

The Newport Hawks were eliminated in the semi-finals of district play, at Kenansville Wednesday night by the Swansboro Pirates, a team they had defeated twice during the regular season. The 67-60 victory Wednesday night was the big one, and the Pirates were up for the game.

After overcoming an early 4-2 Newport lead, the winners were never headed. Gilbert Garner put the Hawks ahead with a jump shot from the free throw line, but Ronald Dudley tied the score at 2 all when he connected for Swansboro. Berlyn Temple put the Hawks ahead at 4-2 when he collected two charity tosses.

The rest of the first quarter was Swansboro all the way. The Pirates piled up a 17-9 lead during these first eight minutes of play, and though the Hawks managed to tie the score later in the game, they were never able to pull ahead.

The Hawks staged their most determined rally of the game in the second period. Temple connected on a tap-in, and Reuben Lilly took the rebound on the next Pirate shot and raced down the court to lay in two more points for the Hawks and cut the lead to 17-13. At the half the score stood at 29-27.

As the second half opened, Eddie Donahue scored for the Pirates, but Lilly and Garner hit on successive shots to tie the score at 31 up. The Pirates speared ahead as Donahue found the range for six quick points.

The Hawks fought back from a 52-49 deficit at the beginning of the last quarter to tie the score at 54 all with six minutes left to play. Paul Kozma hit a shot from the side, and Donahue netted four free throws to put the Pirates out front to stay at 60-54.

Leston Gillikin was banished from the game with three minutes to go, when the referee called an intentional foul on him. John Mason was the second Hawk to leave the game. He collected his fifth foul with 2:05 remaining in the game.

Larry Wallace and Temple kept the Hawks in the game with free throws during the waning minutes. Wallace hit two, and Temple got four to narrow the margin to 62-60 with 1:15 to go.

Donahue connected for two more free throws, and Temple committed his fifth foul against Aubrey Riggs. Riggs hit one free throw to put the Pirates ahead at 65-60. Donahue bagged another pair of free throws to give the Pirates their final margin of victory, 67-60.

The Pirates had 41 chances from the line and hit on 29 for 71 per cent accuracy. The Hawks hit on 18 of 27 tries for 67 per cent.

Newport — Temple, 17. Garner, 17. Gillikin, 10. Mason, 8. Lilly, 6. Hardison, Wallace, 2. Wade, and Hill.

Swansboro — Donahue, 22. Darnell, 11. R. Dudley, 13. Riggs, 9. Kozma, 9, and Lisk, 3.

Officials — Red Benton and Tom Davis.

# Hawks Move Into Semi-Finals With Win over Southwood

By BOB SEYMOUR

The Newport Hawks moved into the semi-finals of the district two tournament at Kenansville with a 61-60 victory over Southwood's Yellow Jackets Monday night. It was the closest the Hawks have come to tasting defeat from a high school team all year.

The Yellow Jackets struck first, but Berlyn Temple hit a jump shot from 15 feet to tie the score at 2 all. After the Yellow Jackets had hit a second basket, Temple followed a set shot by Alton Hardison that went off the rim and dunked the ball to tie the score at 4 up.

John Mason hit a set shot from the side after the Yellow Jackets had gone ahead 6-4 and tied the game again. Temple connected for two after taking a rebound on Gilbert Garner's try for a free throw. Leston Gillikin put the Hawks ahead for the first time with a driving lay-up, making the score 10-8 in favor of the Hawks.

Southwood moved back into the lead, but Gillikin and Garner hit a pair of charity tosses each to narrow the margin to 16-14 in favor of Southwood at the end of the first quarter.

As the second quarter got underway, the Yellow Jackets hit for 4 quick points before the Hawks could find the basket. After 2:50 of the period had elapsed, Gillikin hit two free throws to close the gap to 4 points.

Temple hit two gratis shots, and Garner hit three straight jump shots, but the Yellow Jackets were bombarding the basket with pin point accuracy and owned a 29-26 lead at the end of the period.

Gillikin controlled the tap at the half, and Temple drove in on a fast break to score. Gillikin hit two more free tosses and Garner hit two quick jump shots to put the Hawks in the lead at 32-29.

### Jackets Regain Lead

The Yellow Jackets fought back and went ahead at 34-33, but Gillikin stole the ball from a Yellow Jacket guard who was bringing it down court. He out-distanced every player on the court in a mad race for the basket and dunked a crisp shot to put the Hawks back in the lead.

The Yellow Jackets forged back into the lead, but the Hawks rallied on the shooting of Garner, Temple, and Gillikin and took a 5-point lead, their largest margin of the game. It didn't stand up, though, for the Yellow Jackets poured six quick points through the hoops and led at the quarter, 46-45.

### Gillikin Hits

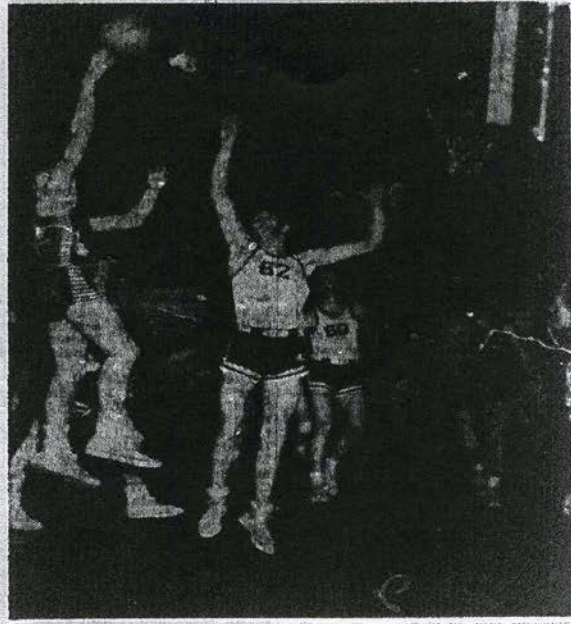
Gillikin netted a free throw and a jump shot as the fourth quarter opened, and the Hawks pulled even at 48 all. Garner hit one toss from the charity stripe, and Gillikin added four more, but the Yellow Jackets had been busy on their end of the court, and the score was tied at 53 all.

Garner hit a jump shot and Temple added two foul shots to give the Hawks a 57-56 lead. It was a narrow margin, but they hung on to it for the last three minutes of the game. Temple hit a jump shot to put the Hawks ahead by three, but on the next play Garner fouled out of the game, and the Yellow Jackets hit two free shots to close the gap back to one point.

Temple connected on two more free throws to put the Hawks ahead by a 61-58 margin with a minute to go. The Yellow Jackets scored on a jump shot from the side to move the score to 61-60 with 40 seconds left in the game.

### Yellow Jackets Desperate

The Hawks had a one point lead and possession of the ball, but the Yellow Jackets were desperate—and their tactics nearly paid off. They fouled Mason, and he missed his shot from the free throw line. The Yellow Jackets grabbed the rebound with 20 seconds to go and



Berlyn Temple, Newport forward, shows Casey of the Southwood Yellow Jackets that basketball is a sport for short men too. Casey, who stands a good 6 inches taller than Temple, couldn't have blocked this shot with a tennis racket. Leston Gillikin moves in for a rebound which wasn't necessary, and the referee, who obviously wasn't used to seeing something like this, nearly swallowed his whistle. For Newport fans, it's just routine.

started a fast break down the court.

When they saw that the clock showed 15 seconds, they slowed the space and tried for one shot. The shot they took hit the rim, and Temple was in the air waiting for it. When he came down he was fouled.

With 10 seconds remaining he missed the free throw, but Mason and a Yellow Jacket came down with the rebound, and the officials called a jump ball. The Yellow Jackets controlled the tap, but they were not able to get the ball into scoring territory in time for a good shot.

A desperation shot from the center line was short, but a Yellow Jacket took the rebound and tried to follow. His shot was blocked and went out of bounds just as the final buzzer sounded.

The three big guns for Newport were Gillikin with 21 points, Temple with 20, and Garner with 18. John Mason accounted for the other 2 points scored. Alton Hardison and Reuben Lilly alternated at one guard position. Both played good defensive games, but neither broke into the scoring column.

Lilly took only one shot from the floor, as he was content to feed the ball to Garner, Gillikin, and Temple. Hardison couldn't get his set shot from behind the key to drop, and he was unable to drive through the tight zone set up by the Yellow Jackets.

The game was won at the free throw line. The Hawks hit on 23 of 32 chances for 72 per cent accuracy. The Yellow Jackets bagged 14 of 24 shots for 58 per cent.

For the Hawks, Gillikin hit on 11 of 12 chances. Temple connected on 8 for 10, and Garner hit on 4 for 8. Mason missed 2 opportunities from the line.

Highest scorer in the game was Johnson, whose 26 points went down the drain. He was an accomplished pivot man, and he moved through the three-second lane with surprising speed and agility for a big man. He hit on 10 field goals from under the basket and six free tosses.

Newport — Gillikin, 21. Temple, 20. Garner, 18. Mason, 2. Lilly, Hardison, and Wallace.

Southwood — Johnson, 26. Casey, 20. Reynolds, 10. Hardison, 2. Stewart, Jarmen, 2, and Wiggins.

## Baseball Play To Open Friday

Baseball season, believe it or not, is scheduled to open a week from today. The Atlantic Pirates will play host to the Morehead City Eagles in the opening game.

The Stayrna Blue Devils, only other county school to field a baseball team, opens its season March 26, by playing the Atlantic team at Smyrna.

The cold, rainy weather has hampered practice sessions in all three schools, but coaches and players are praying for sunny skies and dry diamonds to get in some last minute practice next week.