

# East All-Star Cagers Are Named



**BEAUFORT** — There is something about this coastal community that is conducive to good high school athletics — something that other communities would do well to duplicate.

Beaufort's basketball successes of the past four years were commemorated at a picnic supper this past Monday, honoring the 29 boys who played a part in the State record — and modern national record — of 91 straight victories. The Seadogs won three straight State Class A championships, then this past season in Class 2-A won their district title and gained the State tourney before being stopped.

In football Beaufort won one State Class A championship in the same four-year period, and the following year went undefeated and unscored upon against Class A opposition but didn't make it back into the playoffs because Ayden had a slightly better record. Beaufort had played to two scoreless ties, one with Ayden, which won all its other starts.

In baseball presently the Seadogs have a win streak of 18 straight games and are seeking their second consecutive conference championship. In two straight games recently Chuck Lewis pitched a no-hitter one day, then the next outing he smacked a grand slam homer. Another senior, Parris Croom, a hard-throwing righthander, has been the top pitcher.

Those two, along with most of their teammates, have excelled in all three sports. The Hassells — Butch (Wake Forest varsity cager), Pud (Carolina frosh cager), Ray (senior bound for Carolina) and Johnny (junior) — who hail from three related families, have gained Statewide reknown for their abilities.

What has made Beaufort High's past four years so spectacular in all sports? The answers aren't apparent from an inspection tour of the pleasant waterside community. There are no more outdoor basketball goals around the homes than in most other Eastern Carolina towns, for instance. You don't see any more boys playing football, basketball or baseball on the school grounds or in vacant lots than elsewhere.

The environment that has spawned such excellent athletes begins to show itself in the presence of the instructors — Tom McQuaid, athletic director and head basketball coach; Curtis Lancaster, football coach; and Jim Fodrie, baseball coach (also coach in girls' basketball, who produced one All-East star this past season.). Beaufort has a topnotch staff, to say the least.

And the answers are quite clear at such an affair as the basketball celebration, when the community's pride in its young people is on display. State Coach Everett Case, the speaker, saw the complete picture quickly and paid tribute to the entire community's teamwork.

All of the records and championships have been just by-products of the development of outstanding young citizens, it was pointed out by Charles Hassell, before presenting certificates of recognition to the basketball stars Monday. . . .

## Three Classes, and Boys Only

Adding a fifth classification, as some leaders suggest to take care of the large rural schools or new consolidated ones that can't compete on even terms with more established institutions' teams, would be a step in the wrong direction, Beaufort Coach Tom McQuaid believes.

"I think there are too many classes now," he says. "There ought to be about three.

"Boys only should be considered in the enrollment limits too," McQuaid suggests, since the total enrollment or average daily attendance doesn't accurately reflect a school's quantity of athletic 'material'.

GREENSBORO (AP)—Guards turned the tide of battle for the East in the 1961 all-star basketball game, and Coach Don Packard of Sanford never allowed such memories to slip away in selecting his 10-man East team for the '62 contest at the Greensboro Coliseum on July 31.

With all-everything R. D. Carson of Sanford generally regarded as North Carolina's No. 1 schoolboy cager this past season, the East all-star coach surrounded him with the likes of Wilmington's Jim Moore, Ray Hassell of Beaufort and Raeford's Larry Phillips.

Center duties on the team fall to a couple of lanky performers in 6-foot-5 Earl Johnson of Raleigh and 6-foot-7 Neil Hodges of Scotland Neck.

Forward assignments will be handled by Jerry Woodside of Durham, Billy Freuler of Tarboro, Bernie Flynn of Wilmington and Doug Fowler of Durham Northern.

Of those standout players, Packard saw all but Hodges, Hassell and Johnson in action at least once during the 1961-62 campaign. "We feel like we have some fine boys on the team" the coach exclaimed, "though we may not be big in overall size as in past years."

While the Easterns may not be all giants, all but one stand six feet or above. Phillips is the shortest at 5-foot-10.

The all-star coach split honors between the 4-A and 3-A ranks for the supplying of most players, each furnishing four. The other two come from 2-A schools.

And Wilmington, which packed away its third consecutive State crown last winter and sixth out of last seven year, is the lone school to have two cagers on the team hand-picked by Packard.

Top scoring average on the squad belongs to Hodges, who averaged nearly 25 for a game for Scotland Neck while leading his team to the State 2-A tourney.

Tarboro's Freuler just missed that figure with his 23.2 average.

Carson hit 20.8 in carrying Sanford through an unbeaten season which included the State 3-A title and a spotless 25-0 record.

Hassell's 18 figure earned Beaufort a berth in the State 2-Action.

Woodside developed into a real workhorse at Durham where he posted a 16.9 scoring mark.

Moore, the cool backcourt ace for Wilmington, averaged 14.6 for the Wildcats.



RAY HASSELL



PHILLIPS



JOHNSON



NEIL HODGES



R. D. CARSON