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Two Hassells, Chuck Lewis, David Jones Land Berths

The 1960-61 NEWS-TIMES All-County basketball team, a squad of ten players voted the cream of the crop among county hoopsters by coaches, is dominated by the defending state champion Beaufort Seadogs, who placed four of their five starters on the squad.

Beaufort's one-two scoring punch of Pud and Ray Hassell headline this year's mythical squad which also has Seadogs Chuck Lewis and David Jones on the first 10.

Pud, a senior, and Ray, a junior, were both unanimous choices for All County honors as they led their team to their third straight undefeated season. During the season just completed, the Seadogs racked up 17 wins without a loss to extend their unbeaten string to an unbelievable 68 games.

Pud was the team's scoring leader as he tallied 363 points in 16 of Beaufort's 17 games. This gives the classy lefthander an average of 22.6 points per game, tops in the county. On four occasions this year Pud topped the 30-point mark with his seasonal high being 37 points he scored against Smyrna.

Ray, the "outside man" in Beaufort's deadly attack, finished the season with 189 points in 14 games for a mark of 13.5 points per game. Against Atlantic, Ray hit an individual high of 22 points.

Another returnee for next year, gaining All-County honors for Beaufort, is Chuck Lewis. Chuck, at 6-2, has been one of the top rebounders for the Seadogs this year besides posting an average of 6.58 points per game. For the season Chuck scored 112 points to finish behind Ray and Pud in total points.

David Jones, a senior, is completing his third year on the Seadog varsity. One of the finest athletes in the school, David was a member of both Beaufort's previous state championship cage teams. He was also an end on the football team that gained the state championship in 1959.

The speedy cager is used at a guard position by Beaufort coach Tom McQuaid and is considered one of the finest defensive players in the county. Offensively this year David scored 83 points during the regular season for an average of 4.8 points per game.

The Smyrna Blue Devils, runners-up to Beaufort in the county race, placed three of their starters on this year's squad. Curt Nelson,

Braxton Piner and Dale Lewis were the three Blue Devils gaining top recognition. Nelson and Lewis are both repeaters from last year's All-County team.

During the regular season, the Blue Devils, coached by Jim Parkin, compiled a record of 19 wins and only five losses. The team's top scorer and playmaker was Curt Nelson who finished the season with a total of 440 points and an average of 18.3 points per game. Nelson's total points was the highest among all county eagers.

His individual single-game high was 33 points he scored against Atlantic. Only once this year did Curt fail to score in double figures and that was against Morehead City in Smyrna's 53-47 loss to the Eagles. On that night Curt was held to only eight points.

Braxton Piner, Smyrna's second high scorer, lands an All-County berth this year for the first time. Last year he barely missed out on the honor as he was nosed in the balloting by Newport's Johnnie Turpin.

Playing in every game this year for the Blue Devils, Braxton tallied 393 points for an average of 16.3 points per game. Against Atlantic he hit a seasonal high of 30 points in Smyrna's 109-65 rout of the Pirates.

The third man from the Blue Devil school landing an All-County berth is Dale Lewis who makes his second consecutive appearance on the team. Lewis, one of the most rugged players in the county, was the top rebounder for the Blue Devils besides scoring 281 points for the season. Dale was forced to miss two games during the early part of the season but still managed to compile a scoring average of 12.7 points a game.

Rounding out this year's All-County team are Atlantic eagers Ray Tallent and Danny Harvey and Newport ace James (Winkie) Chadwick.

Tallent and Harvey were about the only bright spots on an Atlan-

Tickets at Door

Roy Cockerham, Atlantic basketball coach announces that no advance tickets will be sold for Saturday night's final games of the county tournament. Tickets will be available at the door only which opens at 6:15. Ticket sales will stop when the gym has been filled.

The squad that finished in the cellar among county teams with a record of four wins and 14 losses.

Besides being the team's top scorer, Ray was the playmaker and leading rebounder for Roy Cockerham's Pirates. A deadly jump shot was the main weapon that Ray used in scoring 284 points during the season for an average of 16.7 points per game.

Danny, who plays outside in Atlantic's attack, scored 188 points during the regular season for an average of 11 points per game. Both Tallent and Harvey are seniors.

Representing Newport on the All-County team is senior and co-captain Winkie Chadwick. Chadwick, in his first year as a Hawk starter was the big weapon in the attack of the new Hawk coach, George Peacock. A hustler all the way, Chadwick started every game for the Hawks and finished the season with a total of 264 points which was good for an average of 11.4 points per game. During the regular season the Hawks won eight of 23 games.

Besides the 10 players named to the team, others receiving votes in the balloting included Alton Hill and Parris Croom of Beaufort; Jimmie Mills and Clayton Garner of Newport; and James Meares and Genus Jones of Smyrna.

2-A District Pairings Set

Hobpton, home of the defending state champions in 2-A basketball, will be the site of this year's District Two 2-A tournament to determine an entry in the state playoffs. Eight teams will enter competition at Hobpton starting Tuesday, Feb. 28 and running through Saturday, March 4.

Competing in the tournament will be the four members of the Coastal Plains conference as well as four schools of the Pioneer Conference.

On Feb. 28, the first night of the tournament, Pamlico high school will meet 7:15 in a 7:30 preliminary game and a 9 o'clock nitecap will pit the Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs against Salemburg high school.

Morehead City swings into tournament action on Wednesday, March 1, meeting Hobpton in the first game. In last year's tournament, the Eagles were eliminated in the first round by Hobpton. Wednesday's second game will pit the Jones Central Rockets against Four Oaks high school.

Quarter and semi-final games will be played on March 2 and 3 and the championship tilt is set for Saturday night, March 4.

Jaycees 'Clean House'

The Beaufort Jaycees met at the Scout hall Monday night and spent their meeting time in cleaning up the building. Members also discussed painting the front entrance-way to the building.