

# Capture AA District Title

## Beaufort Gains Finals

In the greatest shooting exhibition of the tournament to date, Butch Hassell of Beaufort high school shredded the Maury defense to score 32 points and lead the high flying Seadogs past Maury into the finals of the District 2 Class A tournament at Kenansville.

The game, which was played Friday night on the Kenansville hardwoods, saw Beaufort jump off to a quick 8-0 lead and Maury could never catch up.

The tight man-to-man defense thrown up by the Seadogs held Maury scoreless until there was just 4:52 left to play in the initial period. Sparking the first quarter attack of Beaufort was Hassell who took eight shots and missed on only

two for a total of 12 points. The end of the first quarter saw Beaufort packing a comfortable lead of 14 points at 18-4.

In the second quarter the Seadogs attack slowed down somewhat but Hassell continued to be red hot from the floor, pumping in another ten points to give him 22 for the first half.

Maury outscored the Seadogs during the second quarter, getting 15 points to 14 for Beaufort but the lead built up by Beaufort was too much to overcome and halftime found the Seadogs still leading by 14 at 32-18.

Play in the third and fourth quarters was considerably slower than the pace of the first half and Beau-

fort slowed down their attack in an attempt to run out the clock and protect their lead. At one time they led by as much as 19 points at 51-35.

Coach Tom McQuaid also switched his team into a shifting zone defense in the last half in an effort to conserve his charges as much as possible for the rugged road that lies between Kenansville and the state title.

The score at the end of playing time in the third quarter was 47-33 as Butch threw in a jump shot as the buzzer sounded.

The fourth quarter saw the Seadogs come up with their smallest point output as they scored only 12 points while Maury was garnering 13. The Seadogs also lost the services of Allen Autry and Sammy Merrill who were forced to leave the contest with five fouls.

Beaufort maintained control of the ball throughout most of the quarter as they continued their slow down tactics. Almost half of the Beaufort points in this period came from the foul line as the Maury players became a little over anxious in their efforts to get the ball.

Behind Hassell in the scoring column was Sammy Merrill who had eight points. The rest of the Beaufort scoring was done by Ray Hassell with 7 and Frank Potter and Allen Autry with six points apiece.

The averages for the Seadogs showed them hitting 21 of 60 from the floor for a mediocre 35 per cent. From the charity line they completed 17 of 23 attempts which was good for a 73.9 per cent.

In the only department which the Seadogs were outdone by their opponents, Maury grabbed off 32 rebounds while Beaufort could manage only 24.

### BOX SCORE

Beaufort (59)	fg-a	fg-m	ft-a	ft-m	rb	pts
Hassell, Butch	28	14	8	6	3	32
Merrill	5	2	4	4	0	8
Potter	5	2	2	2	6	6
Thomas	4	0	1	0	1	0
Autry	7	3	2	0	8	6
Hassell, Ray	11	1	6	5	6	7
Totals	60	21	23	17	24	59

35% 73.9%

### Score by periods:

Beaufort	18	14	15	12	59
Maury	4	14	15	13	46

Maury (46)	fg-a	fg-m	ft-a	ft-m	rb	pts
Jones, J	9	1	3	2	4	4
Worthington	11	2	7	5	9	9
Braxton	15	6	5	4	6	13
Beaman	9	2	9	6	5	10
Bowens	10	3	5	2	8	10
Totals	54	14	29	19	32	46

25.8% 65.5%

## Seadogs to Meet Jonesville In First Game at Winston

Beaufort Seadogs will go up against Jonesville high school Thursday night in a second bracket game, according to pairings released by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Jonesville is located in Yadkin County, just south of Elkin.

The tournament, which starts with first bracket games on Wednesday night, will be held in the Reynolds high school gymnasium at Winston-Salem.

Other teams in the tourney and their pairings are: first bracket, St. Pauls vs. Rock Springs and Zeb Vance vs. Kernersville on Wednesday night; second bracket, Beaufort vs. Jonesville and Jamesville vs. Nantahala on Thursday night.

The tournament will end Saturday night. In 1955 when the Seadogs won the state championship, the tournament was played at Greensboro.

The Seadogs advanced to the state finals after taking an easier win in the district tourney March 12, 1955 than they did his past Saturday night.

In 1955 they whipped Beulaville 65-49 in the finals at Kenansville. In 1954 the Seadogs were consolation winners in the state tournament.

The team will leave Beaufort at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday for the trip to Winston-Salem.