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The Beaufort Seadogs are presently in Durham bidding to bring a third consecutive state championship back to the basketball capital of eastern Carolina. Should the Seadogs succeed, it will release their monopoly on the coveted prize as Beaufort moves up to a Class 2-A designation with the start of next school term.

This means that competition for the state Class 1-A title will be set for the crowning of a new champ next spring with Beaufort no longer in the Class 1-A field.

Of course, this doesn't bring joy to the hearts of schools of 2-A classification with aspirations of state titles because the Seadogs appear to have another strong aggregation a year away. How the Seadogs will fare in 2-A basketball competition though, no one can say until next year.

One thing for sure however, they won't have to wade through the number of teams in 2-A district play as they have to in 1-A district competition. This is due to the larger number of 1-A schools in the state.

While Beaufort's advance to a 2-A standing represents progress and growth, it also is going to create a problem, at least here in the county. That problem is just what to do about the county tournament situation.

With Beaufort no longer competing on a 1-A scale, the county tournament is depleted to a three-team affair which is certainly an awkward circumstance under which to try and determine a county representative for 1-A district playoffs at Kenansville.

It's not known whether or not plans are being made to do something about a three-team county race or not but certainly such plans should be made.

One possible solution might be to form a new conference to embrace in addition to Newport, Smyrna and Atlantic, such schools as Jasper, Dixon, Dover and White Oak. Then a conference champion could be sent to Kenansville.

To organize such a conference would present a few