

Eagles Beat Hurricanes 61-33; Eaglettes Drop 70-54 Tilt

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Surveying the Scene

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• The Beaufort Seadogs opened their home season Friday night before a full house and rewarded the fans with a double victory over Smyrna.

In previous outings the Seadogs had won from Atlantic and Swansboro, and lost to Double A New Bern at the Bears court.

The preliminary contest was a thriller as the Beaufort sextet played exceptionally fine basketball. Peggy Williams was the big gun in the Beaufort attack and on the defensive side of the ledger both Rae Frances Hassell and Annette Merrill played terrific ball against Smyrna's 6 foot 2 inch scorer, Gladys Willis.

The feature contest saw the Seadogs start slowly, though they never trailed.

Jimmy Davis, lone returnee from last year's undefeated State Class A championship five, was the big pointmaker. In all probability Jimmy would have made a great many points last season if he hadn't been the only junior on the championship first team.

Last season Jimmy was a team player first and foremost. He didn't take a shot as long as he could pass off to Holland, Pittman, Saffit or Mason. This year he is making his presence felt with his jump shots.

Ed Willis, sixth man on last year's championship team, also played a vital part in the victory over Smyrna. He was the playmaker for his team and made several very fine set shots.

Other members of the '55-'56 edition, about whom Coach Tom McQuaid is reputedly unhappy, are Jimmy Owens, Terry Nance, Jamie Norris, Raymond Gillikin, Dickie Moore, Allen Windley, Larry Kirk, Alex Copeland, and Danny Willis.

• Smyrna's team was led by Kenny Davis. Thus far this season he has been the big scorer for Coach Steve Daniels' club.

A welcome addition to the Smyrna roster was Ronald Styron who was not out for the team at the beginning of the season. Styron fouled out of Friday night's contest but after he plays in a few more games, we expect that he'll be one of the better players in the county.

• Morehead City's boys continue to roll along undefeated.

Wayne Cheek, center and captain of the Eagles, tossed in 33 points against the visitors from Bayboro and brought his season's total to an even 100 points in three games.

Wayne has improved since last season, and could be the highest scorer ever from this county before the season is finished.

He has a jumping push shot from the key that is impossible to stop, considering that he is 6 foot 7 inches tall.

Others who have looked good for the Eagles have been Craig Horne, Bradley McIntosh, Llewellyn Phillips, J. W. Long, and Raymond Earl Willis.

Horne is the perfect backcourt man who was lacking from last year's squad. He can really move with a basketball and his driving layup against Atlantic in the season's opener was beautifully executed.

• Pamlico County's sextet continued on its unbeaten road, trouncing the Eaglettes. The victory was the 42nd straight for the winners.

• Newport also continued its fine play, sweeping to a double victory over Atlantic.

Leston Gillikin, center of the Hawks, continues to lead his team's scoring attack, getting able assistance from Berlyn Temple, Eugene Edwards, Gil Garner and Al Wallace.

The girls team, along with the sextet of Beaufort, look like the teams to beat for the county title at this writing.

Morehead City's Eagles won their third straight game Friday night at the Eagles' gym as they defeated Pamlico County's Hurricanes 61-33. In the preliminary game the Pamlico County sextet trounced the Eaglettes 70-54.

Trailing by 14-8 at the end of the first quarter the

Eagles went to work with a vengeance in the second canto and led at halftime 28-23.

They extended the lead in the third quarter as the boys started to get their eye on the bucket and at the end of the third quarter led 41-27. The Eagles put the finishing touches on the victory in the final quarter, taking the 61-33 decision.

Wayne Cheek was high scorer with 33 points. J. W. Long took runner-up honors for the winners with 8.

D. Lee was high scorer for the Hurricanes with 11 points. Teammates Larry Prescott and C. Beck tied for runnerup honors with 8 markers each.

The preliminary contest saw the Pamlico sextet move out to a 15-5 lead at the end of the first quarter and they were never headed. At halftime the Pamlico team held a 34-23 advantage.

Boyd Tallies 50 Points

S. Boyd scored 50 points for the victors and J. Mills was runnerup with 15 points.

Varina O'Neal made 26 points for the Eaglettes and Daisy Brock tallied 22 in a losing cause.

The lineups: Morehead City boys (61) — Cheek 33, McIntosh 6, Phillips 2, Horne 6, K. E. Willis, Brown 6, Long 8, and Parker.

Pamlico County boys (33) — L. Prescott 8, J. Prescott 4, Beck 8, Lee 11, Belangia 2, Hudson, War-