

# Eagles Battle Through Three Overtimes to Down Seadogs

In a basketball game that will go down as one of the thrillers of the decade, Morehead City Eagles toppled Beaufort Friday night from the peak of the undefeated, 61-60.

The game went into three overtimes in Morehead City's 19th century coliseum before screaming, hysterical fans.

The regulation game ended at 49-49. At the end of the first three-minute overtime, the score stood at 54-54; at the end of the second, 56-56. In the third period both Beaufort and Morehead City scored two field goals. Chuck Sledge of the Eagles sank a free throw to put the game at 61-60 for the Eagles.

With the game won, the Eagles hung on to the ball as the last few seconds ticked away and with them ended the Seadogs' win streak—91 games.

Beaufort led all the way, but by small margins at the end of each quarter. The Eagles never let the Seadogs out of catching distance. At the half Beaufort led by two points, 24-22. At the end of the third quarter the Seadogs had a three-point lead.

It is entirely possible that Beaufort and Morehead City will meet twice again before the 1961-62 season ends. Friday night's game put both in a tie for first place in the Coastal Plains conference.

They will meet in the conference tournament and possibly in district playoffs.

Morehead City's George Styron with 24 and Jimmy Smithwick with 22 took scoring honors in the history-making contest Friday night. They were followed by Beaufort's Ray Hassell with 19 and Alton Hill, 16.

Hassell fouled out in the fourth quarter and Hill in the third overtime period.

### BOX SCORE

Morehead	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Sledge	2	1	2	5
O'Neal	2	2	4	6
Leary	2	0	0	4
Smithwick	7	8	4	22
Styron	8	8	4	24
Sanderson	0	0	2	0
	21	19	16	61
Beaufort	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Croom	3	0	2	6
B. Way	0	1	2	1
Lewis	6	2	2	14
Hill	6	4	5	16
R. Hassell	6	7	5	19
J. Hassell	1	2	4	4
Woodard	0	0	2	0
	22	16	22	60