

Eagles Take Holiday Break



The Morehead City Eagles will swing back into action on Jan. 6, when they travel to Swansboro for a game with the Pirates. Team members, front row, left to right, are Jimmy Smithwick, Jimmy Swann, John Phillips, Lynwood Durham, James Guthrie and Walter Morris. Back row, Harold Wheaton, Jimmy Thompson, Charles Lynch, Tommy Thompson, Truman Kemp, Dan Wade, Chuck Sledge, George Styron and Coach Gannon Talbert.

Beaufort Straight P

The Beaufort Seadogs are scheduled to meet their stiffest opposition of the year when they travel to Swansboro Saturday night, Jan. 3. Winners of five straight, the Seadogs hold victories over New Bern (twice), Atlantic, Pamlico and Camp Lejeune.

Despite the fact that three of the victories came over AA schools, the Seadogs will probably have more trouble with the Swansboro Pirates than with any of the teams they have met to date.

The Pirates have a big, fast team and will really be hard to beat on their home court. What the Seadogs will give up in size they will have to make up in shooting and spirit.

The Seadogs have shown plenty of both qualities so far this year. The Beaufort quintet has scored 305 points in five games for an average of 61 points per contest. They have looked great on defense, giving up an average of only 38 points per contest.

Despite the fact that Butch Hassell is scoring nearly 23 points a game, the Seadogs have a well-rounded offense. Pud Hassell is hitting for over 11 points a game and two or three other Seadogs should be in the double figures before the season is over.

The Seadogs' only weakness seems to be in their lack of height. Sammy Merrill and Pud Hassell are turning in good performances under the boards against taller players and Allen Autry is improving in his timing.

Butch Hassell and Leon Thomas, starting guards, are strong rebounders from their outside positions. The Seadogs have plenty of class and play a polished type of ball.

Coach T. H. McQuaid has built a machine at Beaufort that will go

Morehead City Eagles Show Promise of Improvement

The Morehead City Eagles, boasting four seniors on the starting five, show promise of rounding into a good ball club under the coaching of Gannon Talbert. The coach says he lost two great players in Llewellyn Phillips and Darden Eure but has plenty of good boys returning.

The seniors, Lynwood Durham, Jimmy Swann, Walter Morris and James Guthrie, are joined by junior John Phillips. All five players are averaging better than 10 points per game.

Phillips is high scorer for the team with 54 points in four games for an average of 13.5 points per game.

Despite the fact that the Eagles are scoring at an average of over 55 points per game, they have won only two games while losing two.

The defense is the major problem Coach Talbert must solve. So far this year only Durham and Phillips have been able to get their share of the rebounds. Durham has been outstanding under the backboards, and Phillips has used his height to advantage in pulling down rebounds.

Guthrie, who has played in only two games, shows promise of developing into a good defensive player. He is big enough to work under the basket with Durham.

Morris and Swann, the fast-breaking outside men, are good guards but lack the size to fight for the ball under the boards. The Eagles should do very well in the county and against most of the other teams on their schedule.

The teams like Swansboro, with six or seven men six feet or taller, are the ones that will trouble the Eagles most.

The Eagles will play their first conference game on Jan. 9, when they will play host to the Jones Central Rockets. Other teams in the Coastal Plains Conference are Pamlico Central and Wallace-Rose Hill.

The Eagles will play two regular season games with each of these teams and will compete in

Smyrna Loses to Dixon By Two Points Thursday

By JOHNNY OWENS

The Smyrna Blue Devils lost a close one at Dixon last Thursday night. The home team captured a 29-27 decision over the visiting Blue Devils, despite a strong second-half rally by the losers.

The Dixon quintet opened up in the second quarter to take a six-point lead at the half, 18-12. Smyrna came back in the third period to cut the margin to two points and make the score read 29-27.

Each team scored 10 points in a thrilling last quarter that had the fans on their feet most of the time.

Dale Lewis was the scoring leader for the Blue Devils with 15 points. Lewis scored four field goals and seven free throws to account for the total of 15. He only missed two free throws all night.

Braxton Piner and Curtis Nelson scored eight points each for the Smyrna five. Each player hit on four field goals. Neither made a free throw.

Horace Lawrence scored the other six points for Smyrna. He hit four of five free throws and one field goal. Carroll Hill, who fouled out in the first half, failed to score.

Others who played for the Blue Devils were Roland Lewis, James Mears and John Hill.

High scorer for the winners was R. Piner with 15 points. Hollowell scored seven; Canady and Porter scored six each and Yopp scored five.

New Bern JV's Beat Beaufort

By PERRY LOU WILLIS

The New Bern Jayvees reversed an earlier defeat at the hands of the Beaufort Seapups when they earned a 36-28 decision at New Bern Saturday night.

The winners, behind the sharp shooting of Doug Brock, rolled to a 20-11 halftime lead. Brock scored 13 points for the winners to top high scoring honors.

High scorer for the Seapups was Alton Hill with 10 points. Others who played for Beaufort were Jeffrey Salter, 8, George Noe, 5, Eddie Taylor, 4, and Joe Eastman 1.

Others who played for New Bern were Swindell, 8, Gillikin, 6, Dunn, 6, and R. Brock, 3.

Peppy M Up

Blacksburg, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech's football coach, Frank Moseley, is playing recorder music—mostly rock-'n'-roll—in the players' dressing rooms. "You'd be surprised how peppy the music makes the kids," he says.