

Smyrna Win County Titles

Smyrna Sextet Pulls Biggest Upset with Win over Newport

The biggest upset of the county tournament in the girls division came Friday night when the Smyrna sextet took the first place Newport Hawkettes by a 40-39 score. The Hawkettes had lost only one game in the county during the regular season, and the Smyrna lassies had won but three while losing five.

Regular season records were put aside for this game, though, and the Blue and White from Smyrna jumped into the lead in the first quarter and hung on to it until midway through the third period.

Nip and Tuck

The Hawkettes, sparked by Betty Jo Whitaker's 10 points during the third quarter, pulled away to a 29-26 lead by the end of that period. The fourth quarter was nip and tuck as the lead exchanged hands with every basket.

The Hawkettes got the ball with 36 seconds to go in the game and were trailing by one point. They played for one shot, but as the end of the game neared, the Smyrna guards wouldn't let them get an open shot at the basket.

With one second to go, Ann Dennis took a desperation shot at the basket. It was wild, but she was fouled just after she shot. Few of the fans saw the referee call the foul just as the final buzzer was sounding.

Bedlam!

It was several minutes before the crowd could be cleared off the floor for Dennis to take her free throw. Her toss was off, and the Smyrna victory was secured.

Serina Davis and Jean Willis sparked the winners' attack. Davis connected for 18 points, and Willis hit for 16. Elberta Gillikin, the other Smyrna forward, collected 6.

Dennis was high scorer for the Hawkettes with 18 points. Whitaker added a free throw in the last period to the five field goals she hit in the third quarter for a total of 11. Virginia Mann hit for 6, and Becky Garner netted 4 points.

The defensive play of the Smyrna guards, especially during the last minute, was the determining factor in the game. Janet Willis, Laura Lewis, and Brenda Willis deserve much credit for the final score. Clarice Willis, who saw action at forward, was the only Smyrna substitute.

The Newport guards who played the whole game were Grace Small, Peggy Wallace, and Clyde Mann.

There it Goes!

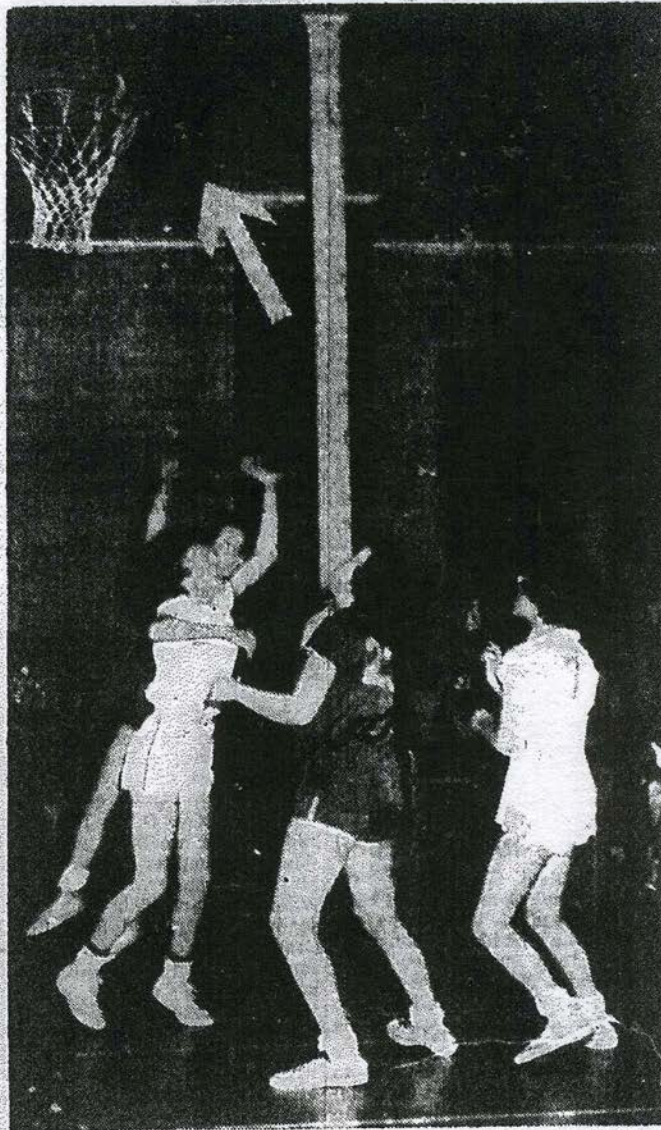


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Sandra Salter, behind Rae Hassell of Beaufort, connects for a two-pointer for Atlantic Thursday night. Wanda Brown of Atlantic and Judy Moore, Beaufort, get ready for a possible rebound. Atlantic won the game and lost to Smyrna in the finals.

Islanders Down Chilula 78-35

The Harkers Island Islanders drubbed the Chilula Coast Guardsmen 78-35 at Harkers Island Friday night.

Members of the winning team were Ronald Davis, Lonnie C. Willis, Clark Davis, Jack Davis, Frederick Willis, Henry Brooks, Monroe Paylor, and William R. Willis.

Members of the Coast Guard team were Edward Salter, William E. Davis, Hedrick D. Arthur, Lauren Richter, Johnson, Donald Gray, Gregory, and Robert Evans.