

Smyrna Blue Devils Fashion 70-59 Win Over Newport in Season's Opener

Piner Paces Parkin's Crew; Newport Girls Beat Smyrna

The Smyrna high school Blue Devils gave notice to the other schools in the county Friday night of their arrival as a cage power as they opened their season at Newport with an impressive 70-59 win over the Hawks.

The Blue Devils led all the way in the contest, posting a three-point lead at the one quarter mark and then building up an 18-point advantage to lead 37-19 at half-time.

This lead proved to be too much for the Hawks to cope with even though they outscored the Blue Devils in both of the final two periods. Newport's all-county eager of last year, Johnny Turpin, was held to only two free throws throughout the entire first half on a fine defensive showing by rugged Dale Lewis of Smyrna. Turpin finished up the game with a total of 18 points, most of which were scored after Lewis was ejected from the game by officials in the third quarter.

Braxton Piner paced the Blue Devil scorers by tossing in 22 points. Following Piner in the scoring parade was Lawrence who canned 14. High scoring honors for the game went to Larry Kirk of the Hawks who wheeled in 23 for his team.

The Blue Devils hit on 41 per cent of the shots from the field and Braxton Piner connected on eight of 16 field goal attempts. From the free throw line the Blue Devils proved more than deadly, sinking 80 of 86 for a very respectable .870 percentage.

"All in all, I was very well pleased with the showing of the boys and especially of the job done by Dale Lewis on Turpin while he was in there," said Blue Devil mentor Jimmy Parkin after the game. "We made some mistakes but considering that this was our first game of the year I think the boys did real well," commented the coach.

Parkin was also high in his praise of the offensive effort of Lawrence who scored 14 big points for the Blue Devils. "He adds real balance to our attack," said Parkin.

In the preliminary contest the Hawkettes won a high scoring affair from the Smyrna girls 83-75. A 40-point outburst by Margaret Lilly and a 25-point spree by Dump Warren for Newport was more than Smyrna could handle, although Jean Willis and Carolyn Phelps scored 36 and 33 points respectively for the visitors. Jenny Lynn Garner rounded out the scoring for Newport with 17 points and Melinda Gillikin tallied six for Smyrna.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Piner, B.	8	6	5	22
Hill, C.	2	2	4	6
Mears	0	1	0	1
Lawrence	4	6	0	14
Lewis	2	3	2	7
Yeomans, V.	0	2	2	2
Nelson	4	10	4	18
Newport	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Turpin	6	6	5	18
Gillikin	3	2	2	8
Temple	0	0	1	0
Edwards	2	0	5	4
Kirk	8	7	4	23
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Seadogs

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Late in the second period the Eagles put together their longest sustained drive of the night when they went for eleven yards on three plays. McQueen gained 10 yards on two carries and Nolan hit the middle for one. The Eagles then abandoned their ground game and put the touted arm of freshman quarterback David O'Neal to work.

This was to give the Seadogs their first score of the night three plays later, when the entire Beaufort line was to charge through to hit O'Neal as he was preparing to throw on fourth down. As he was hit, the ball bobbed out of his hands and an alert Beaufort defender, John Nelson, plucked the ball out of the air and raced 45 yards untouched to put the first six points on the scoreboard for the Big Green. Ernest (Power) House boomed over for the important extra point and the Beaufort lead ran to 7-0 with only minutes remaining to be played before half-time. The Eagles had time to get in just one play from scrimmage, after taking the Beaufort kickoff.

Opening the second half, the Seadogs were penalized fifteen yards on the kick-off when the officials said they took too much time getting back on the playing field. The fifteen yards stepped off against Beaufort failed to help the Eagles though, as they were stopped cold after taking the kick.

Taking over on downs, the Seadogs of coach Curt Lancaster started a drive that netted 43 yards before a Butch Hassell aerial on fourth down missed its mark. The biggest gainer of the series was a 21-yard pass pulled in by David Jones.

The incomplete pass gave the ball to the Eagles on their own 48-yard line and after Jackie McQueen had picked up one yard, David O'Neal faded back to pass but couldn't find any receivers open. Electing to run with the ball, O'Neal headed for the sidelines and scampered 29 yards before he was brought down from behind.

McQueen then picked up six yards on three plays and on fourth down and three yards to go, on the Beaufort 26, the Eagles decided to gamble and it paid off with six points as David O'Neal hit Jimmy Lawrence with a pass over center which the speedy end carried into the end zone. McQueen was called on for the extra point play, but the Seadog forward wall rose up to stop him at the line of scrimmage, to preserve a one-point lead at 7-6.

Just to dispell any hopes in the hearts of the Morehead City fans, the Seadogs took the kickoff and marched up the field to another touchdown of their own which came on a 29-yard pass play from Butch

McQueen Surrounded



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Eagle halfback Jackie McQueen finds himself fenced in by green-shirted Seadogs as he tries to get a pass off in third quarter action Friday night. Surrounding McQueen are Denard Harris, No. 27; David Jones, No. 22; Freddie Hooper, No. 42.



Viewing Sports

by Larry McComb

Soliloquy to a Champ

Beaufort, the basketball power, became Beaufort, the football power, Friday night.

The school which traditionally is known for its fine basketball teams and state championships came through with the greatest gridiron victory in the entire history of the school.

The victory was the hard-earned 14-6 win over their arch-rivals, the Morehead City Eagles, in the annual Mullet Bucket classic.

Actually the story of the greatness of this year's Seadog team goes back a lot farther than this football season and to another sports — basketball.

It all started last March more than 300 miles from Beaufort in Winston-Salem. This was the scene of the state Class A basketball playoffs, where a team from Beaufort entered play with an impressive won-lost record but was unheralded in circles where teams feared to tread against powerhouses like Zeb Vance, St. Pauls and Jonesville.

After one week though, one team stood above all the others as the class of the tournament and champions of the state. That team was the Beaufort high school Seadogs. The Seadogs entered the tournament knowing that they were far from the favored team but confident that they would go all the way.

Prior to the night of March 14, 1959 these players, as I said, were confident of themselves and their team and aware of their capabilities but now they were state