

Blue Devils Rack Atlantic Easily

The Smyrna Blue Devils had little trouble making it eight wins for the season Friday night as they coasted to a 64-38 win over the Atlantic Pirates in a Seashore Conference tilt.

The game, played at Smyrna, saw the Blue Devils jump out to an early lead and maintain comfortable margins over the Pirates throughout the contest.

At the end of the first quarter of play the Pirates were as close as they could come to the Blue Devil lead as they trailed by five at 14-9. Halftime found them 12 points in the hole at 29-17 and the end of the three quarter frame saw the Blue Devils almost out of sight at 49-22.

Smyrna lost the services of Carroll Hill for at least three weeks in the second quarter when he suffered a severe gash on the hand while pulling down a rebound. The cut had to be closed with seven stitches and Blue Devil mentor Jim Parkin reports that Hill will not see action again until after the holidays.

Pacing the well-balanced Blue Devil scoring attack were Braxton Piner with 17 points, Curt Nelson with 16 and Dale Lewis with 15. High scorer for Atlantic was Danny Harvey with 15 points while Bobby Nelson contributed 12 for the losers.

Hitting almost every other shot from the floor the Blue Devils finished the night with a shooting average of 43 per cent on field goal attempts. They sank 25 of 58 attempted. From the free throw line the Blue Devils made 14 of 20 gift shots for an average of 70 per cent.

Atlantic's free throw accuracy was 52 per cent that came on 12 of 23 charity attempts.

An added attraction for the evening was the crowning of Sherry Gillikin as Junior Miss Blue Devil and Olivia Yeomans as Senior Miss Blue Devil. Miss Gillikin is a seventh grader and Miss Yeomans is a freshman.

In the preliminary contest the Smyrna girls made it a clean sweep for the night as they downed the Atlantic girls 44-29.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Piner	6	5	5	17
Hill	3	1	0	7
Jones	1	1	2	3
Lawrence	2	0	5	4
Yeomans	1	0	0	2
Lewis	5	5	4	15
Nelson	7	2	3	16
Totals	25	14	19	64

Atlantic	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Tallent	1	0	5	2
Harvey, D.	5	5	2	15
Nelson	4	4	3	12
Harvey, N.	2	0	1	4
Floyd	1	3	3	5
Totals	13	12	14	38