

E'town Turns Victory Tide Its Way in Fourth Quarter

Eagles Lose Big One 14-7 at New Bern

Smyrna Blue Devils Take Double Win from Atlantic

The Morehead City Eagles lost 14-7 to the Elizabethtown Yellow Jackets Friday night at New Bern, in the semi-finals of the eastern regional 2-A championship.

Elizabethtown will play Cary next Friday in the finals.

The Eagles grabbed the lead early in the game, when Danny McQueen snatched a Yellow Jacket fumble and went 70 yards to the end zone. A pass by David O'Neal to Bobby McLean made the extra point.

The Eagles had to do without James Nolan for most of the game, Nolan being hurt shortly after the game started and going in again in the final minutes as pass receiver, only to be the target for a Yellow Jacket block that put him down. He was carried off the field.

Both teams were evenly matched, with TD's being the result of quick action by players' taking advantage of fumbles, pass interceptions, and mistakes by the opponent. The first score for Elizabethtown came after a Morehead City punt bounced off the back of a Morehead player. Recovery by the Yellow Jackets set up the score in the fourth quarter.

A short punt gave the Yellow Jackets the advantage needed for a second drive to the goal posts.

In the final minutes, the Eagles opened up a long range passing attack in hopes of making a comeback, but failed.

Final official yardage was 171 for the Yellow Jackets and 83 for the Eagles.

Smyrna's Blue Devils met Atlantic Saturday night, at Smyrna with Smyrna winning the girls' game 50-16 and the boys' game 59-33.

Smyrna grabbed the lead in the first quarter, holding it until the end of the game. The Blue Devils also racked up 22 points in the third quarter, getting a comfortable lead sewed up tight.

Top scorer for Smyrna was Joe Willis with 13 and Norris Nelson with 10. Cranston Jones and Byron Styron both got 9 points each. Larry Fulcher got 12 points for Atlantic.

Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	TP
B. Styron	4	1	2	9
J. Willis	6	1	4	13
D. Gillikin	3	0	2	6
L. Parker	5	0	3	6
D. Bailey	1	0	0	2
N. Nelson	5	0	2	10
C. Jones	4	1	1	9
Totals	28	3	16	59
Atlantic	FG	FT	PF	TP
L. Fulcher	3	6	1	12
J. West	1	1	3	3
J. Gilgo	2	4	2	8
M. Hancock	0	0	0	0
D. Salter	1	0	2	2
B. Fulcher	4	0	1	8
Totals	22	11	9	33

Coach Expects 'Fair' Season In Basketball

Smyrna is looking forward to a "fair" year in basketball, according to coach Fred Bartholomew, who has a comparatively "young" team.

Missing this year from the Smyrna Blue Devils are A. C. Davis, who graduated in June. The composition of the team for this season will be two seniors, two juniors and five sophomores, but with the advantage of good overall height.

Coach Bartholomew's team will average over 6 feet, ranging from center Linwood Parker, 6 foot 2, to Joe Willis, 5 foot 10. Coach Bartholomew is expecting a good show of scoring from the entire team, which he terms about equal in shooting for the basket.

At forward for the Blue Devils are Byron Styron, Buddy Lewis, Douglas Damren, David Bailey, Linwood Parker, Joe Willis, Norris Nelson, Cranston Jones, Danny Gillikin, Tommy McGee, David Pake, Terry Lewis and Jerry Willis. Manager is Dennis Chadwick.

The Smyrna girls have four varsity regulars back, with two freshmen and most of the rest are juniors.