

Pirates Edge Dixon 54-53 in Overtime

By RANDY COCHRAN

The Swansboro Pirates, playing without the services of two starters Tuesday night, were pressed all the way before managing to down Dixon high school 54-53 in overtime.

The Pirates held a 47-45 lead with just five seconds remaining to be played in regulation playing time. Dixon was awarded the ball out of bounds and got off one shot before the final whistle. The desperation shot was good and sent the game into overtime.

In the extra period the two teams traded basket for basket with the Pirates getting a free throw that gave them the victory.

Starters Jim Corbett and John Licko were both absent from the Swansboro lineup due to illness.

In games to date Corbett has been the team's top scorer.

Scoring honors for the game went to Dixon's Bill Banks who tossed in 23 points in a losing cause. His team mate, Everett Kern, finished with 18 points. Ernie Wiggins paced the winners with 17 points while Travis Riggs and Joe Ellington each had 12.

The Swansboro girls had it a little easier in the opening game, as they rolled over the Dixon girls 40-29. Nora Miller and Jenny Hancock teamed up to score 29 of Swansboro's 40 points. Halftime saw the girl Pirates holding a 24-11 advantage.

Back court performers for Swansboro were Nancy Hurst, Gloria Sanders, Pam Strole and Theresa Schnyder.

Blue Devils Defeated 69-50 By White Oak

By LORENZO LEWIS

White Oak high school raced to an eight-point lead over the Smyrna Blue Devils in the first quarter Tuesday night and then went on to subdue the Blue Devils 69-50 in a game played at White Oak.

In taking their 11th loss of the year, the Blue Devils were never ahead in the contest as they trailed White Oak 19-11 at the end of the first period and 32-23 at halftime. The Blue Devil attack was stopped cold in the third quarter as they managed only five points while the home team was scoring 17.

Grady Davis hit an individual high for the season by scoring 19 points in a losing cause to pace the Blue Devils pointwise. His team mate, Linwood Parker, was the only other Smyrna player hitting double figures with 11 points. Bill Johnson and Durwood Batchelor each had 16 points for the winners.

The White Oak girls made it a clean sweep for the night in the opening game as they swamped the Smyrna sextet 56-25. White Oak built up a tremendous 32-5 lead in the first half and then coasted home in the last two periods.

Alice Chadwick scored 15 points for scoring honors for the losers. Other scorers for Smyrna were Patsy Taylor with seven points and Jo Ann Valentine with one.

Guards for the Blue Devils were Becky Brown, Gaye Styron, Trudy Gillikin, Clara Wiggins, and Kay Lewis.