

# Butch Hassell Heads Prep Scorers; Smyrna Tops Offensive Averages

As the county basketball teams take a two-week breather for the Christmas holidays, scoring statistics compiled show All-County cager Butch Hassell back at his familiar spot as the leading scorer in average points per game.

Butch has scored 93 points in four games for the defending state champion Seadogs to give him an average of 23.2 points. Johnny Turpin of Newport holds down second place in the scoring parade with his average of 17.9 points per game. Turpin, who has played eleven games to date, leads the county scorers in total points with his aggregate of 197.

Next to Turpin comes Atlantic's sharpshooter Bobby Nelson who is bombarding the basket at a 17.7 clip for seven games. Nelson had the second highest single game output this year when he scored 30 points against Morehead City.

Following Nelson in scoring averages is the Smyrna Blue Devil duo of Curt Nelson and Dale Lewis.

Nelson has 149 points in nine games for a mark of 16.6 per game while Lewis has tossed in 142 in the same number of games for an average of 15.8.

The Blue Devils have played ten games to date but statistics on the Atlantic contest, played Friday night, were not available at press time.

In team performances the Smyrna Blue Devils lead the county in scoring, having garnered 613 points in their nine games for an average of 68.1 points per contest. Beaufort is the closest to this figure with their 259 points in four games, which comes out as an average of 64.8 points per game.

The Seadogs are far ahead of the rest of the teams in team defense. Opponents have been able to score only 37.1 points per contest on them. Second in team defense is the Blue Devils who have held opponents to an average of 49.6 points per game.

Scoring leaders, as of Dec. 17 were as follows:

## Tax for Safety

Hamden, Conn. (AP)—The town governing board has decided that homeowners who build fallout shelters must pay taxes on them.

Name, School	Games	Total Pts.	Avg.
Butch Hassell, Beaufort	4	93	23.2
Johnny Turpin, Newport	11	197	17.9
Bobby Nelson, Atlantic	7	124	17.7
Curt Nelson, Smyrna	9	149	16.6
Dale Lewis, Smyrna	9	142	15.8
Larry Kirk, Newport	12	171	14.3
John Phillips, Morehead City	5	70	14.0
Ray Hassell, Beaufort	4	52	13.0
Pud Hassell, Beaufort	4	51	12.7
Braxton Piner, Smyrna	9	108	12.0

## TEAM STATISTICS

Team	Games	Points Scored	Points Allowed	Offensive Average	Defensive Average
Newport	12	671	653	55.9	54.4
Smyrna	9	613	447	68.1	49.6
Atlantic	7	298	453	42.6	64.7
Morehead City	5	270	252	54.0	50.4
Beaufort	4	259	149	64.8	37.1