



Photo by Bob Seymour

Bobby Nelson, Atlantic, goes up for a shot in Wednesday night's game at Atlantic. Beaufort forward Calvin Jones, 24, attempts to block the shot. Others in the picture, left to right, are Ray Hassell, Beaufort, Stevie Mason, Atlantic, and David Jones, Beaufort.

Smyrna Divides With Swansboro

The Smyrna Blue Devils traveled to Swansboro Tuesday night and divided a doubleheader with the Pirates. The Smyrna girls won the opener by a 46-37 margin while the Blue Devils dropped a 58-39 decision in the second game.

Smyrna coach Jimmy Parkin said he was pleased with the game played by his girls. Jean Willis and Carolyn Phelps were the big guns in the Smyrna attack.

The boys' game saw the Blue Devils pull an amazing comeback.

After scoring only eight points in the first half and trailing by a 32-8 score at the intermission, the Blue Devils roared back to score 31 points in the second half to 27 by the Pirates.

Curtis Nelson was high scorer for the Blue Devils with 18 points. Other boys who saw action included Dale Lewis, ~~Walter~~ Lawrence, Carroll Hill and Braxton Piner.

The Atlantic Pirates battled Beaufort on even terms for most of the first half of their game at Atlantic Wednesday night but couldn't stand the pace and lost a 71-44 decision to the Seadogs.

The Pirates took an early lead which the Seadogs did not overcome until the second quarter. Butch Hassell tied the score at 11 all when he hit a jump shot but Atlantic came right back and took an 18-15 lead with three minutes remaining in the first half.

With the score tied at 19 all and two minutes to go in the half, the Seadogs got away for a couple of fast breaks, stole the ball once and Sammy Merrill hit a jump shot from the corner. This surge by the Seadogs gave them a 27-19 advantage at the half.

The Seadogs went to work in the second half to score 44 points while limiting the Pirates to 25.

Butch Hassell was high scorer for the night with 29 points, his best scoring effort of the season. The Beaufort flash scored 11 field goals and seven free throws to account for his total.

Roger Harris of Atlantic was second in the scoring column with 15 points. Pud Hassell of Beaufort scored 14.

Other players for Beaufort were Allen Autry, 8, Leon Thomas, 5,

Ray Hassell, 7, Sammy Merrill, 2, Frank Potter, 4, Calvin Jones, 2, and David Jones.

Playing for Atlantic were Harris, Stevie Mason, 11, Sammy Salter, 8, George Golden, 4, Bobby Nelson, 2, Van McIntosh, 4, Ray Tallent, Danny Harvey, Aubrey Harvey, Danny Sparks and Nicky Harvey.

The Seadogs hit on 29 of 62 shots from the floor for 47 per cent accuracy. The Pirates scored on 11 of 43 shots for only 26 per cent.

The teams were more equal in foul shooting, each hitting 59 per cent of its charity tosses. The Pirates hit 20 of 34 and the Seadogs hit 13 for 22.

The Pirates played White Oak last night and the Seadogs will play at New Bern tomorrow night in their final pre-holiday games.