

Smyrna Extends Streak To Seven Defeats, Rams 65-53



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Tables Turned on Andrews

The recent probation slapped on Andrews high school by the Smoky Mountain conference was an unprecedented move in state high school athletics, as far as we know, and gives an idea of the severity of the charges made against the school that was runnerup to Beaufort this year for the Class A football championship.

Statements from the conference officials said that misconduct, involving abuse of property, game officials, players and students of other conference schools was the reason for the stiff probation.

The charges, as stated, cover a lot of territory without being too explicit but those who witnessed the state championship game in Beaufort this year can well imagine what is written with.

The Andrews team that lost 20-0 to the Seadogs played probably the dirtiest football ever seen in this area. They openly slugged, kicked, threw dirt and pulled just about every other under-handed trick they could think of. This wasn't a team that merely let their tempers flare because one of the players was forced out of the game with an injury. They used the dirty tactics so consistently throughout the game that one must assume that they had been taught to play that way. Now after reading of the probation that bans the Wildecats from their home field during the coming season it becomes apparent that this was the case.

The thing that seems so unfortunate about the whole situation is the fact that it could have been prevented. Game officials, by refusing to let such situations get out of hand, can play the biggest role in stopping such incidents before they start. Apparently, as in the playoff game here, Andrews has been allowed to get away with their unsportsmanlike tactics.

One fan who attended the Beaufort-Andrews game said that he sat on the Andrews side of the field and told how Junior Griggs was cheered by his team mates on the bench and congratulated for playing a 'good game' after the officials had escorted him to the sidelines for slugging a Beaufort player. After such a cowardly display of courage they should have even been ashamed to admit that they knew him.

So our hat is off to the league officials and the board of controls of the Smoky Mountain Conference for their refusal to let one school push around the other conference members. The probation they imposed on Andrews, which will last for three years, seems to be the only answer in dealing with such a school.

Andrews has the option of going along with the probation or being booted out of the conference. Although they will continue to raise violent cries of 'unfairness' for quite some time it is expected that they will go along with the probation rather than face the blackmark they would receive by their dismissal from the league.

As is the case with every good novel or movie the 'bad guys' always get it in the end and such seem to hold true in the case of Andrews high school.

That's 30 for now.

Jayvees Also Win Over Rams in One-Sided Game

The Smyrna Blue Devils, prepping for their showdown battle with the Beaufort Seadogs this Friday night, rolled to their seventh consecutive win and their 12th of the year when they downed the Havelock Rams 65-53 in a game played at Smyrna.

Although winning by a comfortable margin over his Seashore Conference foes, Smyrna coach Jim Parkin had to go to his bench throughout the contest as personal fouls kept his starting lineup in hot water. Two of the Blue Devils' leading scorers, Curt Nelson and Braxton Piner, saw only limited action when they got in early foul trouble.

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead and were never headed. The end of the first quarter saw them posting a four-point lead at 20-16 over the Rams and they outscored Havelock 18-16 in the second period to take a six-point lead into the dressing room at halftime. The score at the halfway mark was 38-32.

The Blue Devils were able to open up a little in the third quarter as the end of the period saw them leading by 11 at 52-41. Both teams were relatively cold in the final period as a total of only 25 points were scored, 12 by the Blue Devils and 12 by Havelock.

High scoring Curt Nelson, although playing only part of the game, scored 18 points to lead the

Smyrna scoring parade. Carroll Hill and Dale Lewis were close behind Nelson with 15 points each.

High point honors for the game however, went to Coon of the Rams who wheeled in 19 points on five field goals and nine free throws. Edwards contributed 17 points for the losers while James Seaton added 13.

The Smyrna junior varsity had little trouble in disposing of the Havelock Jayvees in the preliminary game as they walked to a 45-15 win.

Both teams started out slow and halftime found the Blue Devils leading by only eight points at 16-8. The third and fourth quarters were a different story though as Smyrna scored 20 points in the two periods while limiting the junior Rams to only seven.

The varsity win made the Smyrna record now stand at 12 wins and two losses. They have one more game, against Pamlico tonight, before taking on the Beaufort Seadogs Friday night in the Beaufort gym.

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The Morehead City Eagles lost their year and the second straight Friday night game as the Rose Hill Bulldogs invaded the EA away with a 61-48 win.

The loss evened the Eagles' conference win and one loss for the season.

The rough and tumble and foul-filled contest saw coach Gannon Talbert lose four of his five starters on fouls plus one of his substitutes. The four starters forced to leave the game with five personals were Jimmy Smithwick, Chuck Sledge, John Phillips, and George Styron. Harold Wheaton was also whistled out of the game.

The two teams played fairly even in the first quarter with the period ending 9-7 in favor of the Bulldogs. This two-point lead was stretched to seven points by halftime as the Wallace quintet left the floor holding a 23-16 edge over the Eagles.

With fouls beginning to take their toll among Eagle starters in the third quarter, the Bulldogs were able to open up and put 12 points between them and the Big Red. The score at the end of the period was 43-31.

In the fourth quarter Talbert had to dip deep into his reserve forces as he found only Tom Thompson of his starting five still in the ball game. Even with reserves playing a large part of the quarter the Eagles were only outscored one point by the Bulldogs in the final quarter.

Pete Williams of Wallace paced all scorers for the game with his total of 24 points. Williams' teammate, A. F. Carr, contributed 16 points towards the Bulldog cause.

Sophomore Jimmy Smithwick was the leading point-maker for the Eagles as he hit for 15 points before fouling out. Behind Smithwick came John Phillips with 11 points and Chuck Sledge with six.

The preliminary contest saw the Eagles taking it on the chin again as they bowed to the Wallace girls 82-52. A 52-point performance by Wallace sharpshooters Mary

Butch Hassell, Beaufort Top County Scoring Statistics

Although being held to a total of only 40 points in his last two games, Beaufort scoring ace Butch Hassell still remains atop this week's individual scoring statistics with an average of 23.6 points per game.

Butch tallied 17 points in his team's 79-27 win over Newport and garnered 23 Friday night against Atlantic to run his total to 189 points for eight games.

Last week's runnerup to Hassell in individual scoring, Johnny Turpin of the Newport Hawks, slipped a notch to third place as Curt Nelson

of Smyrna took over the second spot on the strength of a 40-point performance against Morehead City. Nelson has scored 246 points in 14 games for an average of 17.6 points per game. His 246 points is tops in total points among county players. Turpin's average slipped from 17.7 to 17.07 points per game. The Newport sharpshooter has scored 222 points in 13 games.

The only other player with a better than 15 points a game average is Bobby Nelson of Atlantic who has tossed in 178 points in 11 games for an average of 16.1.

Team statistics for this week show the Seadogs still at the top of the heap in both offensive and defensive departments. In their eight games to date they have scored a total of 592 points which is nearly double the 310 points that their opponents have managed.

Their offensive average for eight games is an even 74 points while they have held opponents to an average of only 38.7 points a game. Smyrna remains close behind in total offense with their average of 70.4 points per game for 14 contests.

Including last Friday's game the individual and team statistics for the five county teams were as follows:

Wildlife Club to Meet Wednesday, Salter Path

Members of the County Wildlife Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the former Salter Path school building. A seafood supper, \$1 per person, will be served.

Walter Teich, president, says a representative of the State Wildlife Resources Commission, will speak on the types of feed that may be planted legally around freshwater ponds.

The letter announcing Wednesday's meeting was in error as to the date. The date, Jan. 20, in the letter, is correct.

52 All-Eastern Gridders to Be Honored Jan. 25

Fifty-two outstanding high school football players who were named on All-Eastern conference teams for their play this past season will be honored at a dinner in Goldsboro on Jan. 25.

Those invited include the players, their parents and their coaches. The players will be presented with gold footballs and certificates in recognition of their achievements on the gridiron.

Football coach Earl Edwards of North Carolina State College will be the dinner speaker. Dick Herbert, News and Observer sports editor, will present the footballs and certificates to the players. The dinner begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Hotel Goldsboro.

Invited to the dinner from this area is Butch Hassell of the state champion Beaufort Seadogs, who was named first string quarterback on the Class A All-Eastern eleven.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Name, School	Games	Points	Avg.
Butch Hassell, Beaufort	8	189	23.6
Curt Nelson, Smyrna	14	246	17.6
Johnny Turpin, Newport	13	222	17.07
Bobby Nelson, Atlantic	11	178	16.1
Dale Lewis, Smyrna	14	209	14.9
Larry Kirk, Newport	13	189	14.5
Ray Hassell, Beaufort	8	112	14.0
Pud Hassell, Beaufort	8	108	13.5
John Phillips, Morehead City	9	120	13.3
Braxton Piner, Smyrna	14	183	13.07