

Frosh Hassell Sparks Sudden Death Win

Butch Scores on Jump Shot



Butch Hassell, sensational junior guard for the Beaufort Seadogs sends another two points towards the basket in this shot taken during play in the second quarter in their game with St. Pauls for the state Class A championship. The other player in the dark uniform is Co-Captain Sammy Merrill of the Seadogs who played in the final game of his high school career.

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Ray Hassell, sensational freshman basketballer of the Beaufort Seadogs assured himself of a piece of immortality in the annals of Beaufort high school as he calmly sank two free throws Thursday night in a sudden death overtime period against Jonesville to give his team a hard fought 48-47 win and advance them into semi-final play in the state tournament in Winston-Salem.

The two teams were all tied up at 44-44 after the regulation 32 minutes of play and after the first three-minute overtime period had elapsed they were still knotted at 46-46. They then went into a sudden death overtime with the winner to be the first team to score two points or the team that was ahead after three minutes of play.

The game was a thriller all the way with nine points being the largest spread by either team throughout the contest. This was posted by the Seadogs midway in the third quarter when they climbed to a 38-29 advantage.

Beaufort started the scoring in the game on a field goal by Butch Hassell and managed to maintain a lead over the Blue Jays throughout most of the game. The Blue Jays did manage to tie the score three times during regulation play at 11-11, 22-22, and 44-44 and even take a scant one point lead at 24-23 during play in the second quarter.

This was quickly erased by the Seadogs the next time they got their hands on the ball and after that they were never headed until Jonesville went ahead by one in the sudden death.

The end of the first quarter saw the Seadogs with a three-point lead at 16-13 and half time found them leading by the same margin at 29-26.

In the third quarter both teams tightened up their defenses and as a result Jonesville was able to garner only five points in the period

while the Seadogs were collecting nine. Beaufort also slowed down their offensive attack somewhat in an attempt to run out the clock and protect their lead which was seven points at the end of the quarter.

The fans at Reynolds gym were really treated to a dog fight in the fourth quarter as neither team would give an inch in the heated battle for the right to advance in the fourth quarter.

The game Blue Jays, who had been down seven points at the start of the period, never gave up and fought back courageously with the odds against them to score a field goal by Kalme Ghant that tied the score at 44-44 with 1:07 left to play in the contest.

Jonesville then had a chance to win the game as Howard Pardue was fouled and awarded a free throw with 8 seconds to play. Pardue missed the free throw and the Blue Jays got the rebound and got off another shot before the buzzer but this was also no good and the game went into the first overtime period.

In the overtime period the referees called a foul on Kalme Ghant and Butch Hassell missed the one-and-one free throw. Ray Hassell, who had played brilliantly all evening, then stole the ball away from

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