

# Seadogs End Perfect Season With 69-48 Win over Smyrna

## Beaufort Quintet Wins 18th Straight Decision

The Beaufort Seadogs closed the door on a perfect season Friday night as they rolled to their 18th consecutive victory, a 69-48 decision over the Smyrna Blue Devils.

The Seadogs are heavily favored to win the county tournament this week and Beaufort fans are predicting a trip to Winston-Salem for their team. The district tournament will be at Kenansville and the state finals will be in the tobacco city.

Butch and Pud Hassell were the big guns in the Beaufort victory with 24 and 16 points respectively. Sammy Merrill scored nine points and Frank Potter hit for eight.

Other Seadogs to score were Allen Autry, 6, Leon Thomas, 4, and Ray Hassell, 2.

Some sharpshooting by Braxton Piner kept the Blue Devils in the game. He hit 16 points to pace the Smyrna scorers. Carroll Hill added 13 points and Dale Lewis scored 11.

Horace Lawrence and Curtis Nelson scored four each and Paul Wade failed to score.

The Seadogs pulled out front by a 12-8 score in the first quarter and held a 31-18 lead at the half. They had a 50-31 edge at the end of the third period.

The Blue Devils displayed remarkable accuracy at the free

throw line, hitting 16 of 20 shots for 80 per cent. They connected on only 38 per cent of their shots from the floor, scoring on 16 of 42 shots at the basket.

The Seadogs hit 13 of 23 shots from the line for 57 per cent accuracy and scored on 28 of 56 shots from the floor for 50 per cent.

The same teams played last night in the first round of the county tournament.

## Tournament Play Will Continue

County tournament play at the Beaufort gym will continue tomorrow night with the Atlantic and Newport boys and Newport and Beaufort girls pairing off. Last night the Beaufort and Smyrna boys and Smyrna and Atlantic girls played.

Winners of the four first-round games will meet in the finals Friday night. The county champions (boys) will advance to district play-offs at Kenansville.

Tonight's games should prove to be closely contested affairs. During the regular season the Atlantic and Newport boys have divided four games. The Newport girls hold a pair of two-point victories over Beaufort's sextet and Beaufort fans say it is time for a change.