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Smyrna Girls, Boys Post Wins Over Pirates, Hawks

Both Teams Advance To County Tourney Finals

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The finals of the County Tournament tonight will be an all Beaufort-Smyrna affair as both Smyrna teams passed first round tests Wednesday night. In the preliminary game the Smyrna girls came from behind to nip the Atlantic girls 57-47 and the Blue Devils boys followed with an 86-67 win over Newport.

Although Smyrna had little trouble in disposing of the Hawks, Newport did manage to hold a lead throughout most of the first quarter before they began to wilt. The end of the initial eight minutes saw the Hawks enjoying a one point advantage at 18-17.

Smyrna caught up and passed Newport early in the second quarter and from here they were never headed. Their lead at the halfway point in the game was seven points as they left the floor at intermission, leading 37-30.

In the third quarter the Blue Devils built up and maintained a lead of from 12 to 15 points allowing coach Jim Parkin to make free use of his reserves. Going into the final period the Blue Devils were packing a 64-49 lead.

Curt Nelson and Carroll Hill paced a Smyrna attack in the fourth quarter that poured 22 points through the hoop to increase their lead over the Hawks to 19 points at the final buzzer.

Hill, who turned in his highest

scoring performance of the year, tied for game honors with Newport's All-County Johnny Turpin. Both finished the night with 26 points. Curt Nelson garnered 22 points for runnerup honors while the Hawks' Larry Kirk and Ron Edwards finished with 19 and 13 respectively.

Game statistics showed that the Hawks outshot the Blue Devils from the foul line but the Blue Devils had a slight advantage on floor shots. Newport made 27 of the 36 free throws they attempted for a 75 per cent mark while Smyrna connected on 20 of 29 for 69 per cent.

The loss dropped Newport out of the tournament while Smyrna now advances to the finals tonight against the defending state champions, the Beaufort Seadogs.

In the preliminary game the Smyrna girls ran up against ball control tactics by the Atlantic girls and had to overcome a first half deficit to gain the win.

Atlantic started their slow-down strategy in the first quarter and it paid off as they got in the shot just before the buzzer that gave them a 12-10 lead. In the second quarter they stretched this lead to four points. They went into the dressing room on the long end of a 20-16 count.

Fouls which had put several of the Atlantic starters in trouble in the first half began taking their toll in the third period as coach Roy Cocherham lost three starters via the foul route.

Fouling out of the game were Bonnie Brickhouse, Brenda Salter and Jean Bell. Smyrna tallied 21 points in the third quarter to take a 37-34 lead and then added 20 in the final frame while holding Atlantic to 13.

Towering Carolyn Phelps was the game's high scorer as she tipped in 16 field goals and five free throws for a total of 37 points. She was followed by Atlantic's Linda Taylor who was credited with 31 points.

Brenda Golden added 19 points to the Smyrna total and Rose Arthur got one while the remainder of the Atlantic scoring was done by Cathryn Willis and Bonnie Brickhouse. Willis had four points and Brickhouse tallied 12 before fouling out.

The starting guard trio for Smyrna was Jean Willis, Sally Hooper and Claudia Brown. Also seeing action were Gaye Styron, Linda Willis and Diane Willis.

Cocherham started Brenda Salter, Jency Mason and Jean Bell in the back court and also used Annette Robinson and Marjorie Webb. Annis Willis and Emma Morris also played forward for Atlantic but failed to score.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Piner	4	1	1	9
Lawrence	4	2	3	10
Lewis, D.	4	2	3	10
Nelson	8	6	3	22
Hill, C.	10	6	4	26
Mears	0	0	0	0
Jones	1	2	5	4
Hill, J.	1	1	1	3
Lewis, R.	1	0	0	2
Totals	33	20	20	36

Newport	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Turpin	9	8	3	26
Edwards	4	5	4	13
Kirk	5	9	4	19
Bell	1	3	4	5
Aycock	0	1	1	1
Garner	0	1	1	1
Mills	1	0	1	2
Totals	20	27	18	67

Beaufort, Smyrna Clash Again in Tourney Finals



Another chapter in the Beaufort-Smyrna basketball rivalry will be written tonight when the two teams meet in the finals of the county tournament in Newport. Above are shots taken during the two teams' recent game played at Smyrna. In the picture on the left Braxton Piner, No. 24, and Harry Glikin fight for a rebound. At right Beaufort's Pud Hassell, with the ball, and Calvin Jones sandwich Smyrna's Horace Lawrence on a rebound scramble. In the two teams' previous meeting this year, Beaufort has won twice, 64-63 and 56-44. If Smyrna wins tonight's game, a playoff game will be required to determine which team goes to Kenansville.