

# SPORTS

## Falcon wings clipped by Bucks

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Long time coming! Hoke High Varsity Bucks won for the first time in eight years against Seventy-First Falcons last Friday night 80-75 (OT).

With former Buck Terrell McIntyre in the stands, the Varsity Boys jumped out to a 38-24 halftime lead.

The first half seemed to be relatively easy for the Bucks, but in the second half it was a tremendous nail biter. The crowd was just about even for both sides and at sometimes sounded as if the game was being played in Hoke County!

"We sure owe this victory to our fans," said one player.

In spite of playing in hostile territory, Hoke County appeared to be the stronger team throughout the game. Sophomore Eric Maynor was the motivational leader and also led the team with 26 points. Late in regulation, Seventy-First closed the big gap in the score with outstanding hustle and great defense. At the end of regulation the pinpoint shooting from the Falcons kept the score even. In overtime Senior LJ Monroe broke away for a dunk and Captain Tony Covington sealed the victory with a 3-pointer and a converted free throw.

The Bucks' record is now 15-1. They play Jack Britt at home Friday, January 24.



Eric Maynor drives for a basket.

## Varsity girls lose in close one

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The Hoke High Varsity Girls lost a close one to Richmond last Tuesday night 55-58.

With five minutes to go in the third period, Hoke had an 8-point lead. With one minute left in the period, Richmond was up by one. The Lady Bucks tried to slow the game down in the third period and that seemed to motivate the Raiders to play tougher defense.

Richmond went on to win the game by pressing on every play and shooting good from the free throw line.

The Lady Bucks play again at home on January 24 against Jack Britt.



Janie Hodges shoots a free throw.

## Victory for E. Hoke girls

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The East Hoke Eagle girls basketball team won their game last week against the Spring Hill Spartans 27-23.

The Eagles took control of the game from the beginning and maintained the lead late into the game. Then the Spartans started shooting from the perimeter and got into the game with just two minutes to go. With good ball control and poise under pressure, the Lady Eagles held off the Spartan charge and completed the victory.

Bianca Shaw led the Eagles with 13 points followed closely by Tiffany Blue with 10.

The Lady Eagles play again on Thursday, January 23 at West Hoke Middle.

## Win over Raiders was action packed

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The Hoke High Varsity Boys Basketball team won an action packed basketball game over the Richmond Raiders January 14, 80-74.

From the beginning of the game Darryl Barnette was the emotional leader and also hit the first basket of the game. Jarvis Cobb went on a hot streak and hit three 3-pointers in a row and finished the first half with 15 points. The Bucks led at halftime, 50-36.

In the second half it was all Richmond except for the last few minutes. Hoke started to slow the game down and tried to control the ball, but Richmond felt they could win the game with pressure defense.

Jarvis Cobb carried the team in the second half by continuing his streak and ending up with 25 points. O.B. Harris had 14 points and also played a significant roll in the victory.

The Bucks play Jack Britt on January 24 at home.



Ryan Fairly attempts a jump shot from the baseline.

## W. Hoke teams win big over Sycamore



Above, Josh Wright goes up for the shot. Right top, a West Hoke player is fouled on the shot.



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It was a West Hoke sweep last Thursday night at West Hoke Middle School.

The West Hoke Girls defeated The Sycamore Lane girls 37-29. West Hoke led at halftime 22-11 and continued that lead throughout the entire second half.

"The girls played tough defense and rebounded very well," said Coach

McNeill, "We still need to work on the transitional game and decrease the amount of turnovers."

Coach McNeill is only in his second game with the girls due to the previous coach leaving.

Samantha Meeks led the team with 12 points and Shida Ray was next with 10 points. The girls record is now 6-2.

The West Hoke Boys played full court press the entire game putting the pressure on the ball-handling skills of

Sycamore Lane. Coach Robert Blue said, "We played very hard and I am especially proud of the teams sportsmanship."

Sycamore tried to put the pressure back on West Hoke, but Jamel Hurst played extremely well and scored a total of 15 points.

Josh Wright was the second leading scorer with 7 points. Said Coach Blue, "Michael Little played a great game for us."

## Mt. Elim youth to sponsor basketball tourney

A Mt. Elim Baptist youth basketball tournament will take place Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8.

Friday's games will be at 6-11 p.m. and Saturday's games will begin

at 10 a.m.

The tournament is for participants 16 and older and any number may be on a team.

The cost is \$10 per person on the team, and a \$20 deposit is needed to

secure a team's spot in the tournament.

Trophies will be awarded for first and second places.

Call 879-9722 or 843-3139 for more information.

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