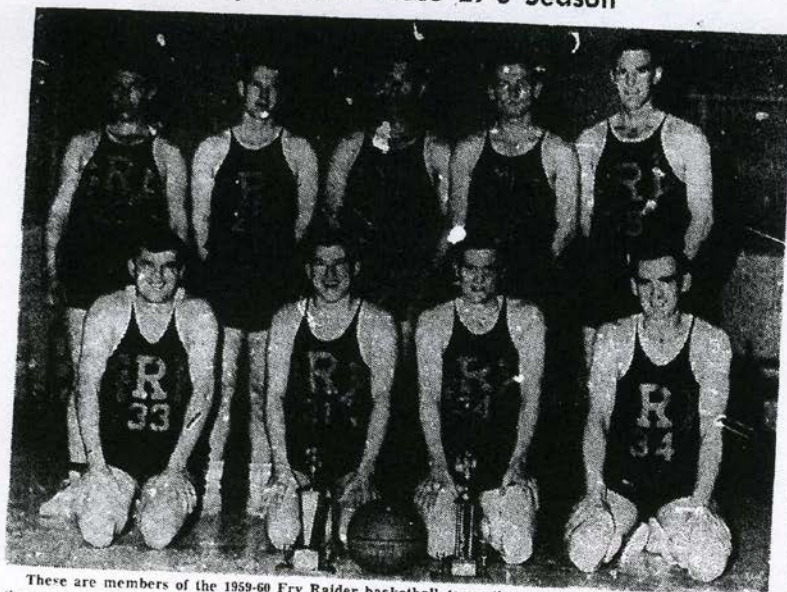


Beaufort Draws Harrisburg For Opening Assignment at High Point

Fry Raiders Close 29-3 Season



These are members of the 1959-60 Fry Raider basketball team that won both the regular season and the tournament titles of the New Bern City League this year. In the front row, left to right, players are Jim Fodrie, Craig Horne, Louis Thomas and Everett Golden. In the back row are player-manager Wilson Davis, Crawford Pigott, Dallas Arthur, Pierson Willis and Walker Gillikin. Absent when the picture was taken was Gehrman Holland.

Yellow Jackets Will Have Decided Height Advantage

Defending state class A champions, Beaufort, will open the 1960 state playoff at High Point Wednesday night when they take the floor at 7:30 against the Harrisburg Yellow Jackets.

Erroneous reports yesterday had the Seadogs pitted against Waco. A call by THE NEWS-TIMES sports department, brought the news that Waco had been defeated in district playoffs by Harrisburg.

Jerry Robinson, Harrisburg coach, when contacted by THE NEWS-TIMES, said that he didn't know how the mix-up occurred but that his team was ready to meet Beaufort Wednesday night. He added that he intended to call Hap Perry, executive secretary of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, and ask him how come Perry released Waco as district 6 tourney winner.

After the opening game between Harrisburg, a school located northeast of Charlotte, and Beaufort, Cumberland Central and Pleasant Grove will play at 9 p.m., assuming that other pairings released by the NCHSAA are correct.

First round contests will also be played on Thursday night and will pit Cullowhee against Red Oak in the opener and in the nitecap Beaufort County champion Pantego will go against Jonesville.

First round losers will drop out of the tournament while the winners of the first two nights of play will advance to the tourney semifinals set for Friday night.

On Friday the Beaufort-Harrisburg winner will play the Cumberland Central-Pleasant Grove winner at 7:30 and the Cullowhee-Red Oak winner will meet the Pantego-Jonesville winner at 9.

The game for the state championship will be played Saturday night at 8 p.m. and will be preceded by a consolation game between Friday's two losers.

Of the eight teams making up the tournament, three of them are sporting undefeated records for the 1959-60 season. Beaufort leads the pack with its record of 48 consecutive victories which stretches over a two-year period while Pantego and Jonesville have also to taste defeat this year.

In Harrisburg, the Seadogs will be facing a team that holds a definite height advantage. Yellow Jacket coach Robinson will floor a starting five that averages 6-2. The tallest of his starters is senior Doug Cockran who tapes in at a towering 6-5.

The other Yellow Jacket skyscrapers include 6-3 Mickey Lefler, 6-2 Jimmy Flowers, 6-2 Craig Poplin and Rusty Harris, a relative midget at a mere 5-9. Harris and Poplin are both sophomores while Flowers is a senior and Lefler a junior.

Harrisburg, which beat Waco Saturday night 76-48 in the finals of the district 6 tournament, compiled a record of 24 wins and four losses during the regular season. They have a long winning streak going. They have won their last 18 games.

Included in their season's record

were impressive wins over AAA opponents Concord and Stanley, the latter which is now engaged in the state Class 3-A tourney at Durham.

In the district tournament Harrisburg waltzed to wins over Morrisboro, Oakboro and Waco to qualify for the state playoffs.

In scoring, the Yellow Jackets lack an individual star as they rely more on a balanced scoring attack. Craig Poplin is the team's top point maker with an average of 14.5 points a game while Mickey Lefler owns a 13.7 average and Doug Cockran is dropping in points at a 12.5 points per game average.

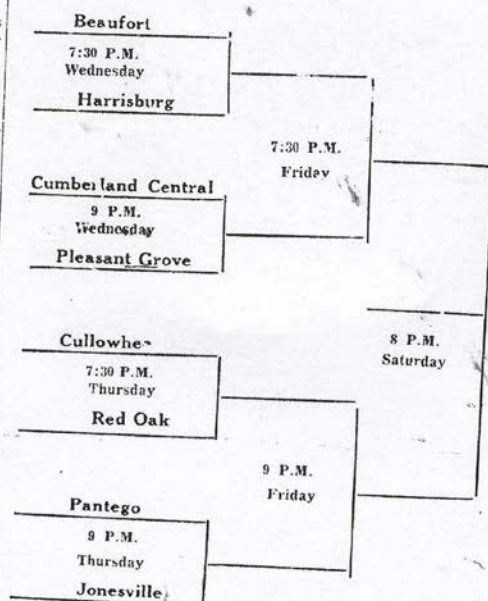
The starting lineups for the two teams will be as follows:

BEAUFORT			
Name	Height	Pos.	
Calvin Jones	6-0	F	Wil
David Jones	5-10	F	T
Paul Hassell	6-2	C	McC
Ray Hassell	5-11	G	oth
Butch Hassell	6-0	G	Con

HARRISBURG			
Name	Height	Pos.	
Jimmy Flowers	6-2	F	Core
Mickey Lefler	6-3	F	age
Doug Cockran	6-5	C	Co
Rusty Harris	5-9	G	In
Craig Poplin			

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Consolation game scheduled for Saturday night.