

Leland Posts Narrow 61-59 Win Over Smyrna

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Smyrna high school, playing most of the game without the services of Braxton Piner, suffered their first loss of the 1960 season Saturday night as they bowed 61-59 to Leland in a non-conference game in Leland.

Piner, who sprained an ankle in the Blue Devils' first game Thursday at Atlantic, reinjured the ankle Saturday early in the first quarter and was forced to sit out the remainder of the game.

The contest was close all the way with five points being the biggest lead either team could take. The end of the first quarter saw the Blue Devils owning a slim one-point lead over Leland at 17-16.

In the second period, Leland caught the Blue Devils and went ahead to take a five-point lead at halftime. As the two teams left the floor for the rest period, Leland was holding a 32-27 advantage.

Both teams poured 17 points through the hoop in the third quarter to maintain the five-point spread at 49-44 but in the final period a desperate rally by the Blue Devils saw Smyrna pull to within two points before the clock ran out.

For Leland, Tommy Corbitt and Harold Davis grabbed scoring honors by canning 25 and 20 points

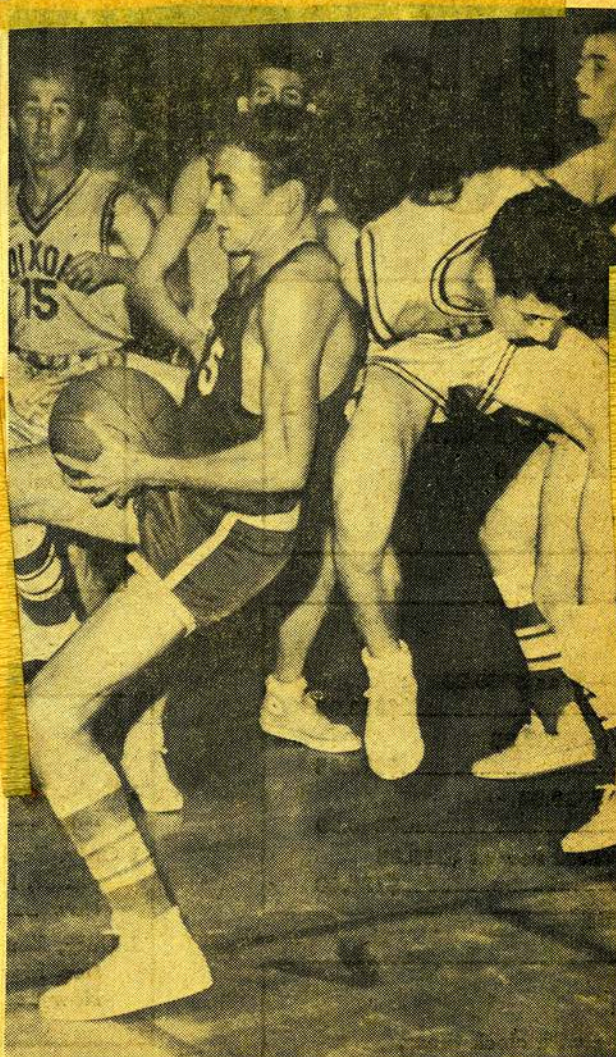
respectively. Leland's 6-5 junior Dickie Burgess, was held pretty well in check by the Smyrna defense and finished the night with only six points.

Leading the Smyrna scoring was Dale Lewis, who hit seven field goals and five free throws for 19 points and Curt Nelson who contributed 18.

Leland's edge in the game came from the free throw line as they were outscored 25-23 in field goals. But from the charity stripe, Leland converted 15 of 27 free throws while Smyrna was making nine of 12.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Jones	3	3	5	9
Nelson, N.	2	1	0	5
Piner	6	2	2	14
Lewis	5	1	4	11
Meares	3	4	3	10
Yeomans	4	3	0	11
Nelson, C.	11	4	1	26
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	34	18	15	86
Dixon	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Banks	6	7	3	19
Henderson	2	0	5	4
Barlow	2	1	4	5
Duff	2	0	1	4
Everett	1	2	3	4
Shepard	3	0	1	6
Wray	2	4	3	8
Lewis	0	2	0	2
Floyd	0	0	2	0
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	18	16	22	52



Smyrna's Dale Lewis, with ball, pulls in a rebound and has trouble keeping his feet with the weight of a Dixon player on his back. The shot was taken during the last half of the Smyrna-Dixon game Tuesday night in Dixon. The Blue Devils recorded a 79-60 win.