

Blue Devils Win Both Games Of Elizabeth City Twin Bill

Knapp Victory Followed By Win Over Central

The Smyrna high school Blue Devils won their first outing in the Elizabeth City Holiday Doubleheader Wednesday night at they waltzed to an impressive 75-68 win over Knapp high school.

Knapp was never in the contest as the Blue Devils set a torrid pace early in the game and then simply wore down the Knapp defense. Braxton Piner sparked Smyrna's first half scoring exhibition by dropping in six straight field goals.

Smyrna got in foul trouble in the first half and switched from their man-to-man defense to a 3-2 zone in the last two periods but the switch failed to dull their effectiveness as their first half lead was enough for the Blue Devils to maintain command of the game.

Halftime came with the Blue Devils enjoying a 19-point bulge at 36-17. Knapp went into a full-court press in the last half but the move failed to pay off as the Blue Devils were able to fast break past the press for several easy baskets. Smyrna coach, Jim Parkin, said

after the game, "I thought we played a tremendous first half. We did get in trouble with fouls and had to play the last two quarters a little cautiously but still it was a tremendous effort." Parkin also credited the rebounding of James Meares and Dale Lewis with being instrumental in the win.

The Blue Devils finished the game with four players in double scoring figures topped by Curt Nelson's 19, which was also high for the game. Behind Nelson came Braxton Piner and James Meares with 16 points apiece and Vaughn Yeomans with 10. McClean and Mead topped the Knapp scorers with 18 points apiece.

The Blue Devils were hot from

both the floor and the foul line as they hit 23 of 40 field goal attempts for a 57.5 per cent mark and 29 of 36 free throw attempts for an 80.5 mark. Curt Nelson hit 10 straight from the foul line in the last half.

In Wednesday's first game, Panteo high school gained an expected victory as they rolled over Pasquotank Central 51-23.

The Smyrna aggregation downed Pasquotank Central 48-41 Thursday night in the second of two games played at Elizabeth City. Smyrna had to come from behind in the second half, to overcome 6-point lead posted by Central.

The Blue Devils poured on the heat in the third quarter and scored 19 points while holding Central to three. Each team toted up 12 points in the last quarter, but Central couldn't make a big enough comeback to swamp the Devils.

Coach Jim Parkin lauded the friendliness of the Elizabeth City people. Boys on visiting teams stayed in their homes. He also said fans came to him, commended him on the appearance of the team and praised their sportsmanship.

Some of the Smyrna cagers were contacted by college scouts. Pan-

Hearing Postponed

The hearing on the restraining order which broke up a longshoremen's strike at the Morehead City port Dec. 9, has been postponed. The hearing was scheduled for Friday before judge W. J. Bundy at Greenville. It probably will be held the latter part of January.

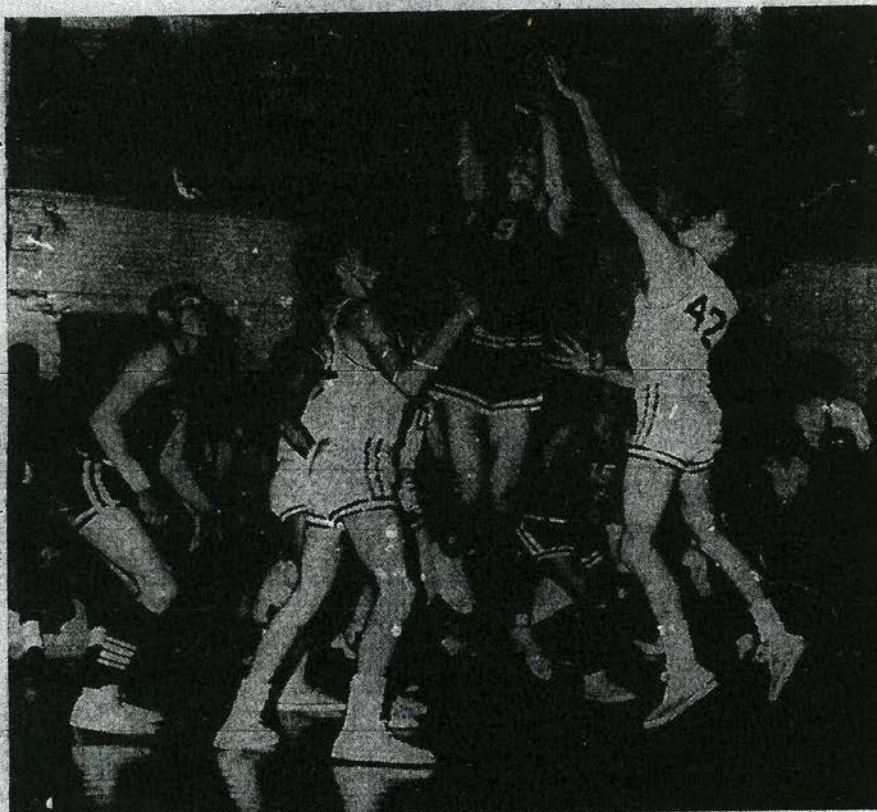
lego, reputedly one of the best teams in the state, won both of its contests as did Smyrna.

Box scores:

SMYRNA				
Player	FG	FT	PF	PT
Piner	5	0	0	10
Meares	1	2	2	4
Lewis	3	4	4	10
Yeomans	5	0	1	10
Nelson	3	8	4	14
Totals	17	14	11	48

PASQUOTANK CENTRAL				
Player	FG	FT	PF	PT
Bright	0	1	3	1
Jordan	7	1	0	15
Larabee	1	0	5	4
Jackson	4	2	1	10
Winslow	4	1	1	9
Harris	1	2	2	4
Totals	17	7	12	41

Lewis Thwarts Shot



Swansboro's Gene Riggs tries to get a shot off during the Beaufort-Swansboro game last week but his effort is thwarted by Chuck Lewis of the Seadogs who gets just enough of a hand on the ball to block the shot. The Beaufort player in front of Riggs is Alton Hill.