#24 1962 Feb 20 Smyrna Beat Atlantic 50-48 –Last Second Win

Last-Second Shot Wins Tight Game for Smyrna

Blue Devils Post 50-48 Win Friday at Smyrna

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A field goal less than three seconds before the final whistle gave Smyrna a hard-fought victory over Atlantic Friday night in the Smyrna gym. Grady Davis got the shot off just a hair's breadth before the gun, giving Smyrna a 50-48 victory.

The score bounced in favor of both teams throughout the game. Atlantic was down one point, 12-11, at the end of the first quarter, but managed to hang on to a three-point lead, 25-22, at the half.

It was Smyrna's turn to lead again in the third period and they left the floor after 24 minutes of play with a 5-point spread, 37-33.

Things really got hot in the final eight minutes and it looked as if there would be an overtime for sure when the score was knotted at 48-48 with three seconds to go. It was then that Davis let go with the winning shot.

Joey Gilgo, Atlantic, copped scoring honors with 19 points. Smyrna's Davis got 16 and his teammate, Joe Willis, got 17. Other players scoring in double figures were Atlantic's Ray Tallent, who got 14, and Smyrna's Norris Nelson, who got 10.

The Blue Devils attempted 18 free throws and made 12 for 67 per cent. Atlantic did a little better from the charity stripe, hitting 14 of 20 attempts for 70 per cent.

In the preliminary game, Alice Chadwick poured 32 points through the nets to lead Smyrna to a 54-35 victory over Atlantic. Adding to Smyrna's total were Patsy Taylor, 10; Joann Valentine, 10; and Emma Bartholomew, 1. Trudy Gillikin, who also played guard, scored one point. Other forwards were Eleanor Gillikin and Margaret Daniels.

Seeing backcourt action for the lady Blue Devils were Becky Brown, Gay Styron, Trudy Gillikin, Clara Wiggins and Kay Lewis.

High scorer for Atlantic was Gloria Parker with 23. Mildred Willis got 6, Trudi Hill got 4 and Ellen Johnson got 28. Emma Morris was another Atlantic forward.

Atlantic guards were Annette Robinson, Wanda Morris, Loretta Goodwin, Blondie Styron and Rena Salter.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Davis	6	..	4	16
Styron	0	1	0	1
Gillikin	1	1	1	3
Parker	1	0	3	2
Willis	7	3	4	17
Jones	0	1	1	1
Nelson	4	2	3	10
Totals	19	12	16	50

Atlantic	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Tallent	6	2	4	14
Fulcher	1	2	1	4
Gilgo	7	5	3	19
Harvey	2	4	2	8
Brittingham	0	0	1	0
West	1	1	3	3
Totals	17	14	14	48

Swansboro Routs B-ville Friday 70-44

Coach Jim Parkin's Swansboro Pirates romped to a 70-44 win over the Beulaville team Friday night in a game played on the Pirates' home court. J. Simpson of Beulaville was high scorer with 21 points.

Swansboro grabbed a 19-12 first-quarter lead and scored 14 points in the second period while holding Beulaville to only 8. They left the court at halftime with a 33-20 advantage.

The Pirates netted 16 points in the third quarter while the visitors were adding 11 to their total. Twenty-one points swished through the hoop for Swansboro in the last period while Beulaville was getting 13.

Seeing action for the Pirates were Corbett, 15; Riggs, 2; Dudley, 15; Riggs, 3; Wiggins, 18; Pate, 7; Ellington, 8; Bartley, 1; Passingham, 1 and Reeves.

Playing for Beulaville were Lanier, 7; Thigpen, 7; Simpson, 21; Evans, Lamer, Smith, Thomas, 6 and Simpson, 3.

Swansboro made 14 of its 28 free throws, for an average of 50 per cent. Beulaville was a little better at the line, making 16 of 27 for a 58 per cent mark.

BOX SCORE

Swansboro	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Corbett	7	1	1	15
Riggs	1	0	2	2
Dudley	7	1	1	15
Riggs	1	1	3	3
Wiggins	5	8	3	18
Pate	3	1	3	7
Ellington	4	0	3	8
Bartley	0	1	0	1
Passingham	0	1	1	1
Reeves	0	0	1	0
Totals	28	14	18	70

Beulaville	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Lanier	3	1	5	7
Thigpen	2	3	3	7
Simpson	5	11	4	21
Evans	0	0	2	0
Lamer	0	0	1	0
Smith	0	0	1	0
Thomas	3	0	2	6
Simpson	1	1	1	3
Totals	14	16	19	44