

Smyrna Cage Teams Split Twin Bill with Swansboro

Smyrna Girls Win Opener, Swansboro Cops Boys Tilt

By JOHNNY OWENS

The Smyrna Blue Devils and Swansboro Pirates split a twin bill at Smyrna Friday night. The Smyrna girls took a 61-52 decision in the opener and the Blue Devils lost by a 51-81 score in the second game.

Jean Willis and Carolyn Phelps accounted for all 61 points for Smyrna in the opening game. Willis was high scorer for the game with 39 points. Phelps hit for 23. The third starter, Brenda Baker, brought the ball in bounds and fed the ball to the taller girls working near the basket.

With this combination, Coach Jimmy Parkin's team grabbed an 18-13 lead in the first quarter. By the end of the first half the Smyrna girls had a 31-23 lead.

Clarice Willis, Brenda Willis, Carol Willis and Sally Hooper were the guards who alternated for Smyrna. In only one quarter did they allow the Swansboro forwards more points than the Smyrna forwards scored. In the third period the Swansboro girls scored 18 while Smyrna was hitting for 15.

Swan Jones was higher scorer for the losers with 23 points. Betty Casey scored five and Nancy Jones and Pat Lisk scored 12 each. The starting guards for Swansboro were Charlene Spakes, Maxine Riggs and Beeky Gorman.

In the second game the Swansboro team started hot but cooled off toward the end of the game. The Pirates built a 27-10 lead in the first half and held a 43-15 lead as the final quarter began.

The Blue Devils caught fire in the last eight minutes and scored 16 points while holding the visitors to eight. The rally cut the Swansboro margin of victory but was not enough to change the outcome of the game.

The Blue Devils played the game without the services of their high-scoring freshman Dale Lewis. Lewis has an ankle injury that will keep him out for nearly a month, according to Coach Parkin.

In the first 10 games Lewis scored 125 points for a 12.5 average to top Blue Devil scorers. While he will be missed, the Blue Devils have come up with a couple of good players who can fill in for him.

Braxton Pizer and Curtis Nelson were the leading scorers for Smyrna Friday night with seven points each. Vaughn Yeomans hit for six. Horace Lawrence and Carroll Hill scored four each and Paul Wade scored three.

Ernest Wiggins, Swansboro center, was high scorer for the game with 13 points. Fritchard Smith scored 10.

The Blue Devils will play host to Camp Lejeune Thursday night in a make-up game. The girls game will begin at 8:45 p.m. instead of the usual 7:30.

Even Steven

In last week's Beaufort-Smyrna game both coaches pulled their first teams in the third quarter. It was reported that Beaufort substitutes played, but Smyrna second stringers were also on the court.

BASKETBALL

TONIGHT

Beaufort at Morehead City
Newport at Atlantic

THURSDAY

Camp Lejeune at Smyrna (6:45)

FRIDAY

Havelock at Beaufort
Atlantic at Swansboro
White Oak at Smyrna
Morehead City at Wallace

SATURDAY

Dixon at Newport

Eaglettes Lose To Rockettes

By DOUGLASS ANN WEST

The Morehead City Eaglettes dropped a 68-44 decision to the Jones Central lassies Friday night on the Morehead City court. The powerful Rockettes jumped into an early lead and were never threatened.

By the end of the first half of play the Rockettes had a comfortable 39-21 margin. The teams went into the final quarter with the Eaglettes trailing by 30 points, 60-30.

The Eaglettes rallied in the last quarter to score 14 points and hold Jones Central to eight.

The Rockette defense held Jenny Lou Smithwick to 27 points. Barbara Harrell came through with her best performance of the year as she scored 11 points for the Eaglettes. Alton Dickinson hit for six.

Johnice Dozier and Glenda Morton substituted at the forward positions. Guards for the Eaglettes were Dana Dickinson, Virginia Thompson, Barbara Nichols, Lorraine Hitcher and Georgia Mizesko.

High scorers for the winners were Craft with 34 and Jones with 12.

Newport Hawks Extend Victory String to Nine

The Newport Hawks made it nine in a row Friday night with an 81-33 victory over Dixon. The Hawks, giving Dixon the home court advantage, still had little trouble as they rolled up a 17-3 lead in the first quarter and kept the pressure on as they built their lead.

Johnny Turpin and Johnny Mason tied for scoring honors with 22 points each. Other Hawks to score were Ronnie Edwards, 13, Tommy Gillikin, 8, Larry Kirk, 8, and Laurie Bradshaw, 3.

Coach Douglas Schafran was pleased with the fine shooting turned in by the Hawks. As a team, they hit 55.3 per cent of their shots from the floor and 70 per cent of their free throws.

Turpin hit eight of nine shots, from the floor and six of eight free throws for his 22 points. Mason scored on nine of 18 shots from the floor and all of his four free throws to account for his total.

Edwards, a substitute, connected on five of seven shots from the floor and three free throws for 13 points. Coach Schafran said he was very pleased with the way Edwards, Bradshaw and William Small came through in reserve. The Hawks will play Dixon again Saturday night. The game was postponed during the cold weather before the Christmas holidays. The girls game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Newport gym.

Newport Girls Bow to Dixon

By EDDIE LYNN GARNER

Dixon's scrappy six, playing with a home court advantage, handed the Newport lassies a 58-34 defeat Friday. The Hawkettes turned in an unusually slow performance in the first half, connecting for only 10 points.

The Dixon lassies lost no time in taking up 32 points for a 32-10 halftime lead.

The Newport team came back strong after the rest period to play Dixon on even terms for the rest of the game. Each team shot 24 points in the second half.

The starting forwards for Newport were Becky Garner, 6, Margaret Lilly, 16, and Jenny Garner, 5. Substituting at the forward spots were Libba Gould, 2, Dump Warren, 5, Bettie Green, Ada Murdoch, Patsy Garner, Melanie Garner and Clyde Mann.

Starting guards for Newport were Clyde Mann, Peggy Jo Wallace and Linda Dickinson. Substituting guards were Lana Linebarger, Bonnie Garner, Linda Garner, Jo-dee Hohl and Gwynne Lockey.

The starting forwards for Dixon were Carolyn Palletier, 14, Mary Padgett, 18, and Jeanette Mitchell, 20. Substituting at the forward positions were Gail McIntyre, 2, Peggy Brown, Linda Fisher and Judy Pierce.

Guard who got into the game for Dixon were Gwen Vereen, Joyce Melton, Louise Golden, Doris

Havelock Rams Dump Pirates In Two Games

The Havelock Rams took both ends of a doubleheader at Atlantic Friday night. The Havelock jayvees won a 47-40 decision in the first game and the Rams earned a close 53-50 verdict in the feature game.

Fouls plagued the Atlantic teams all night. The jayvees wound up playing the last three minutes of the game with only three players on the court. Two of Atlantic's starters, Stevie Mason and Roger Harris, fouled out in the second contest.

The jayvee game was a dilly as the little Pirates lost by seven. Aubrey Harvey and Tay Tallent fouled out in the third quarter and left only five players on the Atlantic squad.

Danny Harvey fouled out with five minutes left in the game and Atlantic began playing with four players. Van Mcintosh fouled out with three minutes to go and the pirates finished the game with three players on the floor.

Mcintosh was high scorer for the losers with 19 points. Aubrey Harvey scored four, Danny Harvey scored five, Nicky Harvey scored two, Daniel Gaskill scored four and Ray Tallent hit for six. Danny Sparks failed to score.

High scorer for the winners was Lupton with 19. Cursey had 10 points for Havelock.

The feature game saw Havelock trail until the final three minutes; then tie the game at 50 all. Three foul shots by the Rams gave them a 53-50 victory.

The Pirates held a 27-24 lead at the half and were ahead by a 37-36 tally at the end of the third period. Stevie Mason fouled out in the third quarter and Roger Harris got his fifth foul after a minute of the last quarter. Tallent, Danny Harvey and Mcintosh, who played in the jayvee game, were pressed into service as substitutes for the Pirates but none managed to score.

Scoring for Atlantic were George Golden, 11, Roger Harris, 6, Moses, 9, Bobby Nelson, 17 and Sammy Salter, 10. Nelson, who has been hampered by a shoulder injury, hit nine of 10 free throws and four field goals for his 17 points.

The Pirates will play host to the Newport Hawks Tuesday night in an important county contest.

Knights Open Hoop Season With Victory

● Team Downs Jones
County Wednesday

● Knights Lose Second
Game to Edenton

By JAMES PETTEWAY

The Queen Street Knights opened their basketball season Wednesday night with a victory over the Jones County High School at Transylvania. The Knights captured a 62-53 decision after the Jones County jayvees had set down the Queen Street junior varsity by a 38-34 score in a preliminary game.

Big Jesse Oden was the offense leader for the Knights as he dumped 22 points through hoops. The 6' 5" star was a great under the backboards, who he worked with 6' 6" Johnny Teel scored 16 points and played good defensive ball.

The Knights held a 24-18 halftime lead and went on to widen the margin in the second half.

Toby Fenderson hit for 12 points to help the Queen Street cause. Tyrone Ellison shot six points a Ray Fenderson, Eric Tell a Haywood Stanley scored twice each. Moore, with 23 points, was his scorer for Jones County. Robey scored 10 to rank second in scoring.

The Queen Street jayvees blew five-point lead in the last quarter as Jones County finished with a rush to win a 38-34 decision. Tyling-Ellison was high scorer for the Queen Street five with 13 points.

Others who scored were Mii Gaskill, 8, Guy Coates, 4, Arth Davis, 4, James Rutledge, 4, and James Petteway, 3.

On Thursday night the Queen Street jayvees won and the varsity lost a 43-41 verdict to Edenton. The score in the preliminary game was 30-18.

Ellison was again high scorer for the jayvees with 13 points. Gaskill hit for 10, Petteway score four and Carey Nolan scored on

Oden was high scorer in the varsity game with 14 points. Toby Fenderson and Tyrone Ellison scored eight each, Teel hit for five. Stanley scored four and Ray Fenderson scored two.

Since Queen Street does not have a gym, all games are played away. The team practices with outdoor baskets.