingsworth Bus Co.	70	54
Raeford No. 1's	69	55
T.J.B.'s	46	78
Foursome	45	79
Crazy Four	29½	94½

RESULTS

Towne Barber Shop 1 Strikers 3

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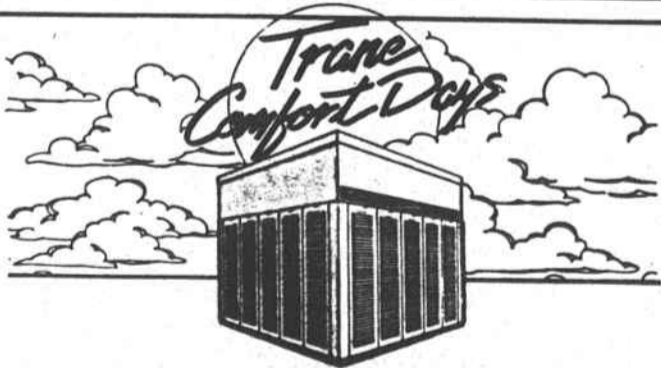
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Recreation Bits

Bambino and Babe Ruth baseball sign-ups

The Recreation Department is currently signing up participants for the Bambino Baseball League (10-12) and the Babe Ruth baseball league (13-15) on April 10 from 4:30-6:00 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.

FEEES: BAMBINO - All players that participated in the 1984 Baseball League (either T-ball or Bambino) must bring \$2 to cover insurance. Those WHO DID NOT play in 1984 must bring \$3 to cover insurance and I.D. Card, PLUS your BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

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

Bambino 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 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.

Bingo

There will be an afternoon of bingo and refreshments for all Hoke County Senior Citizens on April 24 at 2 p.m. in the Lester Building (Agricultural Extension Building). No charge.

Karate

Are you 7 years or older and interested in learning the martial arts? Tae Kwon Do Karate classes are being held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:30-7 p.m. in the building above Howell's Drug Store on Main Street. Instruction costs \$20 per month PLUS a yearly insurance fee of \$12 (ages 18 & up) or \$6 (ages 17 & under). The course is being taught by Anthony Freeman and Mackey McDonald. Call the Recreation Department at 5-4035 or Mackey at 5-2204 for more information.



Men's Softball

The Recreation Department is offering a Men's Softball League for all interested males ages 16-up.

If you are interested in either submitting a team in the league or just playing yourself, contact the Recreation Office at 5-4035. The season is set to start May 7 at Armory Park. Deadline for entering a team is Friday, April 26, 5:00 p.m. at the Recreation Office.

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