

# Nelson Gets 40; Eagles Fall 81

## Smyrna Girls Rock Eaglettes 87-45

By LIONELLE TAYLOR

The Smyrna Blue Devils, paced by a brilliant 40-point scoring performance by floor general Curt Nelson, man-handled the Morehead City Eagles 81-55 in a game played Tuesday night at Smyrna.

The Blue Devils were slow getting started, but once they got rolling, they hit for an amazing 61.8 per cent from the floor to bury the Eagles. The Blue Devil sharpshooters took 32 floor shots and hit 20.

Doing most of the damage to the Eagle defense throughout was Nelson with his baseline drives that netted 11 field goals. The slick ball handling guard also hit 18 of 23 free throw attempts which was more free throws than the entire Morehead City team took.

Looking real sharp in the first half, the Eagles built up a five-point lead at 14-9 at the end of the first quarter. Smyrna began finding the range in the second period as they pumped in 25 points to the Eagles' 13 for a Blue Devil lead at halftime of seven points at 34-27.

Horace Lawrence and Carroll Hill gave Nelson a hand with the scoring in the third quarter and by the end of the eight minutes of play the Blue Devils had mounted their lead to 29 points at 59-26.

In the fourth quarter the Eagles lost starters Jimmie Smithwick and Chuck Sledge on fouls and the Blue Devils raced to their final victory margin of 26 points by scoring 22 in the quarter while holding Morehead to 16.

Nelson easily grabbed high scoring honors for the game with his 40 points while Horace Lawrence contributed 17 for Smyrna. John Phillips paced the Eagle scorers with 18 points and George Styron had 10.

As a team the Blue Devils made good on 33 of 40 free throws attempted, for a very respectable 82.5 per cent average. The Eagles, who took only 22 free throws, made 15 of them for an accuracy of 68.1 per cent.

In the preliminary game the Smyrna girls had little trouble in polishing off the Eaglettes 87-45. Smyrna posted leads at all the quarter marks as they rolled to their sixth win of the year.

The end of the first quarter saw Smyrna leading by seven at 17-10 and at halftime their advantage was 18 points at 37-18. They in-

creased this to 30 at the three-quarter mark at 59-29 and then coasted to the final margin of 42 points.

Brenda Golden, with a sparkling 44-point performance, paced the scoring for both teams while her team mate Carolyn Phelps tossed in 27. Phelps' total was only one point better than that of Eaglette ace Alta Dickinson who had 26.

Rose Arthur with six; Patsy Taylor with one; Jean Willis with four and Melinda Gillikin with five points rounded out the Blue Devil scoring. Other forwards in the game for Smyrna included Elizabeth Styron and Barbara Davis. Claudia Brown, P. Chadwick, Diane Willis, B. Brown and L. Willis all saw back court action for the Blue Devils.

Trailing Dickinson in the Eaglette scoring were Joanie Doshier with nine points, Georgia Miresko with seven points, Portia Saher with two points and Andy Piner with one point. Nancy Duke also played forward but failed to score.

Coach Helen Jernigan started a back court trio of Virginia Thompson, Lorraine Hatcher, and Dana Dickinson. Guard substitutes included Sarah Davis, Mattie Phillips, Sue Smith and Sally Simpson.

BOX SCORE				
Smyrna	FG	FT	PP	PTS
Piner	3	5	5	11
Hill	3	3	0	9
Lawrence	5	7	3	17
Lewis	2	0	4	4
Nelson	11	18	3	40
Totals	24	33	15	81

Morehead City				
FG	FT	PP	PTS	
Styron	5	4	4	19
Phillips	7	4	4	18
Wade	0	2	2	2
Wade	1	2	0	4
O'Neal	2	2	4	4
Smithwick	3	0	5	6
Sledge	3	2	5	8
Thompson	1	1	3	3
Totals	20	15	25	55

## Eight Counts of Misconduct Bring Stiff Probation to Andrews School

Andrews high school, the team that the Beaufort Seadogs beat 20-0 for the state Class A football championship in December, has been placed under severe probation by the Smoky Mountain Conference as a result of eight charges of misconduct involving abuse of property, game officials, players and students of other conference schools.

The disciplinary action was taken by the conference board of control at a hearing Monday night in Bryson City.

The acts attributed to Andrews athletes, students and fans were reported to have occurred in Murphy, Cullowhee, Andrews, Marion and Morehead. Three of the towns, Murphy, Cullowhee and Morehead, reported damage to their schools. (Morehead is not Morehead City school, but another in the state).

The terms of the probation call for Andrews to:

1. Be placed on conference probation for three years.
2. Not be allowed to play home football games in 1960.
3. Not be allowed to participate in state championship playoffs and conference tournaments for two years.
4. Be automatically suspended from conference play for three years for violation of the probation.

School officials at Andrews immediately termed the penalties "unfair" and charged the board of control with "jealousy of Andrews' record in recent playoffs" and with intentionally eliminating the school from conference competition because of its success in athletics.

Andrews was state Class A football champion in 1958 and runner-up to Beaufort in 1959.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, Andrews officials had not made a statement on what their action would be regarding the probation. Andrews has the option of accepting or rejecting the punishment, but failure to accept would result in the school's dismissal from the conference and other conference teams would not be allowed to schedule Andrews high school in any sport.

Joe Hunt, Sylva high school coach and chairman of the Smoky Mountain Conference board of control, said the eight incidents at

### Basketball Games

TONIGHT:  
Atlantic at Beaufort  
Wallace at Morehead City  
Camp Lejeune at Smyrna.



### Viewing Sports

by Larry McCormick

#### Tournament Time

This year's county basketball tournament will be played in Newport. The annual attraction will be the week of Feb. 15.

The Beaufort Seadogs, defending state champions, will enter the tournament with the top seeding. The Seadogs have won seven straight and will be out to make it eight in a row tonight against Atlantic.

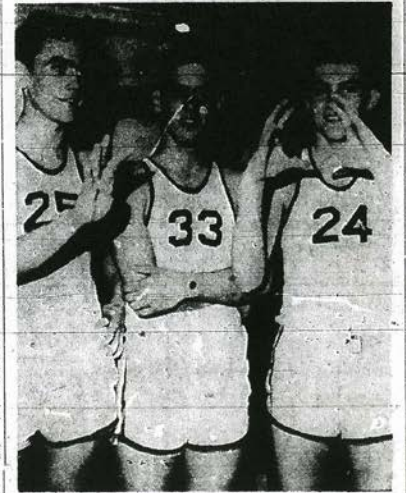
For the girls' crown of the county there could be a real scramble. Newport seems to be the favorite at this point however, the Hawkettes could be given real competition by any of the other three sextets. Beaufort proved this last week when they played Newport right-down to the wire before losing a 53-52 overtime thriller.

For the season the Hawkettes have posted a record of four losses and eight wins which makes them the only winning girls' team in the county. Atlantic has won three while losing six, while Beaufort has one win and three losses and Smyrna is even on the year with six wins and six losses. The other county team, Morehead City, although not entered in the tourney are winless in seven starts.

All of the Newport losses have been to teams outside the county. White Oak and Aurora have each beaten them once and Jasper holds two wins over the Hawkettes. With their victory over Beaufort last week Newport has now beaten every team in the county at least once.

All three of the other teams in the county have shown marked improvement in recent games. After getting off to a bad start at the first of the year, Smyrna seems to be coming on fast, having won five of their last six. Their scoring combination of Brenda Golden and Carol

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Dale Lewis, left, holds up four fingers and Braxton Piner, right, makes the zero representing the 40 points that Curt Nelson, center, scored against the Morehead City Eagles Tuesday night. Led by Nelson's 40 points the Smyrna Blue Devils had little trouble in disposing of the Eagles 81-55.