

Pittman's Shot in Final Four Seconds Of Overtime Gets Win for Beaufort

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just couldn't seem to get themselves untangled in either appearance after the initial game.

Henry Safrit was hard put Saturday to control his eagerness to get out to the gym for the game. He had to be shipped back to his room by the coach. Henry came down to the lobby about 7:30 and he kept mumbling that he sure was nervous. For a nervous boy he played one of his best games of the year against Bethel as he and Jimmy Davis controlled the boards for the Seadogs and Henry also popped in 10 big points for his team.

I don't believe Greensboro has seen as much rain as they saw while we were in town. It rained every day. The rain didn't help the boys keep cool. It meant they had to stay in their hotel rooms pretty much of the time.

On Thursday afternoon a full contingent of coaches were there getting a line on some of the top Class A players in the state. Among them were Murray Greason and Bones McKinney of Wake Forest, Buck Freeman of North Carolina, Vic Bubus of North Carolina State, Virgil Vow of High Point, Doc Mathis of Elon, Dave Meredith of Guilford, Earl Ruth of Catawba, Francis Hoover of Appalachian, Jim (Poppy) Hamilton of Lenoir Rhyne and Howard Porter of East Carolina.

Each and everyone of them was looking over the ercep, primarily for the tall men, since it seems that even among the smaller schools the emphasis today is on the big boys.

Buck Freeman of Carolina, who is really interested in Holland, said if Cerfmann makes the squad at Carolina it will have to be as a backcourt man since the Tarheels expect to have a 6 foot 10 inch center, plus pair of 6 foot 6 or better forwards on their trash club next year.

Speaking to Coach Vow of High Point, we mentioned Walker Gillikin of Smyrna and Jerry T. Willis of Morehead City. Here's hoping these boys will get a chance to play with some college squad come next fall.

King's basketball club, composed of some of the smaller men in the tourney gave a fine account of themselves in the opening night's play against their far taller opponents from Aboskie. As a matter of fact had they converted their three throws in the last three minutes of the game they undoubtedly would have won instead of losing as they did, 52-48. King was the runner-up last year in the state tourney.

They had nothing left on the second day and were eliminated by Red Springs 61-45. Red Springs went on to win the consolation game in the tournament beating Cove Creek 75-72.

The final night of the tourney it sure looked good to see all the fans, not only from Beaufort, but from Morehead City, Newport, Atlantic and Smyrna, and several from Camp Lejeune and Swansboro, as well, who came up to root for the boys from the Seashore.

Beaufort Starters



Photo by Greensboro Daily News

Here are the starters of the state Class A basketball championship Beaufort team just prior to their going to the gym to play the final contest of the tourney. The starting five above are Henry Safrit and Jimmy Davis for the Seadogs' all victorious record of 28-0. Standing behind the sofa are Henry Safrit and Jimmy Davis, with Herb Mason, Gehrman Holland and Monk Pittman seated in the front row. Holland and Pittman were both voted to places on the all-tourney quintet, with Gehrman being named the outstanding player by the sports writers and officials.

will undoubtedly be sporting their newly-bought-in-Greensboro 10's before very long and we must say that they all showed they had especially good taste.

Over 130 telegrams were received by the team in Greensboro. I have the batch of them and names of the senders will appear in the Seadog State Champ edition to be published next Tuesday. Thanks lends to all the fans who sent in their congratulatory messages and to all of those who were on hand to help cheer the Seadogs.

Robert Rose was quite an about town in Greensboro. He kept running into old "Lalanne, a pass throwing quarterback at Carolina during the late 30's. He was one of George Starnweiss' teammates on the Tar Heel eleven. Starnweiss later made his name as a baseball player in the big leagues with the New York Yankees.

We have never seen anything like the turnout that greeted the team and Coach McQuaid at the race track and we wish to thank all the good people of the county who responded as well to the radio appeals for help in welcoming the team back from Greensboro. It was a wonderful reception for Carter County's entry in the State Tourney.

The only injury sustained on the trip was suffered by yours truly when I slipped in the bath tub at the O. Henry Hotel where we stayed.

Coach McQuaid was a bit re-

framed by the force of numbers the fans prevailed upon him to do the job. Monk Pittman did the honors on the net at the other end of the court.

As a matter of fact, Coach McQuaid said that he was saving the net for his little fellow when he grows up. The coach has a 16-month-old son, whom he claims is going to be a cracker-jack ball-player for Beaufort.

I don't believe that the boys on the Beaufort team have ever had as many pictures taken of them as they had at Greensboro. Photographers from all the major papers in the state snapped them talking to the cheerleaders and many, many times as a group. Hope they haven't become camera shy from the experience.

In case you don't know all the facts and figures on the tourney, this is the way the games went. First round: Youngsville 65, Cove Creek 55; Beaufort 68, Hildebran 56; Aboskie 52, King 48; Bethel 77, Red Springs 64; Hildebran 62, and Red Springs 61, King 45. Semi-finals: Beaufort 55, Youngsville 53, and Bethel 54, Aboskie 49. Consolation winner was Red Springs by virtue of 75-72 victory over Cove Creek, and the third place crown went to Youngsville when they beat Aboskie 78-57.

The champs are the Beaufort Seadogs who won from Bethel 38-40.

Team Presents Gift

Members of the Beaufort girls' basketball team presented their coach, Hugh Gordon, with a clock

With four seconds left in the overtime period, Monk Pittman calmly pumped up one of his patented one-handers to give Beaufort a well-deserved victory in the semi-finals of the State Class A Basketball Tournament at Greensboro's Senior High School gym Friday night.

It was the game always prophesied when two undefeated court titans meet in battle. The final was Beaufort 55-53 over the Youngsville White Phantoms, and marked the first time that Youngsville tasted defeat all year.

For the Seadogs it marked the 27th consecutive victory for the boys of Coach McQuaid. It was Youngsville's first loss after 29 straight wins.

Holland Hot

Beaufort jumped out to a 5-0 lead early in the first quarter as Gehrman Holland found the range with one bucket and three free throws. At 6:47 the White Phantoms finally hit the scoring column when Larry Lindsey made a lay-up.

W. G. Alford swished the nets at 6:20 with a push shot and the Seadog margin was cut to one point, 5-4. Holland hit on a layup at 6:03 and the boys from the little town above Wake Forest made three buckets and went into a 10-7 lead at 4:34 of the canto.

Six foot 5 inch center Winston Wiggin was the big gun for the White Phantoms throughout the quarter and the halfgame.

Baskets by Holland and Herb Mason and Monk Pittman's free throw put Beaufort back in the lead at 2:53 with a 12-10 score. Wiggin tied the game at 12 at 2:42 and then made a free throw to put his team ahead. Holland hit at 2:14 on a layup and Lindsey hit on a set at 1:45 and the Seadogs still trailed 14-15.

With 38 seconds left in the quarter Henry Safrit laid one in and See SEMI-FINALS, Page 7

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