

# Seadogs Impressive In Downing Arch Rivals

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The Beaufort Seadogs, able to score against a variety of Smyrna defenses Friday night, settled the Beaufort-Smyrna dispute at least temporarily, with an impressive 73-64 win over the Blue Devils in a game played before an overflow crowd in the Smyrna gymnasium.

The win was the 62nd consecutive victory for the defending state champions and strengthened their position as favorites in the county race. Pud Hassell topped his previous seasonal high scoring performance by tallying 37 points which allowed Beaufort to lead virtually throughout the game. At one point in the third quarter, the Seadog advantage over their arch rivals reached as much as 18 points.

The Blue Devils opened the game with a man to man defense on four of the Beaufort players and had Curt Nelson playing a loose zone under the basket. This left David Jones open and the Seadogs took quick advantage of the situation as they fed the senior guard for three quick baskets that put the Blue Devils in an early hole. Jones, with no one guarding him, dropped in two set shots and a layup before Smyrna changed their defensive alignment.

The Blue Devils took their only lead of the night in the opening seconds of the game when Dale Lewis hit a jumper from the side for a 2-0 Smyrna lead.

Ray Hassell then missed a free throw for Beaufort but Chuck Lewis connected on a field goal and Pud Hassell added a basket for a 4-2 Beaufort lead.

Beaufort then put David Jones to work and Beaufort opened its lead to 10 points. Jones hit a layup at the end of the first quarter to put the Beaufort lead at 22-11 over the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils managed to shave one point off the Seadog lead in the second quarter by outscoring the defending state champions 17-16. At one point in the quarter, a basket by Chuck Lewis had opened the Beaufort spread to 12 points.

The pressure on both teams was evident in the third quarter. The play became rougher as the game wore on. Beaufort added five more points to their halftime advantage to take a 59-45 lead at the end of the period.

The Blue Devils refused to be counted out though and came fighting back in the fourth quarter to do their hottest shooting of the night, pouring 19 points through the net to Beaufort's 14. The Blue Devils lost their top rebounder,

Dale Lewis, in the frame when he drew his fifth personal foul minutes before the end of the contest. Beaufort's David Jones was also benched with five personals in the period.

Curt Nelson finished behind Pud in the scoring column with 22 points to his credit. Four players, Smyrna's Braxton Piner, Dale Lewis and Genus Jones and Beaufort's David Jones, all scored 11 points.

Free throwing statistics on the game showed a marked contrast in the two teams' efficiency from the charity stripe. The Blue Devils hit on 24 of the 33 free throws they attempted for a 72.7 per cent accuracy mark while the Seadogs were well below a good showing, hitting only 39.2 per cent of their gift shots. Of 28 free throws taken, the Seadogs missed on 17 of them.

The Smyrna boys and the Beaufort girls made it an all Beaufort-Smyrna final in the county tournament for tomorrow night by scoring easy first round wins Wednesday night at Atlantic. The Beaufort girls earned the tournament finals by rolling past Atlantic 58-45 and the Blue Devils had things pretty much their own way in burying the Newport Hawks 89-51.

The Blue Devils displayed an early accuracy from the floor as they raced to a gigantic 30-8 lead over the Hawks and then coasted through the remainder of the game as both their first and second units were able to maintain comfortable leads over the Hawks.

Deadly shooting from underneath by Dale Lewis and Braxton Piner plus a pressing man-for-man defense enabled the Blue Devils to score 30 points in the first quarter and 26 in the second for their highest first half output of the year. Offensive lapses by Newport also netted several Blue Devil baskets in the first half.

After trailing 56-18 at halftime, the Hawks were able to make a little better game of it in the last two periods as they matched Smyrna basket for basket. Each team scored 33 points in the last half.

Playmaker Curt Nelson took scoring honors for the evening with 26 points while Braxton Piner finished with 22. Co-captain Winkie Chadwick was high for the losers with five field goals and six free throws for 16 points. All of Chadwick's points came in the last half.

The Smyrna Blue Devils won their 16th game of the year Friday night and the Smyrna girls lost their second of the year in a pair of contests with the Newport Hawks. The Blue Devils downed the Hawks 78-45 after the Hawkettes had registered a courageous 71-69 win over the Smyrna sextet.

In the boys' game, the Blue Devils got off to a flying start in the first quarter and raced to a 25-11 lead over the Hawks. Their shooting cooled off somewhat in the second period but halftime found them still leading comfortably at 42-25.

Smyrna coach Jim Parkin platooned his 10 players in and out of the game in the second half as the Blue Devil lead mounted. In the third quarter the Hawks were icc-cold at the basket and managed only six points in the eight-minute period. They did a little better in the final frame against the Smyrna second unit as they scored 14 points to Smyrna's 16.

The Smyrna attack had four players hitting in double figures with rugged Dale Lewis leading the way with 19. Braxton Piner and Curt Nelson each finished with 15 points and Genus Jones had 10. Jimmy Mills and Clayton Garner paced the losers with 20 and 14 points each.

