

Girls Return to Winning Form with 61-53 Win

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The Smyrna Blue Devils struggled through four ragged quarters of basketball Tuesday night to score their 13th win of the season 79-60 over Dixon high school.

Play on the part of both teams was ragged throughout the contest with a total of 67 free throws being taken in the 32 minutes of play. The two teams came out even

from the charity stripe as the Blue Devils hit on 19 of 33 gift shot attempts and Dixon sank 18 of 34 attempts. Before the rough and tumble affair was over, each team had lost two players via the foul route. Bill Banks and Don Shepard each drew five fouls for Dixon while Smyrna lost Dale Lewis and Vaughn Yeomans on personals.

Curt Nelson got the Blue Devil scoring under way with a free throw and then Smyrna added a field goal by Dale Lewis and another free throw by Braxton Piner for a 4-1 lead over the Dixonites.

They continued to add to their lead until the end of the first quarter found them holding a 19-12 advantage. In the second quarter Smyrna added eight points to their lead, taking a 40-25 halftime count into the dressing room.

Curt Nelson, hitting on long shots from out front, led the Blue Devil attack in the third quarter that added another four points to the lead. Meanwhile, Smyrna's Dale Lewis, Genus Jones and Grady Davis controlled both backboards.

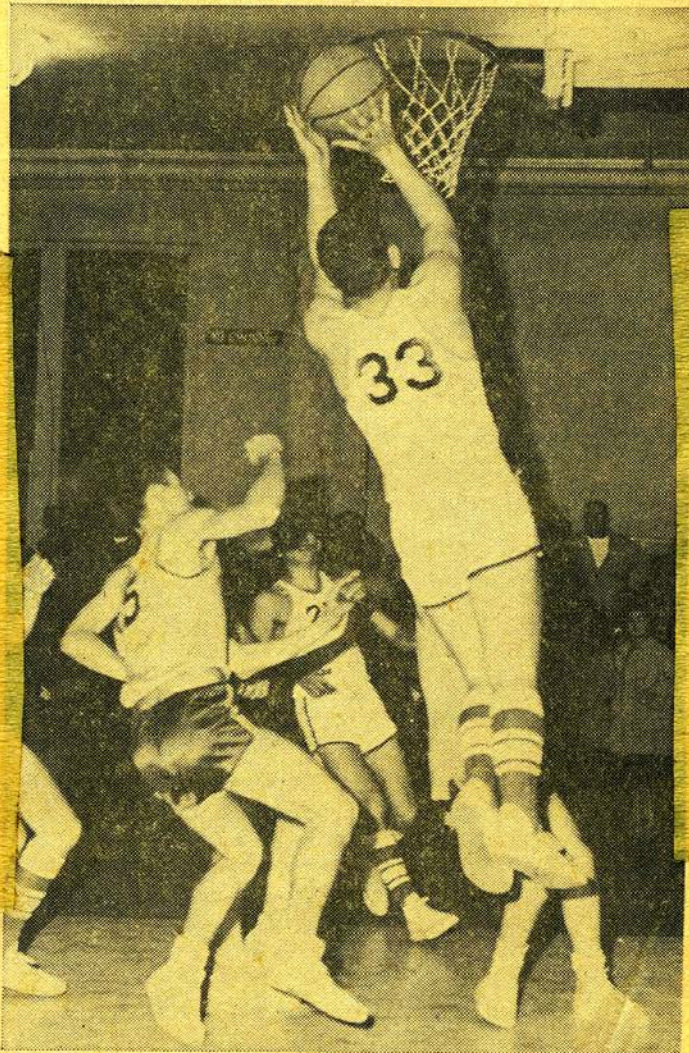
The roughness increased in the fourth quarter and the contest became just a game of run and shoot. Both teams finished the period with 22 points.

Smyrna coach Jim Parkin was forced to go into the game without the services of starter James Meares, who was left home with the measles. Genus Jones got the starting nod for Meares and came through with 12 points for the Blue Devils.

High scorer for the night was Curt Nelson with 24 points. He was followed by Braxton Piner with 22 and Dale Lewis with 18. Kern Everette paced the loser's attack with 16 points.

Dixon			PF	PTS
Banks	4	1	5	9
Henderson	0	4	4	4
Barlow	4	1	1	9
Duff	0	3	1	3
Everette	6	4	4	16
Shepard	2	3	5	7
Wray	3	2	2	8
Lewis	0	0	1	0
Floyd	2	0	1	4
			18	24
			24	60

One of Nine



Smyrna's Curt Nelson drives in for a two-point layup against Dixon last week. This was one of nine field goals that Nelson scored in the third quarter to boost the Blue Devils past Dixon 86-59.

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PT
Jones	4	4	2	12
Piner	8	6	2	22
Lewis	7	4	5	18
Willis	1	0	2	2
Davis, G.	0	0	4	0
Yeomans	0	1	5	1
Nelson	10	4	4	24
Davis, A. C.	0	0	1	0
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