

Last Half Pamlico Surge Edges Eagles 79-72 Friday

Blue Devils Rout Swansboro 71-51

By LIONELLE TAYLOR

The Smyrna Blue Devils gained revenge for an earlier season defeat and got back on the winning track at the same time Friday night as they pummeled the Swansboro Pirates 71-51 in a game played at Smyrna.

Their play against the Pirates was just the opposite of their Tuesday night showing when they bowed to the Pamlico Hurricanes 83-73.

Against Swansboro the Blue Devils could do nothing wrong as they jumped off to an early lead, and were never headed. Their well balanced scoring attack was in high gear and their aggressive defensive play checked the Pirate scoring.

The end of the first quarter found the Blue Devils enjoying a three-point lead at 18-15 and by halftime they had increased this to eight points as they left the floor with a 36-28 advantage.

Smyrna's defensive play was really outstanding in the final two periods as they allowed Swansboro only 22 points, ten in the third quarter and 12 in the final frame. The Blue Devils meanwhile were collecting a total of 35 to give them a three-quarter lead of 57-38 and the final margin of 71-51.

Curt Nelson, Carroll Hill and Horan Lawrence led the Blue Devil scoring attack that saw four of their players finish the game in double figure scoring. Nelson tossed in eight field goals and a pair of free throws for 18 points while Lawrence accumulated 15 points that came on a single field goal and 13 free throws.

Carroll Hill turned in his highest total of the season by dropping in 16 points. Dale Lewis was the other Blue Devil starter, hitting the double figures as he finished the night with 12 tallies. Wiggins of Swansboro was the game's high scorer with 26 points.

At the free throw line the Blue Devils also proved themselves, sinking 23 of 30 charity tosses attempted for a very respectable 76.6 per cent accuracy. The Pirates got two more free throws

than Smyrna but connected on only 20 of them for an average of 62.5 per cent.

The Smyrna girls won a high-scoring affair in the preliminary contest as they outlasted the Pirate girls 92-88. The ball game was a nip-and-tuck affair the way. The outcome wasn't determined until the final minute of play.

Smyrna trailed 21-18 at the end of the first quarter and then took leads of 48-46 and 73-66 in the next two quarters before having to fight off a last quarter rally by Swansboro.

Brenda Golden tallied 46 points to grab high scoring honors. Run-arup honors went to the Pirates' Betty Casey who was credited with 43. Carolyn Phelps of Smyrna and Nancy Jones of Swansboro each tallied 37 points. Rose Arthur was the only other forward seeing action for Smyrna. She scored nine points.

Coach Walter Fulcher started a back court trio of Sally Hooper, Jean Willis and Claudia Brown and also played reserves Gaye Styron, Linda Willis, Elizabeth Styron and Diane Willis.

Fry Raiders Bottle Pepsi-Cola 101-87

The Fry Raiders hit the 100-point mark for the second time this season Thursday night when they downed Pepsi-Cola 101-87 in a New Bern City League tilt played at New Bern.

Scoring ace Jim Fodrie paced the red-hot Raider attack by ringing up 20 field goals and nine free throws for a grand total of 49 points. He was followed by Gehrmann, Holland and Craig Horne who collected 27 and 12 points respectively. Bob Barbee was the leading scorer for Pepsi-Cola. He dropped in 25 tallies.

Other scorers for the Raiders included Wilson Davis with six points, Pierson Willis with four and Crawford Pigott with one point.

Eaglettes Lose Opener, Close Out Losing Season

By NATALIE KILLMON

The Morehead City Eagles, playing their last home game of the year Friday night couldn't hold on to a first half lead as they saw the Pamlico Hurricanes come from a 37-35 intermission deficit to post a 79-72 win.

The Eagles had three players scoring in double figures but even this wasn't enough to check the Hurricanes as all five of the Pamlico starters hit the double figure column.

The Eagles took a three-point lead at 20-17 in the first quarter but by halftime this spread had been sliced to two points by the Hurricanes as they left the floor at the rest period trailing their conference foes 37-35.

A cold third quarter proved to be the downfall of Morehead City as they managed only 12 points in the stanza to fall behind Pamlico 54-49. The Eagles regained their shooting eyes in the final period as they scored 23 points but the Hurricanes managed to stay ahead of them by garnering 25 of their own.

Sophomore George Styron finished as the game's high scorer with seven field goals and nine free throws for 23 points but his fine effort was overshadowed by the brilliant and diversified scoring attack of the visitors. John Lupton had the individual high for the Hurricanes with an even 20 points.

His team mate Durwood Truitt tossed in 19 tallies and they were followed by Aberly with 15 and Hill and Watson with 12 each. Tom Thompson was the point-making runnerup for the Talbertmen as he

was credited with 20 points.

Statistics on the game showed that the Eagles had a slight advantage over Pamlico from the free throw line. The Hurricanes attempted 28 gift shots and made 13 of them for an accuracy mark of 46 per cent while the Eagle were canning 15 of their 27 free throw attempts for a 55.5 per cent figure.

The win allowed the Hurricanes to remain in a first place tie in the conference with the Wallace-Rose-Hill Bulldogs. Morehead City, by losing, neither gained or lost from their third place.

The preliminary game saw the Eaglettes close out a winless season as they bowed 66-50 to the larger Hurricane sextet.

Eaglette ace Alta Dickinson did the bulwark of the home team scoring as she pumped in 35 points. Georgia Mizesko, playing her best ball game of the year, finished the night with 12 points. Substitutes Johnice Doshier and Andy Piner had two and one point respectively.

With Virginia Thompson out, coach Helen Jernigan started Lorraine Hatcher, Dana Dickinson, and Sally Simpson in the back court.