

Seadogs Put 73-Game Winning Streak on Line at Durham Gym

Face Northbrook in 1st Round of State Playoffs

The Beaufort Seadogs, undefeated in 73 games and two-time state Class 1-A champions, began their quest for an unprecedented third consecutive state crown last night in the 1961 state playoffs being played at Durham high school, Durham. Beaufort's first game in the tourney, against Northbrook, was played at 9 last night, a few hours after press time.

The defending state champs departed from Beaufort yesterday morning at 9 for Durham. A 12-man squad, plus coach Tom McQuaid and manager Bill Peck, made the four-hour ride to Durham by automobile. While in Durham the team will headquarter at the Holy Inn motel.

The Seadogs held workouts on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in preparation for defending their

championship at Durham. On Monday and Wednesday the team travelled to Swansboro to work out in the Pirate gym while Tuesday's session was held in the Beaufort gym. Coach McQuaid reports that the squad came through the district playoffs in good shape, with no injuries.

Chuck Lewis, who went to Kenansville with a slight touch of influenza, has recovered and will be counted on heavily at Durham. Despite his illness, Chuck started every game at Kenansville and turned in three of his finest performances of the year.

Little has been learned here about Northbrook, Beaufort's opening night opponent, although it is known that they beat out a strong Harrisburg aggregation in the finals of District Six play Saturday night. Beaufort played Harrisburg in last year's state tournament opener and the Yellow Jackets had only one senior on the squad that bowed 66-48 to the Seadogs.

Members of this year's state tournament team are Pud Hassell, David Jones, Eddie Taylor, Parris Croom, Chuck Lewis, Ray Hassell, Alton Hill, Johnny Hassell, Cary Kirk, Clem Woodard, Brady Way and Jeff Salter.