

Hawkettes Upset Smyrna Lassies by 18 Points Friday

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The Newport Hawkettes claimed their first victory in several years over Smyrna Friday night in a game played at Smyrna. The final score in a thrilling game was 62-44.

During the first half the lead changed hands at six different points. Becky Garner sank a free throw in the final seconds of the second period to give the Newport girls a 17-16 halftime lead.

The Hawkettes caught fire in the third period and scored 26 points while holding Smyrna to 12. The Newport guards, averaging about six inches less than their tall opponents, intercepted 16 passes in the third quarter alone.

The fourth quarter was a bit slower as the Hawkettes scored 19 and Smyrna scored 16. Margaret Lilly, sharp-shooting sophomore, scored 15 points for Newport in that quarter.

Starting forwards were Becky Garner, Jenny Garner and Margaret Lilly. The guards who started were Clyde Mann, Percy Jo Wallace and Linda Dickinson.

Newport coach Mrs. Carol Gillikin used substitutes freely during the contest. Reserves who saw action included Nancy Allen, Bette Green, Libba Gould, Ada Murdoch, Bonnie Garner, Lana Linebarger and Linda Garner.

Carolyn Phelps, Jean Willis and Brenda Baker started at the forward positions for Smyrna. Starting guards were Clarice Willis, Brenda Willis and Carol Willis.

Coach Jimmie Parkin used only two substitutions. Melinda Gillikin played a good part of the game at forward and Sally Hooper played guard after Brenda Willis fouled out.

Scoring for Newport were Margaret Lilly, 30, Becky Garner, 18, Jenny Garner 12, and Libba Gould, 2.

Scoring for Smyrna were Jean Willis, 32, Carolyn Phelps, 10, and Melinda Gillikin, 2.

Newport Hawks Defeat Smyrna Devils, 51-43



Tonight
Atlantic at Smyrna
Newport at Jasper
Friday
School Holiday

Nite Raiders Win First Game Over Maola, 58-47

The Smyrna Nite Raiders opened their hoop season with a 58-47 victory over the Maola Milkmen of New Bern Thursday night at the Smyrna gym. The game was a warm-up prior to the opening of the New Bern City League, in which both teams participate.

Jimmy Fodrie, playing his first game with the Raiders, stole the show as he scored 30 points and played a great floor game.

Dallas Arthur, who was the most valuable player in the league last year, scored 13 points and maintained supremacy on the backboards for the winners.

The Nite Raiders took an early lead and stayed ahead all the way. A third-quarter rally by the Milkmen cut the Nite Raider margin to one point, 32-31, but the Raiders got down to work and built a comfortable lead in finishing 11 points ahead.

Other Nite Raiders who scored were Bob Fagan and Everette Golden, six points each, Kenny Davis and Pierson Willis, two each, and Louis Thomas, one point. Osborne Davis and Wilson Davis also played.

Tom Scott was high scorer for the losers. Others who scored were West, 14, Bellis, 12, and Shiko, 2.

The Newport Hawks captured a hard-fought game from the Smyrna Blue Devils by a 51-43 margin Friday night at Smyrna. While the Hawks maintained a lead through most of the game, the contest could have gone either way until the final minutes of the game.

Newport forwards Johnny Mason and Johnny Turpin took charge in the final minutes to score six quick points and put the game on ice. Midway through the last quarter the Hawks held a narrow 45-41 lead and the Blue Devils were pressing hard.

The game was a crowd pleaser from start to finish. Mason looked great as he scored 22 points to capture scoring honors for the night. As the buzzer sounded to end the third quarter, Mason went to the floor from a solid blow from Smyrna player Braxton Piner.

He came back to start the fourth quarter by missing a free throw but that was the only shot he missed the final period. Turpin added 19 points to the Newport total by sinking seven field goals and five extra points.

Billy Wade, with six points, and Johnny Zirm, who scored four, were the starting guards for Newport. Tommy Gillikin started at center and failed to score.

Horace Lawrence was high scorer for the Blue Devils with 13 points. The big pivot man played his best ball game of the season as he kept Smyrna in contention with good rebounding and sharp shooting.

Dale Lewis scored 10 points for the Blue Devils and Piner collected 12. Curtis Nelson scored five, Carroll Hill scored two and Paul Wade hit for one.

The Blue Devils will play host to Atlantic tonight while Newport will travel to Jasper.