

## Hawks Beat Seadogs by 5; Smyrna Lassies Win by 10

The Newport Hawks and Smyrna Lassies were crowned county tournament champions after Saturday night's final round at Atlantic. The Hawks outlasted the Beaufort Seadogs, 42-37, after the Smyrna sextet had coped a 57-47 victory from Atlantic.

The Hawks and Seadogs proved in their game that a good defensive battle is more interesting than an all-out, slam-bang offensive duel. Both teams used a man to man defense with surprisingly good results for high school teams.

### Experience Shows

Newport's crew of seniors was a bit too much for the Seadogs in the pressure packed finish, but up until the final three minutes it was anybody's ball game.

Experience showed most clearly in the case of Berlyn Temple, senior, vs Butch Hassell, freshman. Temple covered his man like a blanket, and Hassell did not take over six shots from the floor all night. He hit on one field goal in the first quarter. Temple had a bad night so far, as scoring went, but his floor game and rebounding were tops.

Leston Gillikin took scoring honors in the big game with 16 points. He was the only player in the game to score in the double figures. Alex Copeland, Seadog center, collected 9 points for runner up honors.

### Tight Contest

The Hawks saw they had a ball game on their hands before the game was a minute old. The Seadogs matched them point for point through all of the first quarter, and at the end of the period the Hawks were one free throw ahead, 13-12.

In the second quarter the Hawks pulled away to lead by 8 points at the half. Trailing 26-18 at the beginning of the third period, the Seadogs fought back to tie the score at 32 all by the end of the quarter.

In the final period the Hawks' experience made the difference. The over-anxious Seadogs missed three quick lay-ups in the closing minutes of the game, but they looked good in losing and stamped themselves as the team to beat next year.

The Seadogs lose only one starter off this year's team, senior Allen Windley. The Hawks will be hard hit by graduation, and next season should be a rebuilding year for Coach Bob King.

### Phillys Upset

In the opening game the Smyrna sextet upset a slightly favored team of Atlantic Lassies. In the final county standings, the Atlantic team was one notch higher, and it had the advantage of playing on home territory.

Smyrna was red hot after victories over the last place Morehead City Eagles and first place Newport Hawke'tes in first and second round games. The Atlantic Lassies had defeated second place Beaufort to get into the finals.

Smyrna broke the game open in the last quarter, scoring 16 points against 11 for the losers. They trailed by one point at the end of the first period, but by the half they were ahead by four, 25-21. Going into the final period the winners had a five-point edge, 41-36.

Jean Willis was the big gun in the Smyrna attack with 35 points. Wanda Brown was high for the losers with 27 points.

**Newport** — Leston Gillikin, 16, Berlyn Temple, 4, John Mason, 6, Alton Hardison, 5, Gilbert Garner, 7, and Reuben Lilly, 4.

**Beaufort**—Danny Willis, 8, Allen Windley, 7, Alex Copeland, 9, Butch Hassell, 2, Raymond Gillikin, 8, Allen Autrey, and Sandy Arthur.

**Smyrna**—Serina Davis, 13, Elberta Gillikin, 9, Jean Willis, 35, Janet Willis, Laura Lewis, and Brenda Willis.

**Atlantic**—Sandra Salter, 9, Wanda Brown, 27, Dora Willis, Brenda Salter, Anita Brown, Jean Fulcher, Janis Goodwin, and Rita Gilgo.

**Officials** — Pete Sanders, Richards, Sgt. Bob Sisler, Camp Lejeune, score keeper, Phyllis Morris, Atlantic, timer, Malcolm Fulcher, Atlantic.

## Five Trophies Are Presented

Five trophies were awarded by H. L. Joslyn, county school superintendent, at Atlantic Saturday night. Trophies went to the two champions, Smyrna and Newport, to the two second place teams, Beaufort and Atlantic, and to Newport school, which won the sportsmanship trophy.

The presentation of awards concluded what may be considered one of the best-conducted tournaments in many years. Atlantic school officials showed that they had made careful plans for the big affair.

Principal J. W. Johnson and Coach Roy Cockerham were model hosts. They saw that visiting teams were welcomed and that rest rooms and clean dressing facilities were available. The concession stand was run by Gene Autry Mason, who also headed the clean-up detail.

He was assisted by Bruce Mason, J. W. Fulcher, Steve Mason, Jeffery Baxter, David Taylor, and Sammy Salter.

The officials, Bob Sisler and Pete Sanders, praised the work of official scorer, Phyllis Morris, and official timer, Malcolm Fulcher, who worked the entire tournament.

## Three on One

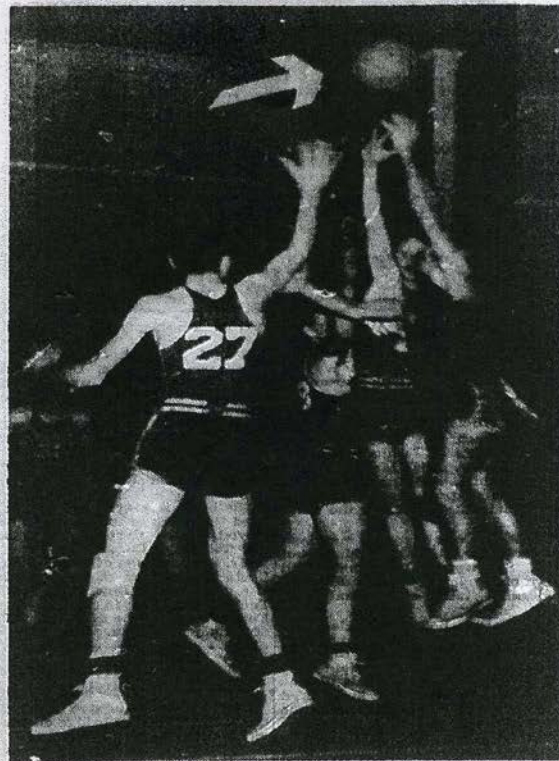


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Alex Copeland, right, goes it all alone against the Morehead City Eagles. The big Seadog center dunked the ball with John Phillips, Lynwood Durham, and Darden Eure, left to right, trying to block the shot. Llewellyn Phillips, 31, moves in for a rebound. The action took place in the second round of the county tournament.

## Hawks Rout Blue Devils In Second Round of Play

The Newport Hawks, who were established as solid favorites to win the county tournament even before the season started, lowered the boom on a scrappy team of Smyrna Blue Devils Friday night to the tune of 64-34.

The Hawks, regular season champions, had a bye until the second round. The Blue Devils got there the hard way. They took an opening round game from the Atlantic Pirates.

The Blue Devils couldn't find the range all night, hitting on less than 20 per cent of their shots from the floor. The Hawks were "right" for the game, and they bombarded the basket from every angle.

Four Hawks, led by Johnny Mason with 16 points, broke into the double scoring figures. Berlyn Temple, Leston Gillikin, and Gilbert Garner collected 14 points apiece.

Louis Thomas was high scorer for the losers with 10 points. Glynn Willis and Ronnie Arthur each contributed 7 points to the Blue Devils total.

The victory was the third of the season for Newport over Smyrna. The two teams met early in the season, and the Hawks took a convincing 18 point victory, 66-48. They met near the end of the season, and the Hawks won by 22 points, 66-44. The third victory was a 30-point decision.

**Newport**—Temple, 14, Wade, 2,

Mason, 16, Dail, 1, Gillikin, 14, Wallace, Garner, 14, Jones, Hardison, 2, Lilly, 1, and Williams.

**Smyrna**—K. Davis, 1, S. Davis, 3, Arthur, 7, Nelson, Thomas, 10, G. Willis, 7, B. Willis, 6, G. Arthur, and Wade.

## Panthers Take Queen Street

By BATEMAN JONES

The Queen Street Knights dropped a 48-44 decision to the Georgetown Panthers at Jacksonville Saturday night. The Knights rallied strongly in the second half, but the Panthers built a 16-point edge in the first two periods and hung on to 4 points of it until the game ended.

Greene was top scorer for the winners with 24 points. Joseph Pasteur was tops for the losers with 13 markers. Lathan Windley was second for the Knights with 10 points.

**Queen Street**—Lathan Windley, 10, Tyrone Edison, 7, Jesse Oden, 8, Joseph Pasteur, 13, Linwood Davis, 2, and Joseph George, 4.

**Georgetown**—Greene, 24, Chawick, 14, Frazier, 13, Shepard, 6, Humphrey, 1.