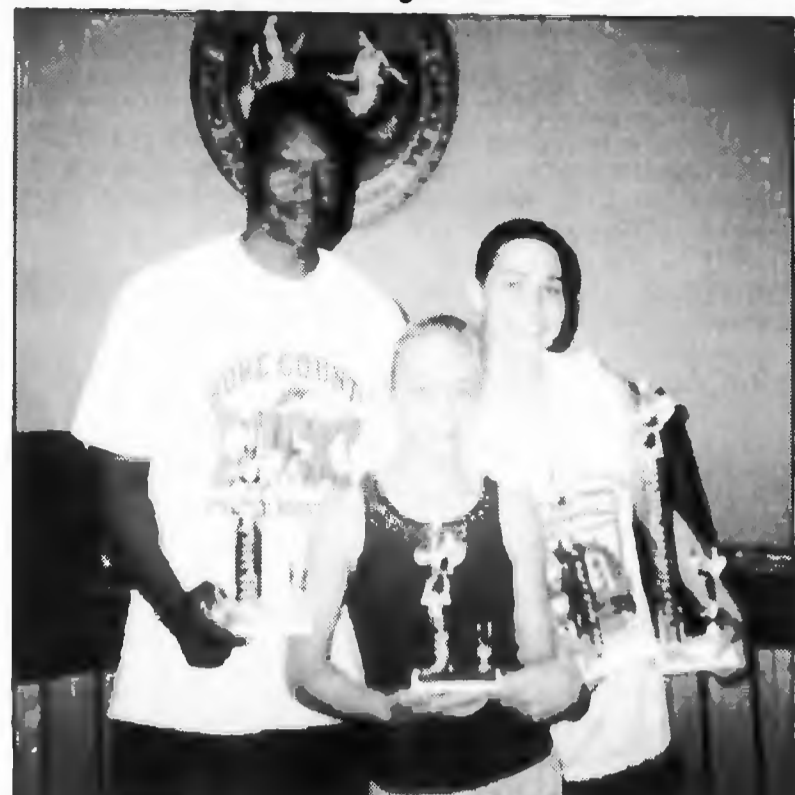


SPORTS

Hoke High runners win at turkey festival



Shown, from left, are CSM Maj. Paul D. McPherson, Randi Notestine, and Christina McNamara winning competitors in the turkey festival.

Hoke High cross-country team coach Command Sgt. Maj. Paul D. McPherson set an example for team members to follow during the 18th Annual N.C. Turkey Festival road races.

McPherson won second place in his age group, males over 50 years of age.

However, one of his students bested McPherson. Cross-country team

member Christina McNamara won first place overall in the Turkey Trot Road Race in the age group of 19 and below.

A cadet in the JROTC program at Hoke High, McNamara also placed second in her age group.

Winning third place in age group 19 and below for females was Randi Notestine, who is also a JROTC cadet at Hoke High on the cross-country team.

Soccer team takes Westover

The Hoke County varsity soccer team defeated the Westover Wolverines in Fayetteville, 4-3 Monday, October 7. This win represents the third conference victory for the Bucks this season.

Westover opened the scoring with a goal from Richard Ramos in the 14th minute. Hoke answered immediately as Elias Salazar responded with a goal for the Bucks two minutes later. From this early flurry, the game settled into a defensive contest for the rest of the first half, remaining tied 1-1.

After the intermission, Ramos scored again for the Wolverines in the 50th minute to give Westover a 2-1 lead. Christopher Matesevac boosted Westover's lead to 3-1 with a goal at 60 minutes.

However, the Bucks would not be denied. Elias Salazar scored in the 63rd minute to bring Hoke to within one goal, 3-2. Matt Kreider brought the Bucks even at 3-3 two minutes later with his first goal of the year.

Elias Salazar scored the go-ahead for Hoke with approximately four minutes left in the game. From there, the defense was able to contain the Wolverines to seal the victory.

On Wednesday October 2, in Raz Autry Stadium the Hoke County High School varsity soccer team lost in a close match to Jack Britt 4-1. Hoke County scored first with a goal from Elias Salazar in the eighth minute to take the early lead at 1-0. Jack Britt

Westover falls to Bucks

By JOE MOSSO
Sports writer

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The Hoke County Fight Bucks varsity football team defeated Westover 24-14 to win last Friday night's homecoming game.

After their upset of Jack Britt a week earlier, Coach Bryant said, "We were flat the whole game. The team was flat at practice on Monday and Tuesday before a decent practice on Wednesday."

The Bucks were able to score only seven points in the first half, the lowest first half total of the year for them. That score came after a Westover failed punt giving the Bucks the ball on the Westover 13-yard line. Two plays later Hoke's Derrick Hill scored on a one-yard touchdown run, and Tion Hines added the extra point for a 7-0 lead for the Bucks.

Westover was able to tie the score in the second quarter for a 7 all tie at the half.

The Bucks were able to come out in the third quarter and score 10 points to lead 17-7 after three quarters of

play. Hoke's Derrick Hill was able to score on an 18-yard end around run ending a 4-play 1:40 drive. Hines added the extra point to give the Bucks a 14-7 lead. Tion Hines added a field goal with 1:45 left in the third quarter to extend the Bucks lead to 10.

Hoke's C.J. Gaddis added an assurance touchdown with 7:01 left in the game, the score was a 18-yard run, and with Hines' extra point the Bucks led 24-7.

Westover was able to mount a small comeback scoring a touchdown with 5:57 left in the game. That was as close as Westover could get as the Bucks' defense shut down the opposing offense late in the game for the second week in a row.

The Bucks improve to 2-0 in the Mid-Southeastern conference and 5-1 overall.

The Bucks will travel to Pinehurst to play Pinecrest this Friday night at 7:30.

Roland Buie led the Bucks with 14 carries for 117 yards, while Derrick Hill added two touchdowns. C.J. Gaddis one touchdown and Tion Hill a field goal and three extra points.



Hokes' Roland Buie #5 cut back to gain a few extra yards against Westover.

Other Hoke football scores:
Junior varsity
Hoke 28, Westover 0

Middle school
East Hoke 12, Hamlet 38
West Hoke 34, Anson Orange 0

Flora Macdonald net minders find success through determination

By JOEL BEACHUM

It has been all about a season of progress for the seven members of the Flora Macdonald Lady Cougars volleyball team. From the summer with volleyball camp to an 11-12 start, FMA has taken all of the needed steps to find success in 2002.

Those steps include playing with intensity and drive showing no let-up even if they have been down in a match. The most important aspects to remember, as a coach once said, are "always play with intensity and excellence." Those are the driving forces behind winning.

Among the winning 12-2 start was a nine-match, non-conference winning streak over South Robeson, Avalon Academy, Village Christian (twice), Riverside Christian (twice), Word of God and Harrells Christian.

The first loss in Southeastern Independent Conference play game at home against SEIC rival Northwood Temple Academy (10-0, 3-0 SEIC) by a 3-1 score. Final game scores were. It was just the second game loss suffered by the Lady Eagles. The other came against Fayetteville Christian.

Amy McNeill led the Lady Cougars in the loss with 15 service points. Sophomore middle hitter Megan Maag contributed 10 points off of serve.

The losing streak went by fast, as the Lady Cougars rebounded for a 3-0 victory over Waccamaw Academy Tuesday on the road. Final game scores were 25-10, 25-6 and 25-10. It was a senior-led win when defensive play Megan Shemenski tallied 20 service points. McNeill added 10 more in the win.

McNeill currently leads the team and is among the top conference leaders in service points with 34 in two games.

In a contest last Thursday with Cape Fear Christian Academy, the Lady Cougars won 3-0 taking the games, 25-23, 25-18 and 25-16.

McNeill led the team with 17 service points. Sara McNeill finished with 14 service points. Both Kayla Currie and Megan Maag added 213 points off of serve.

Junior setter Sophie Duncan leads the team overall and leads the conference in service points with 220 for the season. McNeill is second on the team in points from serve with 148. Senior S. McNeill is third on the team in service points with 141. Shemenski is fourth in points with 129. A fifth player, Maag broke the 100-point mark with 110 through the first 14 games.

"In the beginning I didn't think any of us thought that we'd get this

far, but it has been a great experience winning all of those games and even losing the two that we did. We've learned from our losses and after each, we have proven to still be a strong team with much talent and athleticism," Duncan said about the season. "We only have a few remaining games left to play and we are confident in ourselves and our teammates, that we will finish the season strong with a playoff berth at hand."

"I also think, if we finish our regu-

lar season the way we want and with the confidence we have, we will have a good chance in the state playoffs."

Two conference games remain with a re-match with Waccamaw on Thursday at 4 p.m. and a battle with Cape Fear Christian Academy the following Tuesday at home at 4 p.m.

Season stats
Service points: Sophie Duncan, 220; Amy McNeill, 148; Sara McNeill, 141; Megan Shemenski, 129; Megan Maag, 110

Edwards' winning streak falters

By JOE MOSSO
Sports writer

Fayetteville Motorsports Park held a Wednesday night race last week to make up for the four weeks of rain-outs.

Hank Edwards, driving the Fredricks Motorsports Chevy Monte, came up one position short finishing second behind Travis Hair of Red Springs in the Late Model division. The win by Hair stopped Edwards' four-race winning streak.

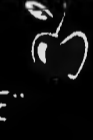
The top five:

Super Street
Doodle Hucks, 2. Josh Williams, 3. Shaun Harrell, 4. Larry Willis, 5. Bob Swinson

Late Model
Travis Hair, 2. Hank Edwards, 3. Jeffrey Tyndall, 4. Lance West, 5. Chris Blackwell

Open Wheel Modified
Tim Clendenin, 2. Jerry Johnson Sr., 3. Chuck Jackson, 4. Ricky Boahn, 5. Craig Shuffield

Pure Stock
Billy Shaw, 2. Jerry Johnson Jr., 3. Junior Clark, 4. Scott Patterson, 5. Jonathan Hardee

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION


A GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA on Tuesday, November 5th, 2002 to elect the following:

United States Senator
United States Member of Congress (8th District)
Associate Justices of North Carolina Supreme Court
Judges of Court of Appeals
State Senator (30th District)
State Representatives (46th, 47th and 48th Districts)
Judicial Offices (District 16-A)
County Offices:

- Clerk of Superior Court
- County Commissioners (3)
- Sheriff
- Coroner
- Board of Education (3 members)
- Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors (2) and
- Constitutional Amendment: State Nature and Historic Preserve

All Voters registered with the Hoke County Board of Elections are eligible to vote in the General Election. Residents of the county who are not registered to vote must register by Friday, October 11th, 2002, to be eligible to vote in the General Election. The books will be open until October 11th, 2002, at which time they will close for the purpose of the election. Absentee Voting by Mail will begin on Tuesday, October 1st, 2002; and the deadline for applying by mail is Tuesday, October 29th, 2002. Absentee One-stop Voting will begin on Thursday, October 17th, and will continue from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday, until 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 2nd, 2002. The polls will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm on election day at all polling places in Hoke County.

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