

To State Champions

Beaufort lost a 53-47 heartbreaker to Hildebran in the semi-final round of the state playoffs at Reynolds high school, Winston-Salem, Friday night, but posted a 62-47 win in Saturday's consolation game with Northwest Guilford to rank among the state's three best double-A cage teams.

Hildebran high school went on to claim the championship Saturday night by defeating Forest Hills.

The Seadogs took a one-point lead in the first period of Friday's game with the Hildebran Royals, outscoring them 11 to 10. The tall western North Carolina team returned the favor in the second quarter, edging Beaufort by the same margin, 11 to 10, to tie the game 21-all at the half.

The Royals outscored Beaufort 17 to 13 in the third period and 15 to 13 in the fourth to stretch the margin to 6 points.

Guards Clem Woodard and Richard Stanley were high for the Seadogs, with 14 points each. Brady Way hit 12; Mickey Bertram, 4; Claud Wheatly, 2; and Chris Pake, 1. They made 19 of 41 from the floor for 46 per cent, and 9 of 12 from the line for 75 per cent.

Curtis Eckard, Hildebran's 6-foot, 5-inch center, and Sonny Abernathy led the Royals' offense, with 14 each. Dale Abernathy and Gary Wilkinson got 10 apiece; Allison, 4; and Bridges, 1.

Hildebran tossed in 21 of 40 field goal attempts for 53 per cent, and 10 of 27 free throws for 37 per cent. It was their 27th victory this season, with no losses.

Chris Pake led the Seadogs under the boards, with 6 rebounds. Brady Way brought down 5, and Woodard, 4. Pake, who collected three fouls early in the first half, sat out a good part of the third period. He had held Hildebran's normally high-scoring center to only one point in the first two quarters.

Pake and Claud Wheatly, who were assigned to cover the big man, were cited as Beaufort's outstanding defenders.

Beaufort trailed by four points, 38-34, going into the final period, and moved to within one point, 46-45, with about three minutes remaining. But the Seadogs' effort at a comeback, as in the opening moments of the game, seemed bound to hit some kind of snag. Walking, fouling and bad passes broke up what could have been key drives.

Eastern basketball, according to several fans, is a good deal rougher than the western brand of hardwood competition. The Seadogs had a difficult time adjusting.

But they came home with the consolation game trophy. They



Beaufort high school students, teachers and fans turned out Wednesday morning to wish the Seadogs well in the state double-A playoffs in Winston-Salem. Coach McQuaid's cagers came home Sunday afternoon with the consolation trophy.

are the third best double-A squad in the state, by tournament standards, and were the best cage squad on the Reynolds high school court, according to the host of Carteret countians on hand to cheer.

Clem Woodard and Brady Way, team captains, accepted the trophy during the halftime of the Hildebran-Forest Hills contest Saturday night.

Woodard scored 18 points in the consolation game against Northwest Guilford Saturday. The Guilford Vikings took a beating at the hands of runner-up Forest Hills in Friday night's semi-final round in Winston-Salem.

Way and Pake accounted for 16 points each. Richard Stanley got 8, and Mickey Bertram, 3. They made 24 of 58 shots from the floor for 51 per cent, and 14 of 24 free throws for 58 per cent.

Beaufort outscored the Vikings in every quarter: first, 18 to 11; second, 21 to 18; third, 16 to 12; and fourth, 7 to 6.

Scoring for Northwest Guilford were Hunter, 16; Childress, 14; Styres, 8; Pegram, 3; Morgan, Atkins and Apple, 2 each. They tossed in 17 of 49 field goal attempts for 33 per cent, and 13 of 22 from the line for 59 per cent.

Pake led in rebounding again, with 14. Way picked off 12. Woodard, 5, and Stanley, 4. Bertram and Pake were cited as Beaufort's outstanding defensive performers. The Seadogs finished the season with a 23-3 record.

They advanced to the state finals by sweeping district games at Jacksonville, downing Mt. Olive for the district II title.



Brady Way, left, and Clem Woodard, Beaufort co-captains, accept the consolation trophy from a tournament official during halftime ceremonies of Saturday night's championship contest between Hildebran and Forest Hills. The Hildebran Royals, who downed Beaufort 53-47 Friday night, went on to win the title.



The Beaufort basketball team lines up at half court Saturday night at Reynolds high school, Winston-Salem, to receive individual medals as the state's third ranking double-A squad. Dressing for the game were Clem Woodard, Brady Way, Chris Pake, Richard Stanley, Mickey Bertram, Jackie Duncan, Claud Wheatly, Bill Peck, Bill Temple, Tommy Piner, Thompson Lewis and John Way.