

# Beaufort Racks Up First Victory In State Tourney Wednesday

## Seadogs Bite Harrisburg Yellow Jackets, 66-48

The Beaufort Seadogs opened their quest for a second consecutive state basketball title in High Point Wednesday night by downing the Harrisburg Yellow Jackets 66-48. The win advances the Seadogs into the tournament semi-finals tonight and pits them against Cumberland Central, 58-49 winner over Pleasant Grove in Wednesday's nightcap.

The long layoff forced on the Seadogs by two postponements of the state playoffs showed its effect Wednesday night, as the defending state champions turned in one of their most rugged performances of the year.

"We looked awful tonight," was the way coach Tom McQuaid described his team's showing. "We played better ball in December than we did against Harrisburg," he added.

At the start of the game the Seadogs looked like the layoff hadn't bothered them the least. They jumped to a quick 9-0 lead in the first two minutes of the game. But then they hit a snag and before they could score again the Yellow Jackets had tied the game up at 9-9. Butch Hassell hit a field goal seconds before the final buzzer to give the Seadogs a slim 11-10 lead as the period ended.

Beaufort remained cold in the second quarter as they managed to score only 15 points. They lost the ball on several occasions on steals by the Yellow Jackets and bad passes. Harrisburg was having its troubles too. They managed only 9 points in the period. The Beaufort lead, as the two teams left the floor at halftime, was seven points, at 26-19.

Harrisburg was really cold in the third quarter, scoring only three field goals and a single free throw to fall behind the Seadogs 41-26.

The fourth period saw the two teams match almost basket for basket as they began to find the range on the hoop for the first time. Butch Hassell sparked the Seadog attack in the quarter by dropping in four field goals and one free throw, while Pud Hassell was contributing four field goals.

Doug Cockran, Harrisburg's touted 6 foot 6 skyscraper, began to show some of his scoring ability in the final period. He scored four

field goals in eight minutes, after being held to only three throughout the first three periods.

High scoring honors for the game went to Beaufort's Butch Hassell who dropped in 13 field goals and 4 free throws for a total of 30 points. Butch's total was also the highest individual performance of the night's two games.

Pud Hassell captured runner-up honors by garnering 19 points while Ray Hassell and Chuck Lewis each contributed 5 points. Harrisburg's top point maker was Cockran, who finished with 15 tallies. The big boy was followed closely by rugged Mickey Lefler and Craig Poplin, who each tallied 13.

The tournament will end Saturday night with a consolation game and the championship tilt.

Beaufort	FG	FT	PF	Pts.
Calvin Jones	2	0	1	4
David Jones	0	3	3	3
Pud Hassell	9	1	4	19
Ray Hassell	2	1	1	5
Johnny Hassell	0	0	1	0
Butch Hassell	13	4	3	30
Chuck Lewis	1	3	1	5

Harrisburg	FG	FT	PF	Pts.
Lefler	6	1	4	13
Flowers	0	0	1	0
Cockran	7	1	2	15
Poplin	6	1	2	13
Shoaf	0	2	0	2
Harris	2	0	1	4
Williams	0	1	1	1



## Viewing Sports

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High Point — Harrisburg just didn't have the class to buck the Seadogs Wednesday night. Harrisburg has a fair team, but no shooters.

Cumberland Central, Beaufort's next opponent tonight at 7:30, has a real good team. They're fine shooters. They have no big boys, but two small guards that are real hustlers.

The Seadogs went through a light practice yesterday afternoon, but for the most part took it easy.

Pud Hassell came through Wednesday night's tilt OK. He fell once, but the knee that has been giving him trouble wasn't hurt. He termed Mickey Lefler of the Yellow Jackets the best player he's ever come up against. Lefler is the most rugged rebounder I've ever seen. But their best wasn't good enough to check the defending state champions.

Quite a few Beaufort fans were here for the opener in High Point high school's beautiful new gym. The gym will seat about 4,000. The floor is great. Everybody's looking for hundreds more from Beaufort tonight.

The team is headquartering at the Elwood Hotel. So are the Vigilantes!

As for the game tonight, the Seadogs shouldn't have too much trouble. They should be able to take it with a 10-point victory margin.

That's 30 for now.