

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	89	26
Atlantic	71	44
New Bern	47	43
Swansboro	46	43
Smyrna	75	45
Camp Lejeune	85	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

County Tournament		
School	Bft.	Opp.
Smyrna	73	48
Atlantic	78	44

District Tournament		
School	Bft.	Opp.
Southwood	86	51
Grantham	60	32
Maury	59	46
Leland	50	46

State Tournament		
School	Bft.	Opp.
Jonesville	48	47
Jameville	54	49
St. Pauls	62	54

1959-60 SEASON RECORD

Regular Season		
School	Bft.	Opp.
Pamlico	59	30
New Bern	65	41
New Bern	75	47
Havelock	60	31
71st	72	52
Pamlico	87	40
Newport	79	27
Atlantic	95	42
Smyrna	63	62
Morehead City	57	42
Atlantic	87	62
Havelock	77	58
Smyrna	56	44
Morehead City	85	54
Newport	99	48

County Tournament		
School	Bft.	Opp.
Atlantic	82	71
Smyrna	79	50

District Tournament		
School	Bft.	Opp.
Clement	70	39
Mt. Olive	67	30
Leland	76	32
Midway	56	36

State Tournament		
School	Bft.	Opp.
Harrisburg	66	48
Central	65	48
Red Oak	63	42

Tom Thompson and John Phillips, Morehead City Eagles, were named to the 1959-60 All-Conference basketball team of the Coastal Plains conferee.

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 the Rebels made a determined effort to overhaul Beaufort as they matched the Big Green almost point for point in the third quarter.

The Seadogs put their fast break to work at the start of the fourth quarter with Butch Hassell engineering the run and shoot plays that saw Beaufort outscore Red Oak 13-2 in the first six minutes of the frame. Pud Hassell, who got in foul trouble in the third quarter when he drew his fourth personal, re-entered the contest and sank three straight field goals in less than a minute. With 2 minutes and 33 seconds left to be played in the game Pud drew his fifth foul and was forced out of the contest. It marked the first time this year the Seadog defensive ace had been forced out of a game.

With time running out on the Rebels, the Seadogs were able to capitalize on several miscues caused by over-anxiety on the part of Red Oak. There were only four seconds showing on the clock when Butch Hassell sank the last of his many field goals for Beaufort high school. The bucket ran the score to 63-42 and closed the book on the Seadogs' successful bid on defending the state title they won at Winston-Salem in 1959.

Trailing Butch in the scoring department for the game were Pud and Ray Hassell who had 18 and 11 points respectively. This marked the third time in the tournament that the three Hassell cousins had outscored the entire opposing teams. Chuck Lewis, called into action when Pud got into foul trouble, finished the night with six points.

Butch, Pud Repeat As All-Tournament

Beaufort basketball stars Butch and Pud Hassell led the voting for the All-Tournament team selected at the conclusion of the Class A tournament in High Point last week. In addition, Butch, the 5-11 scorer and play-maker, whose 82 points in Beaufort's three victories brought him tournament scoring honors, was chosen the most valuable player in the playoffs.

Others named to the select five included Jonesville's Howard Pardue, Pantego's Ray Respass and

Red Oak's Gary Martin. Butch and Pardue are the only two seniors on the All-Tourney quintet, which means that the other three could be heard from again next year in the state tourney.

Pardue was the tournament's second high scorer, getting 66 points in three games while Respass played only one game at High Point and collected 35 points. Martin's total for three games was 53 points. His team was runnerup to Beaufort.

Both Butch and Pud are repeaters from last year's All-Tournament team picked at Winston-Salem.