

Newport Advances in District Tournament by Saturday Win

Hawks Edge Walstonburg In Opening Round Play

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Two hundred Newport fans cheered their Hawks to a 60-56 victory over Walstonburg Saturday night in first round play of the district two tournament at Kenansville. The game was a thriller all the way as the two teams fought on even terms for most of the contest.

The Hawks jumped off to a 6-0 lead before the Greene County champs managed to find the range. When Walstonburg did find the basket, they got hot and ran up a 14-13 first quarter lead.

The Hawks battled back and took the lead at 28-24 at the half. In the second quarter it was Reuben Lilly who kept the Hawks in the game. His hard driving play kept the Hawks in striking distance as Walstonburg poured 20 points through the hoops and held Newport to 12.

In the final quarter it was Gilbert Garner who carried the scoring load for the Hawks. The Hawks reversed the third quarter score for a 20-12 advantage during the period.

In the final analysis, it was Newport's accuracy from the charity stripe that won the game for the Hawks. They were out-scored from the floor by the losers, 42-38. From the free throw line it was a different story. The Hawks hit on 22 of 27 tosses while Walstonburg hit on 14 for 20. Walstonburg's average was a good 70 per cent, but the Hawks connected on 82 per cent of their shots.

Garner and Berlyn Temple had perfect nights from the line as each

hit four for four. Leston Gillikin connected on 10 of 13 tries. He netted four field goals which gave him a total of 18 points for high scoring honors.

Garner was runner-up in the scoring department with 14 markers, and Temple was the third Hawk to break into double scoring figures with 12 points. John Mason and Reuben Lilly connected for 8 each.

Walstonburg's Dixon demonstrated a terrific jump shot and hit for 25 points on set shots from outside and on his jump shot. Hill was the only other Walstonburg player to hit in the double figures. He got 12 points.

Coach Bob King stuck with his regular starters for the game, but Lilly broke into the game to replace Alton Hardison, and Larry Wallace gave Gillikin a rest.

Temple played an outstanding floor game and came down with more than his share of rebounds. He hit two of his 12 points in the opening minute of play, dunking a jump shot from 15 feet. This broke the ice for Newport, and the Hawks broke into a 6-0 lead.

The Hawks played Southwood last night and if they won they will meet the winner of tonight's game between Swansboro and the Columbus County champion. The Hawks defeated the Pirates twice during regular season play, but the Pirates have looked very impressive in tournament play so far.

The semi-finals game will be played at 9 p.m. tomorrow. The finals is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday.

Newport — Gillikin, 18, Garner, 14, Temple, 12, Mason, 8, Lilly, 8, Wallace, and Hardison.

Walstonburg — Dixon, 25, Hill, 12, Ayecock, 8, T. Vick, 6, Norvell, 5, W. Vick, and Shackelford.

Morehead Teams To Play Little League Baseball

Morehead City Little League president Floyd Chadwick announces that once again the league will field four teams. Two teams are definitely sponsored, the Idle Hour sponsored by the Idle Hour Amusement Center, Atlantic Beach, and the Small Frys, sponsored by Fry Roofing Co., Morehead City.

The Coast Guard and Moose, who sponsored teams last year, will sponsor their teams again this year if they get approval from their organizations.

Dr. William Fahy, player agent, announces that spring training will begin April 10. The season will officially open in May and will run for nine weeks, closing before Aug. 1, deadline for entering teams in elimination tournament play, which could eventually lead to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Advertising space on the Little League fence is available for \$25 a section for two years. Proceeds from advertising go toward the expense of uniforms, balls, bats, and field maintenance.

Officers of the Morehead City Little League in addition to Mr. Chadwick and Dr. Fahy are Dr. Robert Barnum, vice-president, Bob McLean, chief umpire, Dr. Russell Outlaw, secretary-treasurer, Bill Harrell, Bob Cantelli, Bernard Leary, Bob Davis, and Russ Willan, managers.

Monarchs Start In AA Tourney

The W. S. King High Monarchs will meet Jones High School of Trenton in the Eastern AA tournament at Atkins High in Kinston at 8 p.m. Thursday. This is the first round of state championship play.

Coach John Thompson's charges at have improved steadily all season and plan to avenge a pair of defeats they took from Trenton early this year. They dropped the first one by 12 points and lost the second one in overtime. The third one is the magic number, the Monarchs say.

The Monarchs had to win two elimination games to get into the tournament. They trounced Ayden, 63-28, and eased by Woodington High of Kinston, 48-45.

Mud Hinders Baseball Team

Morehead City baseball hopefuls have been finding nothing but muddy fields under their spikes since practice began last Monday. Coach Norman Clark gave the candidates limbering up exercises Monday and let them run a few laps around the field.

Wednesday the field behind the school was still in poor condition, but the team went through a batting and fielding session that lasted two hours.

About 30 boys are out for the team, and the coach says that he will have to cut the squad soon. It is a hard job, he admits, since only one regular, John Giancy, is returning.

Every position on the team is wide open, and the boys who look most promising during the next two weeks' practice will begin the season. With only a couple of days practice behind them, every man on the team looks a bit ragged, but the coach is optimistic.

"We have had good ball teams here in the past two years," he says, "and even though there doesn't seem to be the wealth of material this season that there has been in the past, we should come up with a scrappy ball club capable of winning a few games."

Billy Widgeon Wins Berth on All-Stars

Billy Widgeon, former Newport cage star now with Atlantic Christian College, was named to the All-North State Tournament second team Sunday. Members of the press and radio who covered tournament play voted for the all-star teams.

Of a possible 30 points, the sharpshooting Widgeon polled 19, only four less than the last man on the first team. Widgeon is best known for his ability at the free-throw line. He ranked in the top five men in the nation's small colleges from the free-throw line all season.

Marion Mills Gets News-Times Trophy

Saturday night was trophy presentation night at the Morehead City Country Club. Winners of the NEWS-TIMES golf tournament were honored and trophies were awarded. Marion Mills, winner in open division play, received the men's trophy from last year's champion, Jerry Schumacher.

Mrs. Bill Davies, ladies champion, was out of town and unable to receive her trophy from Mrs. Clarence Stamper, last year's winner. Harry Gillikin Jr. was the winner of the junior title, but he too was unable to attend the presentation ceremonies. Last year's winner in the junior division was Joe Bellamah.