

Blue Devils Spank Pirate Five 72-52

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The Smyrna Blue Devils, tabbed as the team to challenge Beaufort this year, had to fight off a shaky start Thursday night and come from behind a nine-point halftime deficit in posting a 72-52 win over the Atlantic Pirates. The game was played in Atlantic and marked the first competition of the year for Jimmy Parkin's Blue Devils.

With all five of his starters in early foul trouble Parkin had to play his second unit most of the first half and saw the Pirates build up a nine-point lead. The first quarter ended with the score knotted at 15-15 but in the second period the Blue Devils could manage only 16 points while the Pirates were accounting for 25.

Parkin re-inserted his starters at the beginning of the third quarter and the Blue Devils quickly pulled up even with the Pirates and eased away to a comfortable lead. Dale Lewis and Curt Nelson sparked the last-half drive that saw the Blue Devils outscore the Pirates 41-12.

A total of 79 free throws was attempted by the two teams in the marathon game. Smyrna was at the charity line 44 times and made 26 of their free shots for an accuracy figure of 59 per cent, while the Pirates made 63 per cent of their gift attempts on 22 of 35.

Atlantic coach Roy Cockerham lost five starters via the foul route and one Smyrna starter, Braxton Piner, was forced to leave the game with five personals.

In the scoring department, Ray Tallent of the Pirates grabbed high point honors with a 23-point performance before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Dale Lewis, Genus Jones and Curt Nelson all hit in double figures for the Blue Devils with Lewis leading the way with 18.

In the preliminary game the Smyrna girls had little trouble with the Pirate sextet as they waltzed to an easy 82-44 win behind a 45-point performance by Brenda Golden. Smyrna was never behind in

the contest as they posted a 43-21 edge over their conference foes at halftime.

Towering Carolyn Phelps dropped in 25 points for the winners and Rose Arthur, Melinda Gillikin and Patsy Taylor rounded out the scoring with nine, two and one point respectively.

Set-shot artist Annis Willis led the Atlantic scoring with 20 points followed by Gloria Parker with 11, Bonnie Brickhouse with nine and Mildred Willis with four.

From the free throw line Smyrna made 27 of 42 attempts while Atlantic was hitting on six of 22.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	FG	FT	PTS
Lewis	6	6	18
Jones	5	5	15
Nelson, C.	5	4	14
Meares	1	5	7
Piner	3	0	6
Yeomans	3	0	6
Davis, G.	0	2	2
Davis, A. C.	0	2	2
Nelson, N.	0	2	2
	23	26	72

Atlantic	FG	FT	PTS
Tallent	8	7	23
Fulcher	3	2	8
Harvey, N.	0	8	8
Harvey, D.	2	2	6
Styron	1	2	4
Brittingham	1	1	3
	15	22	52

Piner	2	0	4	4
Jones	3	2	5	8
Yeomans	3	0	0	6
Meares	2	0	2	4
	25	9	19	59

Leland	FG	FT	PF	PTS
David	7	6	3	20
Jacobs	1	1	2	3
Burgess	3	0	3	6
Thomas	3	1	1	7
Corbitt	9	7	2	25
	23	15	11	61