

# Newport Hawkettes Win Tight Victory, 52-50, Over Smyrna

Newport Hawkettes won the county championship by defeating the Smyrna lassies 52-50 in the finals of the county tourney Friday night at Beaufort gym.

It was a close contest from beginning to end, played before a capacity crowd.

The great defensive play of Newport guards, Clyde Mann and Peggy Jo Wallace, made the victory possible for Newport. Wallace and Mann guarded players, several inches taller than they, who were deadly under the basket.

They forced the Smyrna forwards to play beyond the key, and intercepted numerous passes. By continually maintaining position, Wallace caused Smyrna's high scoring forward, Jean Willis, to foul out and gave Newport forwards more chances at the foul line as well.

The first quarter was played on even terms. The score at the end of the period was 14-14.

Then the Hawkettes went ahead 18-14 on two quick baskets by Margaret Lilly and never lost the lead from that point on. Coach Douglas Schafran made his only substitution, Dump Warren, in the second quarter. She shot 8 points before the half to help the Hawkettes to hold a four-point spread, 31-27, when the halftime buzzer sounded.

Smyrna made a strong bid to take the lead after the half, tying the score 38-38 on a 2-pointer by Carol Phelps. Lilly made two field goals and Becky Garner one while holding Smyrna to one free throw by Brenda Baker, making the third quarter score 43-39 in Newport's favor.

Newport's strategy in the final quarter was a deliberate game aimed at shooting only when the opportunity was best. Smyrna was rushing the play, aiming to take over the lead. With less than a minute to play, Newport led 52-47. Then Smyrna's Baker hit a free throw and Phelps made a quick field goal.

But the spurt was not enough. Smyrna's 50 points spelled "runner-up".

Scoring honors for the night were shared by Newport's Lilly and Smyrna's Jean Willis. Each accounted for 24 points. Other scorers for Newport were Becky Garner 13, Jenny Lynn Garner 7 and Warren 5.

For Smyrna, Phelps scored 21 and Baker added 6. Brenda Golden and Melinda Gillikin played as forwards but didn't score.

Newport's defensive unit was Mann, Wallace, Linda Dickinson and Lana Linebarger. Smyrna coach, Jimmy Parkins, used only his starting guards, Carol Willis, Brenda Willis and Clarice Willis.

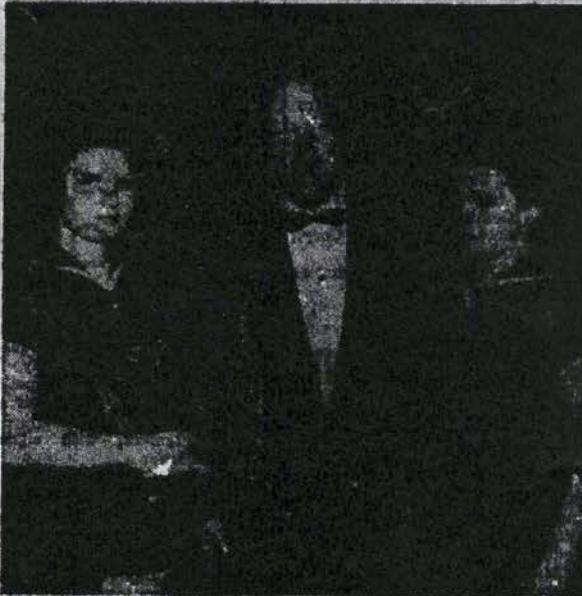
Newport lassies made 22 field goals, two more than Smyrna. Smyrna had a slight edge at the charity strip, making good on 10 of 17 attempts. Newport completed 8 of 18 tries.

## Runner-Ups Receive Trophies



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The runner-ups in the county tournament accepted their trophies solemnly. Shown here are Atlantic Pirates Sammy Salter, H. L. Josly, who made the presentation, George Golden and Stevie Mason.



Brenda Willis, left, and Clarice Willis accepted the runner-up trophy for Smyrna girls. Mr. Josly was the only one beaming.