

Smyrna Blue Devils Win Free Throwing Match from Pirates

In a marathon basketball game Tuesday night that saw 72 fouls being called and 112 free throws taken, the Smyrna Blue Devils notched an 87-68 win over the Atlantic Pirates.

Of the 112 attempted free throws, the Blue Devils took 55 and the Pirates 57. Each team was fairly even in accuracy from the charity stripe as Smyrna hit 33 of theirs and the Pirates hit 32.

A total of nine players, five from Smyrna and four from Atlantic fouled out of the contest. Genus Jones, Braxton Piner, Dale Lewis, Grady Davis and James Meares were forced out of the game with fouls for Smyrna while Atlantic lost Ray Tallent, Danny Harvey, Bruce S' on and Nicky Harvey via the route.

The Pirates matched the Blue Devils basket for basket in the first quarter but fell apart in the second period and could manage only four points while the Blue Devils were getting 24. This gave Smyrna a 39-17 halftime edge after they had led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter.

The Blue Devils added 12 more points to their lead in the third quarter for a bulging 34-point spread at 65-31. A Pirate rally in the fourth quarter managed to shave this to 19 points.

High scoring honors for the game went to Atlantic's Ray Tallent who scored 10 field goals and 16 free throws before fouling out. His 36 points was 12 better than Smyrna's high scorer Braxton Piner who accounted for 24. Curtis Nelson was close behind Piner in the Blue Devils' scoring with 23 markers.

In the girls' game, Smyrna recorded a 58-30 win over the Pirate girls despite the fact that they played without the services of high-scoring Carolyn Phelps.

Brenda Golden scored 44 points to take up the slack caused by the absence of Carolyn in the lineup. She was aided by eight points from Patsy Taylor and six by Alice Chadwick.

The Atlantic scoring was handled, by two players with Bonnie Brickhouse tallying 27 and Gloria Parker three. Annis Willis, Ellen Salter and Mildred Willis all failed to score.

Guards seeing action in the game included Jenevy Mason, Jean Bell, Barbara Styron, Marjorie Webb and Rena Salter for Atlantic and Linda Willis, Elizabeth Styron, Becky Brown, Clara Wiggins, Diane Willis and Jo Ann Valentine for Smyrna.

SMYRNA					ATLANTIC				
	FG	FT	PF	PTS		FG	FT	PF	PTS
Jones	1	3	5	5	Tallent	10	16	5	36
Nelson, N.	1	2	4	4	Harvey, D.	3	13	5	19
Piner	11	2	5	24	Gilgo	1	0	4	2
Willis, B.	0	0	2	0	Harvey, N.	0	0	5	0
Willis, M.	0	2	0	2	Brittingham	1	0	4	2
Lewis, G.	6	2	5	14	West	0	2	4	2
Davis, G.	0	4	5	4	Fulcher	2	1	3	5
Meares	2	1	5	5	Styron	1	0	5	2
Nelson	5	13	4	23		18	32	35	68
Davis, A. C.	1	4	2	6					

Fry Raiders Down

Tel and Tel 92-51

Morehead City's Fry Raiders made it six in a row in the New Bern Adult Recreation league Monday night by storming to a 92-51 win over Carolina Telephone and Telegraph.

The Raiders were playing without scoring ace Roy Cockerham, but still managed to roll up a big margin on the losers.

Reader Thinks County Gym Situation Is Deplorable

Gymnasiums, or the lack of adequate gym facilities in the county, has been the topic of many discussions lately, especially during this, the latter part of the basketball season.

The following letter was received at THE NEWS-TIMES office this week from a Down East basketball fan who believes that the time is at hand for a change.

Stacy, N. C.

Mr. McComb:

I have just come from the Morehead City - Beaufort basketball game played at the Morehead City gym, if you can call it watching a game when you have to put your knees under your chin and bow your back until it breaks.

As I started to write this, I turned the tv on to the fifth annual March of Dimes telethon. I thank God that I have good health as does most everyone in this county. Most of the young people in this county can run and play all the time if they want to and have a place in which to do it.

Mothers and fathers—doesn't it seem a sin that we have girls and boys in this county who have health enough to play basketball but yet don't have a decent gym in which to play? Is this the way we are going to treat the young people of our county? Are we that poor or are we studying the all-mighty dollar more than we are our young people?

You can drive to Craven or Onslow counties and see some of the finest gyms in this state. I have a good friend that coaches in a small farming community near here that has a gym that will seat 1,200 people on just one side. Do we have one in this county that will seat that many in the entire gym?

I think it is about time that we wake up and take our young people to heart, don't you?

Yours truly,
Gene Mason

County Tourney Dates Given

Feb. 20, 22 and 24 have been set as the dates for the county basketball tournament at Atlantic, according to J. W. Johnson, principal of the host school.

Two games will be played each night, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Games on Monday and Wednesday will start at 7 p.m. and the finals Friday night get under way at 7:30. Schools participating in the tournament will be Atlantic, Newport, Smyrna and Beaufort.

The first and fourth place teams, in the county standings at the end of the regular season, open tournament play on Monday night and the second and third place teams tangle on Wednesday night. The winners of these two games meet in the tourney finals Friday night. This procedure will be followed for both the boys' and girls' games.

Admission to Monday and Wednesday's games will be 50 cents and \$1 and on Friday night admission will be \$1.50 and 75 cents.

In the case that the regular season county champion does not win the county tournament in the boys' division, a playoff game between the county champion and the tournament champion will be staged to determine the county's representative in the district playoffs at Kenansville in March.

Officials of the second highway division will conduct a hearing from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Jones county courthouse, Trenton. Residents of Carteret are invited.

Knights Roll Past Monarchs, Jacksonville

The Queen Street Knights, leading throughout the contest, scored a 54-42 win over their arch rivals, the W. S. King Monarchs Wednesday afternoon in a game played in the Monarch gymnasium. The victory gave the Knights two wins the week as they had earned a 52-52 decision over Georgetown high school of Jacksonville on Tuesday night.

The Queen Street girls' team lost preliminary games in both contests as they bowed 40-17 to the Georgetown girls and 37-18 to the W. S. King sextet.

In the W. S. King game Wednesday, the Knights held a slim 2-point lead over the Monarchs at the one-quarter mark and then opened their lead to 10 points at halftime, 30-20.

The Monarchs staged a rally in the third quarter that pulled them to within one point of the Knights, 38-37, but this was as close as they could get. The Knights pulled away again in the final frame. Godfrey Ellison and Cary Nolan paced the winners' attack with 14 and 13 points respectively while Billy Hester scored 10 points and William Hester 11 for the Monarchs.

In the preliminary game, the Monarch girls had little trouble disposing of the inexperienced Queen Street sextet. Virginia Harkley came through with an 18-point performance to pace the winners while Angela Collins was high for the losers with 6 points.

In the Georgetown game Tuesday night, the Knights got off to a quick start and won handily even though Jacksonville pulled to within one point of the Queen Street lead on two occasions.

The Knight lead after two quarters of play was 30-29 but in the third quarter they opened this to a 12-point margin.

Godfrey Ellison, with 16 points, and Eric Teel with 13, led the Knight scoring attack followed by Arthur Davis and Ernest Pasteur with 10 points apiece.

In the girls' game the Queen Street sextet had trouble getting an offensive attack rolling and suffered a 40-17 setback. Yvonne Teel took scoring honors for the losers with 8 points.

Beaufort to Extend Ticket Plan For Morehead Game

Beaufort high school principal, Albert Gainey, announces that the same plan will be followed for the Beaufort-Morehead City game Beaufort next Friday as is being used for tonight's Beaufort-Smyrna game.

Those wishing to see the Eagle-Seadog clash must purchase advance tickets in Mr. Gainey's office from 10 a.m. to noon tomorrow. No tickets will be sold at the door. Only advance ticket and season ticket holders will be admitted to the gym.

A limited number of tickets will be on sale tomorrow morning and no individual will be allowed to buy more than six tickets. Mr. Gainey reiterated that an advance ticket does not assure the holder a seat at the game, only admittance to the gym. Doors at the gym will remain closed until 7 p.m.