

Smyrna Blue Devils Hang On To Lead to Top Trojans 54-48

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The Smyrna Blue Devils fought off a desperate second-half rally by Aurora Thursday night to defeat the Trojans 54-48 at Smyrna. The Blue Devils, working well on both defense and offense in the first half, once had a 20-point lead in the second quarter, and held a lead of 34-20 at the half.

In the second half, Aurora employed a tight man-to-man press, which resulted in a dismal 29 per cent for Smyrna from the floor, while the Trojans outscored them 28-20 in the final half.

Leading the offensive attack of the Blue Devils were Norris Nelson, with 18 points, Cranston Jones, with 14, and Joe Willis, with 12. Six-foot-six Jim Thompson led Aurora's scoring with 14 points.

In the preliminary game Aurora's girls edged the Smyrna sextet, 27-23. High scorer for Aurora was Betty Berry with 11. Alice Chadwick had 10 for Smyrna.

Smyrna	FG	FT	TP
Styron	1	0	2
Willis	4	4	12
Parker	2	1	5
Nelson	9	0	18
Jones	7	0	14
Gillikin	1	1	3
Totals	24	6	54
Aurora	FG	FT	TP
Rice	2	3	7
Swain	1	2	4
Robinson	5	2	12
Thompson	7	0	14
Peed	1	4	6
Broome	1	3	5
Totals	17	14	48