

Atlantic Pirates Split Twin Bill with Lejeune Devil Pups

Raiders Regain League Lead

The Smyrna Nite Raiders regained first place in the New Bern basketball league Tuesday night with a 67-59 decision over the Maola entry. The loss dropped Maola into a second-place tie with the Caldwell Oilers.

Nick Sikorski was the deciding factor in what proved to be one of the most important games of the year for the Raiders. The classy guard shot 16 points and played a tremendous floor game.

Team manager Wilson Davis said that Sikorski was the difference in the two teams. "He played what must have been the best single game turned in to date in the league," Davis said. "Sikorski is one of the best defensive players around and his ball handling ability is tops. He hit some driving lay-ups that really helped in the clutch."

Dallas Arthur, leading scorer for the Raiders, turned in his usual game against Maola, scoring 25 points and pulling down more than his share of the rebounds.

Kenny Davis, the Raiders outside shot, hit for 14 points from the corners and outside the defense thrown up by Maola. Pierson Willis and Everette Golden scored six points each.

Ed Coleman, Maola's high scorer, was held to four field goals

Atlantic and Camp Lejeune split a twin bill at Atlantic Tuesday night. The Pirates took a one-sided 78-41 decision from the Devil Pups in the boys game after the Camp Lejeune girls had won an overtime thriller, 55-49, from Atlantic.

Stevie Mason was the big gun in the Pirate attack. He launched a one-man barrage that netted him 29 points and high scoring honors for the night.

Bobby Nelson scored 17, Roger Harris hit for 16 and Tom Budd scored 10 to make the score climb. George Golden added one point to the Atlantic total and Sammy Salter scored five.

Lowc was the only Devil Pup to break into the double scoring figures. He bagged 12 points. Sullivan scored eight and Vernier hit for nine.

The winner for the first game was in doubt until the final minutes of the overtime period. The score was tied at 47 all when regulation time ended.

The Lejeune sextet had run up a 27-16 lead in the first half but a big rally by the Atlantic lassies cut the lead down to size in the

but he sank nine extra points to collect 17 points for the night. David Ganiery was next in the scoring column with 12 points.

Tom Scott hit for 10, Earl Johnson scored 13 and Jack Waters scored seven.

The Nite Raiders now have a 7-2 record in the league. Maola and the Oilers have 6-3 records and the Moose are last with a 2-7 mark. The Menshop team has dropped from the league.

third quarter and by the end of that period the score was tied at 35 up.

Each team scored 12 points in the last quarter to set the stage for the overtime. Atlantic was able to manage only two points while their opponents were getting eight to wrap up the victory.

High scorer for the game was Linda Stallings, who scored 30 points for Lejeune. Pat Baker scored 23 and Brickly scored two.

Anita Brown scored 19 points to lead the Atlantic forwards in scoring. Linda Taylor scored 11, Rita Gilgo hit for 10 and Janis Goodwin scored nine.

Brenda Salter, Jean Fulcher and Katy Gillikin started at the guard positions for Atlantic. Lejeune guards were Brown, Shelton and Duncavage.