

Squeaks by Smyrna 65-61

Blue Devils Lose Five Players Via Foul Route

By LIONELLE TAYLOR

After building up a three-point first half lead over Leland high school Friday night, the Smyrna Blue Devils lost five players on fouls in the fourth quarter and went down to defeat before the Lelanders 65-61. The game was played at Smyrna.

The Blue Devils started the game without their number one rebounder, Dale Lewis, but managed to maintain slight leads over Leland throughout the first half. With rugged James Meares taking up a big slack in the rebounding department and Braxton Piner dropping in baskets from inside and outside the Parkinmen forged to a 16-12 lead at the end of the first period.

Leland rallied to knot the count at 19-19 early in the second quarter and were holding a 29-28 advantage with just a minute to play in the first half. A steal by Curt Nelson and a basket by Braxton Piner, followed by a basket by Nelson, gave the Blue Devils their halftime lead.

Leland came back strong in the third quarter and outscored the Blue Devils 19-8 to take an eight-point edge. Vaughn Yeomans was the first Smyrna player to foul out as he left at the start of the final frame. He was followed in rapid order by Cenus Jones, James Meares, Grady Davis and Curt Nelson. When Davis fouled out, Smyrna coach Jim Parkin had no one to send into the game so Smyrna played with only four players on the floor.

In the first game between the two clubs, played two weeks ago, Smyrna outscored Leland from the floor but lost the game at the free throw line. Friday's game was much the same story as the Blue Devils hit 25 field goals and Leland scored 19. At the free throw line, however, Leland made 27 of 42 attempts to only 11 of 16 for Smyrna.

Piner was the game's top scorer with 27 points, followed by Tommy Corbitt of Leland who collected 25. Curt Nelson finished the night with 15 for the Blue Devils and Yeomans had 12.

The Smyrna girls remained undefeated in the preliminary game as they won their sixth straight of the year downing Leland 74-52.

Brenda Golden was again the big gun for Walter Fulcher's sextet as she dropped in 35 points. Carolyn Phelps was close behind with 29 markers and Rose Marie Arthur contributed eight. Patsy Taylor scored one basket for two points.

Fulcher used a back-court combination of Linda and Diane Willis and Elizabeth Styron throughout most of the game. Also seeing guard action were Becky Brown, Alice Chadwick, and Trudy Gillikin.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Jones	11	0	5	2
Piner	11	5	3	27
Davis	0	1	5	1
Meares	2	0	5	4
Yeomans	5	2	5	12
Nelson	6	3	5	15
	35	11	28	61

Leland	FG	FT	PF	PTS
David	4	9	2	17
Jacobs	5	4	3	14
Benton	2	3	5	7
Thomas	0	2	0	2
Corbitt	8	9	1	25
	19	27	11	65

Woman Gives Excuse For Having No License

Evel Windsor, Conn. (AP) - A 76-year-old woman, injured in the collision of her car and a truck, admitted she was driving without a license.

She told state troopers she had no license because she was too old and authorities "wouldn't give me one."

Basketball

GAMES TONIGHT
Atlantic at Newport

THURSDAY

Newport at Swansboro

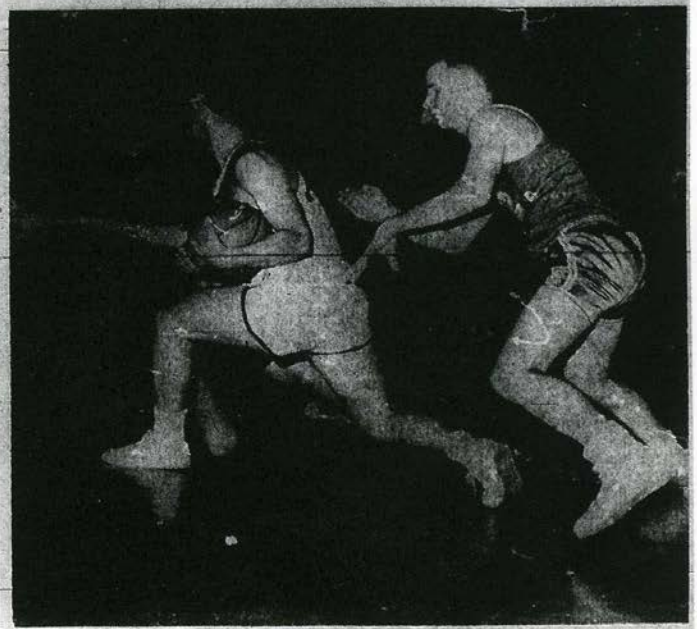
FRIDAY

Atlantic at Smyrna
Leland at Beaufort

SATURDAY

Atlantic at Morehead

Football Tactics



It appears as if Smyrna's Curt Nelson has tucked the basketball under his arm and decided to try for a short gain around two Newport defenders. Actually he's pivoting away from Newport's Johnny Bell. The shot was taken during the game Wednesday night.

Viewing Sports

by Larry McComb

Seadogs Go 2-A

Nearly every detail, except the official conference announcement, has been completed to accept Beaufort high school into the Class 2-A Coastal Plains conference.

The Seadog school will become a member of the conference with the start of next year's school term which means that they will enter both the league's football and basketball races.

The addition of Beaufort as a conference member will boost the league from a four-team to a five-team conference. Already members of the Coastal Plains are Wallace-Rose Hill, Morehead City, Jones Central and Pamlico.

The loss of Beaufort to the Coastal conference will leave the Class 1-A circuit with seven teams, however the conference has already approved the membership applications of two schools which will boost it to nine.

The two new schools in the Coastal conference next year will be Bath and Snow Hill. Bath will enter 11-man football competition for the first time after winning the state eight-man title for the last three years running. Their latest title came just last Thursday night when they routed Candor 33-13 in the final game of the eight-man playoffs. The win was also the 45th straight for Bath.

But impressive as both Bath and Beaufort's grid records were this year in their respective leagues, they can be expected to get their knocks next year. Any school that moves up a notch in classification will require a period of transition before it is able to compete on an equal basis with the larger schools. This period of transition can be anywhere from one to five years. Particularly is this true in football.

Imagine if Morehead City was to advance to the 3-A ranks and fill their grid schedule with teams like New Bern, Tarboro, Greenville, Jacksonville and Dunn. It doesn't take a football expert to tell you that an en split against foes like this would be considered a highly successful season.

In basketball the story could be a little different. Here the larger schools don't hold such an edge as they do in football. For the last two seasons Beaufort has completely dominated the state 1-A basketball scene and from all indications they could have more than held their own against 2-A or even 3-A competition. The Seadogs played three 2-A teams and one 3-A team last year and defeated all four by 20 points or more.

Rumors have been spread that both North Duplin and Warsaw (James-Kenan) high schools have applied for membership in the Coastal Plains conference but no word of this has come through the conference as yet. Both schools are 2-A size but both can also remain in 1-A classification by hiding behind the state school bus law. It's doubtful if they would be anxious to make the move into a tougher 2-A conference as long as they can dominate the 1-A scene.

That's 30 for now.

Appointment Made

W. L. Derrickson, a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Travel Council, has been appointed to a travel council committee which will cooperate with the North Carolina Civil War Centennial committee.

Trees Live Long

Mangum, Okla. (AP) - In 1895 William Mikeman set out four pear trees in an orchard near here. The four still were producing in 1960.

The National Park System of the United States includes nearly 23 million acres of land.

Blue Devils Post Easy Win Over Newport

By LIONELLE TAYLOR

The Smyrna Blue Devils, playing without the services of their ace rebounder, Dale Lewis, got a 34-point effort from Braxton Piner Wednesday night to bury the Newport Hawks 85-45 in a game played at Smyrna.

Lewis, who sprained an ankle against the same Hawks last week, was forced to watch the game from the sidelines but, as it turned out, the Blue Devils didn't need his help as they handled the Hawks with ease.

The Blue Devils scored their first basket on the opening tip and from there were never headed as they raced to an 11-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

In a rough and ragged second period the Blue Devils poured 28 points through the hoop to open their lead to 21 points at 47-26. Leading the 28-point outburst was Piner who hit four straight field shots before missing one near the end of the period.

In the third quarter the Blue Devils put the game on ice as the Hawks came up with their coldest shooting of the night. In the eight-minute period, Newport could manage only seven points while Smyrna was collecting 25.

Blue Devil coach Jim Parkin gave his second unit some experience in the final frame and they had no trouble in holding the large Blue Devil lead.

Behind Piner in the scoring column came Winkie Chadwick of Newport who tallied 16 points and Curt Nelson of Smyrna who finished the night with 14 points.

As a team, the Blue Devils made

wick, Becky Brown, Trudy Gillikin and Joan Valentine.

The Newport guards were Lana Lineberger, Paula Mann and Dotie Whitley. Jane Murdoch and Betsy Oglesby also saw action.

19 of their 37 free throw attempts for a 51.3 per cent accuracy. Newport attempted 40 gift shots and made 23 of them for a percentage mark of 57.5.

In the preliminary game the girl Blue Devils won their fifth straight of the year, riding to an 86-64 victory over the Hawks on the strength of a 56-point performance by Brenda Golden.

The Hawkettes trailed by large margins throughout the contest as they were unable to check the red-hot shooting of Golden. Carolyn Phelps, with 28 points, and Melinda Gillikin, with two, rounded out the Smyrna scoring.

Jenny Lynn Garner paced the Newport scoring by dropping in 28 points, followed closely by Margaret Lilly who tallied 25.

Smyrna coach Walter Fulcher started a back-court trio of Linda and Diane Willis and Elizabeth Styron. He also used Alice Chad-