

# State Title Comes In Big Win Over Rebels

## Seadogs Win 51 Straight Over Two Years

In winning two consecutive state basketball championships the Beaufort Seadogs have compiled a phenomenal record of 51 games without a loss.

The undefeated state champions of 1958-59 won 27 games and this year's aggregation went through a 24-game schedule undefeated.

Beaufort's closest calls during the two-year span were the Jonesville game in the opening round of the state tournament last year which the Seadogs won by one point in a triple overtime and the Smyrna game this year in Beaufort, also won by a single point, 64-63.

Following is a rundown of the two undefeated seasons:

### 1958-59 SEASON RECORD- Regular Season

School	Bft.	Opp.
Pamlico	67	40
New Bern	51	37
Camp Lejeune	69	26
Atlantic	71	44
New Bern	47	43
Swansboro	46	43
Smyrna	75	45
Camp Lejeune	83	36
Morehead City	59	44
Havelock	70	22
Swansboro	83	38
Atlantic	72	48
Newport	66	51
Havelock	65	29
Morehead City	57	38
Newport	90	57
Pamlico	58	46
Smyrna	69	48

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 quarters on a fine defensive effort by Floyd Smith.

Butch, who had scored 63 points in two previous tournament games, added 13 points in the last half for a total of 19 which was still high for both teams. The Rebels employed a sagging defense around Butch in the last half that dropped three men around the All-State cager every time he got his hands on the ball.

After trailing by six points at 27-21 at intermission