

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1956

Cagers to Have Busy Weekend

Plenty of action is slated for county basketball fans this weekend. The undefeated Newport Hawks travel to Smyrna for a doubleheader with the Blue Devils, who have a record of 2 wins and 1 loss.

Morehead City and Beaufort cagers open their seasons tomorrow night. The Eagles play Havelock in Morehead City, and the Seadogs meet the Swansboro Pirates in Swansboro.

The Blue Devils are primed for an upset win over Newport tonight. After losing a surprising upset to White Oak, they are working hard to redeem themselves with a victory. The girls game begins at 8 p.m., followed by the boys contest.

The Eagles varsity and junior varsity go into action tomorrow night against Havelock, which does not have a girls team. The Morehead City girls open against Atlantic when the Pirates invade Morehead City Tuesday night. The doubleheader is slated for 7:30.

The Seadogs travel to Swansboro tomorrow night for a doubleheader with the Pirates. Swansboro is reported to have a good team this year, but the Seadogs have looked good in practice and should put a strong team on the floor.

A junior varsity game between Smyrna and Swansboro has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Newport Girls



Photo by Bob Seymour

The Newport girls team, coached by Tom Dickerson, defeated the girls from Atlantic 66-52 Tuesday night for their second win of the season. They had previously downed Atlantic by a score of 71-63. Team members, front row, left to right, Ruth Dugee, Peggy Wallace, Virginia Mann, Anne Dennis, and Betty Whitaker. Second row, left to right, Clyde Mann, Ruth Jones, Jenelia Garner, Grace Small, Mary Gould, and Linda Garner. Third row, left to right, Dump Warren, Betty Garner, Rebecca Simmons, Becky Garner, and Judy Hardisty.

White Oak Cage Team Upsets Favored Smyrna

The White Oak cagers pulled the big upset of the young season Tuesday night when they dropped the Smyrna Blue Devils from the unbeaten ranks, 69-54. The same White Oak team that Smyrna manhandled last year outplayed the Blue Devils throughout the entire game.

Last year the Smyrna junior varsity played against the White Oak team and held their own. Coach Daniels said the White Oak team "ate us up under the backboards."

Terry Gillikin was held to 8 points for the night, but Louis Thomas hit his stride and netted 26. Kenny Davis scored 12. Ronnie Arthur, 1. Sonny Davis, 5, and Billy Willis, 2.

The Blue Devils were only 2 points behind at the half after a second period rally, but the White Oak team carried the play in the last half, scoring 38 points to 25 for Smyrna.

A. Banks scored 23 markers for White Oak, and B. Banks hit for 18. D. Jones had 8. G. Dickerson, 12, and J. Riggs, 8.

In the girls game, Elberta Gillikin sparked the Smyrna team with 22 points as they lost a thriller, 42-39, and played an outstanding game from the floor. Coach Daniels pointed her out as being the most valuable member of the team during the game. Serina Davis scored the other 17 points netted by Smyrna.

A. Pittman scored 26 for White Oak; D. Goodwin hit for 11; and G. Melvin netted 5.

Beaufort High Quintet Looks Fast, Aggressive

Only one letterman, Raymond Gillikin, is returning to the Beaufort basketball squad this year, but Coach Tom McQuaid says he will have a fast, aggressive team.

He has some good talent but the team is short on experience, and experience is hard to beat, the coach says.

Four seniors are on the squad. They are Allen Windley, Dan Ricks, Charles Smith, and Clarence Ipoek.

Football playing juniors have boosted chances of the team by reporting for practice. Gillikin is a smooth ball handler and a good shot, even though his small size is a handicap.

Alex Copeland, at 6 foot 1, is the second tallest man on the team.

He is big and rugged and a tough man under the boards.

Danny Willis, another football player, is short but fast. He has a deadly jump shot and is a good floor player.

Larry Kirk shows the same spirit on the court as he does on the football field. He is in there fighting every minute of practice, and when he limbers up a bit should develop into a first class player.

Allen Autry is one of the most promising sophomore prospects. He stands 6 foot 4 and has come a long way since last year. He hasn't had much experience and is a little awkward in spots, but with his height and ability Coach McQuaid expects him to learn from experience and be a top notch ball player.

Sammy Merrill, Larry Dudley, and Leon Thomas are other sophomores who have impressed the coach with their ability and spirit.

Two freshmen have made the varsity squad. Butch Hassell and Calvin Jones, both football players and good all-around athletes, have showed up very well in practice. Hassell is one of the best ball handlers on the team and has a good set shot from the floor. He is fast and aggressive and has plenty of natural ability.

Jones is another hard worker who has earned a right to the varsity. He has a good eye and plays a fast floor game.



Coach McQuaid

W. S. King High To Meet Trenton

The W. S. King Monarchs will open their home season at 7 p.m. tomorrow against the Blue Devils from Trenton. Trenton holds four straight victories over the Monarchs, but Coach John Thompson says he thinks the two teams should be evenly matched this season.

The Monarchs are led by Ike Williams, 6 foot 7, and Robert Hester, 6 foot 4. Coach Thompson also says he expects to see lots of action from Henry Dudley.

Sharp shooting Billie Tootle and Harrison Willoughby are sure to give the Monarchs a big boost in the point column. Henry Pickett is the top defensive player on the squad.

Coach Thompson says he has nothing but praise for the way the