

Pirates Bow to Blue Devils; Girls Win 37-24 over Smyrna

Basketball Games

TONIGHT
Beaufort at Newport
Camp Lejeune at Smyrna
Morehead City at Jones Central

TUESDAY
Morehead City at Smyrna
JAN. 15
Have'lock at Smyrna
Wallace-Rose Hill at Morehead City
Atlantic at Beaufort

By **LIONELLE TAYLOR**
The Atlantic Pirates were unable to cope with the scoring attack of the Smyrna Blue Devils Friday night and as a result went down to their 10th straight loss of the year, 69-44. The Atlantic girls won over Smyrna, 37-24.

The game, played at Atlantic, saw the Pirates being able to stay pretty close to the Blue Devils during the first two periods but then wilting under a 42-point outburst by Smyrna in the final half.

The end of the first quarter saw the Pirates trailing by only two points at 12-10 and as the two teams left the floor at halftime the Blue Devils' lead was only three points at 27-24.

In the third quarter Nelson, Lewis, Piner and teammates sharpened their shooting eyes and began to pull away from the smaller

Pirates. Coach Jim Parkin's crew scored 20 points in the stanza while holding Atlantic to only eight to give them a lead of 15 at 47-32. Their 22-point last quarter gave them the final victory margin of 25 points.

Curt Nelson was high scorer for the game with his total of 17 points however he was followed closely by Dale Lewis, Carroll Hill and Braxton Piner of the Blue Devils. Lewis tossed in 15 points while Hill and Piner each had 14.

Bobby Nelson, Atlantic's leading point-maker, paced the Pirates in scoring with 16 points. Danny Harvey contributed 13 for the losers.

Smyrna proved ineffective at the free throw line making only 13 of 24 charity shots for a shooting average of 54 per cent. Atlantic, meanwhile, was sinking 18 of 26 from the free throw line to give them a 69.2 per cent accuracy.

In the opening game of the night the Atlantic girls built up a six-point lead over their Blue Devil foes in the first half and then went into a deep-freeze for six minutes and 40 seconds of the third quarter to give them a 37-24 win over Smyrna.

As a result of the freeze put on by the Atlantic girls in the third quarter only four points were scored by the two teams during the entire period, two by Atlantic and two by Smyrna.

Bonnie Brickhouse of the victorious Pirates paced all scorers in the game with her total of 28 points. Linda Taylor had five points for the winners and Cathryn Willis and Brenda Salter each had two.

Holding the Smyrna forwards to their lowest point output of the season were guards Jenevy Mason, Jean Bell and Brenda Salter. Also seeing action in the front court for Roy Cockerham's crew was Annis Willis.

Two players did all of the scoring for the Blue Devils. Carolyn Phelps finished the night with 16 points and Brenda Golden added eight. Forwards who saw action but failed to score included Patsy Taylor, Rose Arthur, Barbara Davis, and Melinda Gillikin. Coach Walter Fulcher's back court combination consisted of guards Sally Hooper, Claudia Brown, Patsy Chadwick, and Linda and Diane Willis.

The next action for the Blue Devils will be tonight when they entertain the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups in a return match on the Smyrna hardwoods. Atlantic is idle until next Friday night when they take on the defending state Class A champs, Beaufort Seadogs, in a game to be played at Beaufort.

Butch Tops Individual Scorers; Seadogs Lead Team Statistics

With all county teams back in action after the holidays individual scoring statistics compiled after last Friday's games finds Butch Hassell of the defending state champion Beaufort Seadogs still on top of the scoring parade with an average of 24.8 points per game for the Seadogs' six games played to date.

In Beaufort's last two games Butch has scored 56 points to give him a safe lead over Johnny Turpin of Newport who is second with an average of 17.7 points per game. Against 71st high school Butch garnered 31 points and he followed this with a 25-point performance against Pamlico.

Turpin still leads the county in points scored with his total of 212 for 12 games. Turpin's teammate Larry Kirk is second in total points, having scored 189. Curt Nelson of Smyrna has scored 182.

Beaufort and Smyrna each have three players in the top ten scorers among county cagers with Ray and Pud Hassell making it in addition to Butch. The Smyrna trio of top scorers includes Curt Nelson, Dale Lewis and Braxton Piner. Newport, at with Turpin and Kirk, have two players in the top ten and Morehead City and Atlantic have one

each. Making it for the Eagles is John Phillips while the Atlantic representative is Bobby Nelson.

The Beaufort Seadogs have taken over as leaders in both offensive and defensive statistics in team performances. In their six games played to date the Seadogs have scored a total of 418 points for an average of 69.6 points per game. They have allowed their opponents only 214 points in the six contests for a stingy average of only 35.6 points per game.

Behind Beaufort in both departments is Smyrna which is averaging 67.8 points per contest while holding opponents to an average of 48.2 points per game.

Complete individual and team statistics, including last Friday's games, are as follows:

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Name, School	Games	Points	Avg.
Butch Hassell, Beaufort	6	149	24.8
Johnnie Turpin, Newport	12	212	17.7
Curt Nelson, Smyrna	11	182	16.5
Bobby Nelson, Atlantic	10	161	16.1
Dale Lewis, Smyrna	11	172	15.6
Larry Kirk, Newport	13	189	14.6
Ray Hassell, Beaufort	6	84	14.0
Pud Hassell, Beaufort	6	84	14.0
John Phillips, Morehead City	6	82	13.6
Braxton Piner, Smyrna	11	139	12.6
Carroll Hill, Smyrna	11	106	9.6
Tom Thompson, Morehead City	6	58	9.6

TEAM STATISTICS

Team	Games Played	Points Scored	Points Allowed	Offensive Average	Defensive Average
Beaufort	6	418	214	69.6	35.6
Smyrna	11	746	531	67.8	48.2
Newport	13	719	713	55.3	54.8
Morehead City	6	330	390	55.0	50.0
Atlantic	10	419	664	41.9	66.4



Viewing Sports

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The Time to Act

Up until this year, Morehead City high school ruled county football like the Yankees have ruled the American league. This year Beaufort, for the first time in a decade, knocked the vaunted Eagles off their throne.

It's now possible that Beaufort fans will have to settle for their one 'big year' for another decade or longer unless something is done in Beaufort to start a midget football program comparable to the one organized this year in Morehead City.

In two or three years the effect of the midget football program is going to be felt in the high school when Norman Clark starts getting boys off the Jayvee team that have anywhere from three to four years of football experience behind them. It stands to reason that the calibre of teams turned out at the high school will greatly improve.

Over on the other side of the river Curt Lancaster and his staff are getting players from the Jayvee football squad, most of whom have never played the game before their freshman year in high school. Can players with this limited experience be expected to play on a level with other boys their same age who have three and four years of experience behind them? I doubt it.

In any sport, and particularly in football, experience is an all-important factor. The Morehead City midget football league is teaching boys the fundamentals of the sport as well as giving them the opportunity of getting a taste of actual game competition. At a school where no midget program is in effect, high school coaches have to spend valuable practice time that could be used for learning more advanced phases of the game. They have to teach the fundamentals of blocking and tackling.

Money, or the lack of it, is the big problem with just about every organization or program that is started in Beaufort. To start a midget football program it will take money. But the amount required isn't a great deal. In Morehead City only enough money was raised this year to equip two teams. The program purchased pants and jerseys for four teams but bought only enough shoulder pads, helmets, etc. for two teams. This way the equipment can be alternated between the four teams. Next year it is hoped that the program can buy the additional equipment needed so that each of the four teams will have their own gear.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Piner	5	4	1	14
Hill, J.	1	0	1	2
Hill, C.	6	2	2	14
Lawrence	2	1	4	5
Lewis	7	1	5	15
Nelson	6	5	5	17
Mears	1	1	0	3
Totals	28	14	18	70
Atlantic	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Tallent	4	2	4	10
Harvey, D.	3	3	5	10
Nelson	3	10	2	16
Harvey, N.	1	0	3	2
Floyd	0	3	3	3
Totals	13	18	17	44