

Smyrna Nite Raiders Win New Bern Championship

The Smyrna Nite Raiders won the New Bern recreation league championship Tuesday night with a convincing 79-62 victory over the Cowell Oilers. The game climaxed a double elimination tournament at the recreation center in New Bern.

Dallas Arthur, the league's outstanding player, dumped in 25 points to pace the Smyrna attack. Arthur played a great rebounding game and was tough on defense.

Kenny Davis was hitting from outside and he hit 21 points for the winners. The Oilers played a tight zone defense, but Davis made them come out when he got ready to shoot.

Manager Scores 13

Manager Wilson Davis scored 13 points for the Nite Raiders. Also hitting the magic figure was Ronnie Arthur. Nick Sikorski scored six points and Everette Golden scored one. Bob Fagan and Louis Thomas played good floor games but did not break into the scoring column.

Gerald Anderson was high scorer for the Oilers with 21 points. Mac Prescott hit for 15 and Pat McCarter scored 13. Charles Caton scored six. Wes Avery got two and Albert McKinney scored four.

The Nite Raiders fell behind, 4-0, in the opening minutes of the game but played the game to the hilt and ran up a 15-9 lead midway through the first half. The score at the half was 39-55 in favor of the Nite Raiders.

The Oilers started the second half with a bang and tied the score at 42 all after about three minutes of playing time had elapsed.

Nite Raiders Roll

The Smyrna attack started rolling then and the Nite Raiders moved back into the lead to stay. The Oilers stayed in striking distance of the Raiders until the final minutes when a Smyrna rally sealed up the decision.

M. B. Pope, athletic director of the New Bern recreation program presented trophies after the game. The Maola team won the trophy as regular season champions.

Dallas Arthur was presented with the most valuable player trophy. The Oilers won the sportsmanship award and the tournament runner-up trophy. The Nite Raiders received the tournament championship trophy.



Photos by Bob Seymour

The Smyrna Nite Raiders pose with their championship trophy, left, after winning the New Bern recreation league title Tuesday night. Team members, front row, left to right, Louis Thomas, Ronnie Arthur, Dallas Arthur, Kenny Davis. Second row, Bob Fagan, Everette Golden, Wilson Davis and Nick Sikorski. Dallas Arthur's most valuable player award is at the right.



Wilson Davis, manager of the Smyrna Nite Raiders, accepts the championship trophy for his team. Making the presentation is M. B. Pope, New Bern athletic director.



Dallas Arthur, star center of the Smyrna Nite Raiders, receives the most valuable player award from M. B. Pope, athletic director of the New Bern recreation program.