

The Beaufort high school Seadogs again proved themselves to be the cream of the state's Class A basketball crop Saturday night at High Point as they coupled a stinging defense with a fast finishing offensive attack to swamp the Cinderella Red Oak Rebels 63-42. The win gave the Seadogs their second consecutive state championship and ran their undefeated string to 51 games.

Red Oak, the team that was given virtually no chance of ever reaching the tournament finals, proved that their startling win over the highly seeded Jonesville Blue Jays on Friday night was no fluke, as they managed to stay close to the Seadogs until a last quarter rally by the defending state champions gave Beaufort a lead they never relinquished.

The Rebels of coach Bill Ennis, who used an effective ball control attack to knock off Jonesville, tried the

same tactics against Beaufort but had to abandon the plan soon after the start of the game.

Beaufort scored first on a pair of free throws by David Jones but Red Oak quickly evened this count on a field goal by Rebel center Gary Martin. The remainder of the first quarter saw the score tied a total of three times and changing hands twice. After knotting the count at 3-3 and 4-4, the Rebels posted their only leads of the game, slim one-point margins, at 7-6 and 9-8. The end of the period saw the Seadogs packing a 12-10 advantage.

In the second quarter Ray and Pud Hassell sparked a Beaufort rally that saw the Seadogs open their spread to six points. As the Seadogs went into their famed full court press Ray and Pud collaborated for eight points between them on close-in shots. Beaufort's scoring ace Butch Hassell, was held to only six points in the first two