

The Rabbits



Affectionately known as "The Rabbits" are these members of the Seadog second unit. Left to right they are Johnnie Hassell, Cary Kirk, Chuck Lewis, Alton Hill, Doug Swain and Jeff Salter.

1960-61 Season's Outlook Also Appears Bright

By LARRY McCOMB

After the conclusion of any basketball season fans always start looking forward to the coming season and speculate on what it will bring.

What lies ahead for the Beaufort Seadogs who have won two consecutive state championships and 51 straight games? Will they have a chance of repeating as Class A kings again next year and who will be the 1960-61 stars?

The Seadogs this year lose three seniors from the squad. Two of them, Butch Hassell and Calvin Jones, are starters. Losing a player like Butch is certainly a great loss to any team. The sensational Seadog has been called "the best all-around player I have ever coached," by Beaufort mentor Tom McQuaid.

This in itself is quite a tribute when you stop to consider some

of the players. McQuaid has had under his guidance. But then minus a player like Butch and a rebounder like Calvin, the Seadogs appear set for another good year.

Most likely to fill the two vacancies in the starting lineup are Chuck Lewis and Alton Hill. Both boys are 6-1, saw considerable action this year and showed a lot of promise. Chuck has the potential to be one of the strongest men on the team next year and will help a lot in the rebounding department.

During the season Chuck scored 98 points for an average of just over four points a game. Alton had 40 points to his credit at the end of the season.

Another player who can be counted on to see a lot of action next year for the defending state champions is rugged Harry Gillikin. Gillikin is a freshman this year and has three years of eligibility remaining. A good rebounder and a fair shooter, Gillikin should add a little to his 6-1 height before next winter.

Whether the Seadogs can repeat as state champions next year remains to be seen. Three things are in their favor - they know what it is to be state champions, they have some promising material and they have Tom McQuaid as coach.

Beaufort Tops Midway To Win District Crown

The defending state champion Beaufort Seadogs earned the right to return to the state playoffs this year by downing a stubborn and aggressive Midway team in the finals of the district two class A tournament at Kenansville Saturday night, March 5. The final score of the game, the Seadogs' weakest showing in the Kenansville affair, was 56-36.

Exactly two minutes had elapsed in the game before Beaufort managed to score. Their first point came on a free throw by Butch Hassell and tied the score at 1-1. Midway had earlier scored on a free throw to take a 1-0 lead. Midway added a field goal and another free throw for a 4-1 lead before Beaufort hit their first shot from the floor.

The Seadogs tied the score at 6-6 on baskets by Butch Hassell and then managed to hold slight leads over their aggressive opponents until halftime. The end of the first quarter saw the Seadogs leading by three points at 12-9.

Late in the second quarter a Midway rally saw the blue-clad quintet retake the lead from Beaufort at 23-22. Beaufort scored a free throw to knot the count at 23-23 and then went ahead to stay on a field goal by Ray Hassell. At halftime

their advantage was still three points at 28-25.

After the rest period, the Seadogs began to find the range on the basket although they were still below their shooting accuracy of previous tournament games. Midway, meanwhile, was having scoring problems of its own. They scored only 11 points in the entire last half. As the game wore on, the Beaufort lead mounted from three points to the final victory margin of 20 points. The end of the third quarter saw Beaufort leading by 38-22.

Fouls hurt Midway in the fourth quarter as they lost two starters, William Perry and Ron Jackson, via the foul route. Perry was forced out of the game early in the quarter and Jackson drew his fifth personal with four minutes left to play. Beaufort's David Jones was also whistled out of the game with five fouls, three of which came in the first half.

Butch Hassell led all scorers for the game by dropping in 27 points. He divided his total almost equally between floor shots and free throws. From the charity stripe he scored 13 points while he had 14 points on seven field goals from the floor.

Pud Hassell followed with 18 points and Ray Hassell rounded out

the all-Hassell scoring effort by canning 11 points. Howard Lambert was high for Midway with 11 points followed by Bobby Tew with 10.

BOX SCORE

Beaufort	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Jones, C.	0	0	4	0
Jones, D.	0	0	5	0
Hassell, P.	6	6	1	18
Hassell, R.	5	1	1	11
Hassell, B.	7	13	2	27
Lewis	0	0	2	0
Totals	18	20	15	56

Midway	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Jackson	3	1	5	7
Tew, B.	5	0	2	10
Perry	1	3	5	5
Starling	0	0	0	0
Tew, F.	0	0	2	0
Jernigan	0	0	1	0
Naylor	1	3	2	5
McLamb	0	0	1	0
Lambert	3	3	1	11
Totals	12	10	21	36

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