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Smyrna, Beaufort Lead All-County Balloting

Smyrna high school, which placed all five of its starters on the squad, and Beaufort high school, with four players selected, led the balloting for the 1959-60 All-County Basketball team.

Smyrna placed two players on each the first and second teams and another received honorable mention. Beaufort's four selections included two first and two second team berths.

Leading the vote-getters for the fourth straight year was Butch Hassell, scoring leader of the defending state champion Beaufort Seadogs. Butch was selected to the All-County quintet in his freshman year and has made it every year since. This year as a senior Butch finished the regular season with a 25.4 scoring average for 15 games. Butch's team mate and cousin, Pud Hassell, was the other Beaufort player named on the first five. Probably the best rebounder in the county Pud this year has also been the number two scorer for the Seadogs, compiling a 14.4 average. Pud, a junior, is a repeater from last year's All-County squad.

The Smyrna Blue Devils, who have run number two in the county behind the undefeated Seadogs,

landed two of their starters on the first five. Curt Nelson and Dale Lewis were the two Blue Devils honored. Nelson has been the floor general all year for coach Jimmie Parkin's crew and has also been Smyrna's top scorer. Final season statistics showed that Nelson scored 368 points during the year for an average of 17.5 points a game. Lewis, one of the top defensive players in the county was also among the leading scorers throughout the year. In Smyrna's 21 games he scored 280 points for an average of 13.3 points.

Johnnie Turpin, an All-County selection of last year, landed the fifth first team berth. Turpin, one of the most prolific scorers in the history of the Newport school, had one of the best years of his career this season as he scored a total of 376 points in 20 games for an average of 18.8 points a game. His average was second only to Butch Hassell of Beaufort among county scorers.

All 13 of the players selected to the squad will receive certificates from THE NEWS-TIMES and the five first team players will also receive trophies.

The complete results of the All-County balloting were as follows:

FIRST TEAM

Name — School	Class
Butch Hassell, Beaufort	Senior
Pud Hassell, Beaufort	Senior
Curt Nelson, Smyrna	Junior
Dale Lewis, Smyrna	Sophomore
Johnny Turpin, Newport	Senior

SECOND TEAM

Braxton Piner, Smyrna	Junior
Carroll Hill, Smyrna	Senior
Ray Hassell, Beaufort	Sophomore
Larry Kirk, Newport	Senior
Bobby Nelson, Atlantic	Senior

HONORABLE MENTION

Calvin Jones, Beaufort
 Horace Lawrence, Smyrna
 Roger Harris, Atlantic