

Blue Devil Hoop Coach Was Top-Notch Athlete

"A boy has to love to play ball and hate to lose if he is going to go anywhere in sports," declares Smyrna hoop coach Jimmie Parkin. One of the best athletes ever graduated from Beaufort High School, Coach Parkin had the two qualities mentioned above as well as more than his share of natural ability.

He lettered in baseball, basketball and football at Beaufort and played baseball at East Carolina College before going into the Army after his sophomore year.

It was in high school, under Coach T. H. McQuaid, that Coach Parkin learned most of his basketball. "Riding to and from ball games I would sit right beside the coach and listen to every word he said," Coach Parkin recalls.

While stationed with the Army in Germany, Coach Parkin was in charge of athletic and recreational programs for the 37th Engineer Group. He played and coached basketball and coached football.

A medical discharge, brought on by kidney trouble, ended both his Army and playing careers. Coach Parkin went back to East Carolina and was graduated last spring. He was unable to participate in sports so he served as assistant coach at Ayden to keep his hand in the scene.

After graduating from college,



Jimmie Parkin
... hoop coach

Coach Parkin accepted a position as recreation director at the Morehead Billmore hotel for the summer.

Coach Parkin lives in Beaufort with his wife, the former Beth Edwards of Bridgeton, and their seven-month-old son, Jimmie Jr. The coach is the son of Herbert Parkin, Beaufort. He has two brothers, Herbert and Charles.

Pirates Hand Smyrna Devils Second Defeat

The Atlantic Pirates handed the Smyrna Blue Devils a 59-42 licking at Atlantic Friday night. It was the second time the teams have met this year and the second victory for the Pirates.

Pirate forward Roger Harris scored 21 points, most of them in the first half, to wrap up scoring honors. Harris, like most of the other Atlantic starters, sat out a good part of the second half.

The Pirates grabbed a 13-8 lead in the first quarter and had a safe 34-13 margin at the end of the first half. In the third quarter the Pirates slowed down, scoring 14 points while the Blue Devils were getting 13.

The entire Atlantic second string started the final quarter but the Blue Devils were too much for them. In the first four minutes of the quarter, Smyrna used a full court press and held Atlantic to three points, all scored by Danny Harvey.

The Atlantic first team entered the game late in the final quarter to maintain a safe margin of victory. Smyrna scored 16 points in the final period, five more than the Pirates got.

Playing for the winners were George Golden, 9, Roger Harris, 21, Stevie Mason, 13, Bobby Nelson, 12, Sammy Salter, 1, Danny Harvey, 3, Ray Tallent, Daniel Gaskill, Danny Sparks, Van McIntosh and Nicky Harvey.

Playing for Smyrna were Paul Wade, 10, Vaughn Yeomans, 2, Curtis Nelson, 7, Horace Lawrence, 9, Carroll Hill, 2, Dale Lewis, 4, James Monroe, 1, Braxton Piner, 6, John Hill, 1, and Ronald Lewis.

The Pirates hit on 19 of 36 free shots for 53 per cent accuracy. The Blue Devils connected on 16 of 31 charity tosses for 52 per cent.

The Pirates will play home to Newport tonight and the Blue Devils will visit White Oak.

Hawkettes Bow To White Oak

By EDDIE LYNN GARNER

In a very thrilling game the Newport Hawkettes were overcome in the last quarter by the White Oak girls, 38-37. The game was played at Newport Saturday night.

The Hawkettes gained the lead in the first quarter and continued to hold it through most of the game. At the half they were leading, 16-14.

The third quarter was the best the Hawkettes had. They scored 12 while the excellent work of the guards limited the White Oak girls to 8. The end of that quarter found the Newport girls ahead 28-22.

The fourth quarter saw a reverse. The lassies from White Oak had a tremendous rally, scoring 16, while the Hawkettes couldn't seem to find the basket. In the closing minutes of the game the Hawkettes began to hit again but they were too late.

Even though they succeeded in getting ahead two or three times the White Oak team dropped the last basket and therefore were the victors.

Becky Garner captured high scoring honors for the Hawkettes, and the game, with 17. Margaret Lilly hit for 10, Jenny Lynn Garner netted 6, and Bette Green sank two field goals for her 4.

Collins was the high scorer for White Oak with 16, nine of them coming in the last quarter. Others scoring for the White Oak team were Darling 8, Jones 2, and Tallman 12.

Clyde Mann left the game the last of the fourth quarter after committing her fifth foul. She was the only player to foul out.