

Hoop Tourney to Open

The county basketball tournament will open tomorrow night at Smyrna with the Atlantic and Beaufort lassies playing in the first game. Second feature in a scheduled doubleheader will be a tilt matching the Atlantic and Smyrna boys.

Play will begin at 7:30 each night of the tournament. The second game of the doubleheader will begin about 9 p.m. Smyrna principal Stewart Daniels says that temporary bleachers will be erected at both ends of the gym and on the stage.

Thursday night the Morehead City and Newport girls and the Beaufort and Newport quintets will play for spots in the championship games Saturday night.

Friday night will see the Smyrna lassies and the Morehead City Eagles playing the winners of Wednesday night's games.

Smyrna held first place in the county standings with a record of seven victories and one loss. The Eagles tied with the Beaufort Seadogs with identical records of seven and one. A toss of a coin gave the Eagles a bye in the first round.

Final county standings follow:

BOYS

| | County | | Overall | |
|---------------|--------|---|---------|----|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Morehead City | 7 | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Beaufort | 7 | 1 | 12 | 4 |
| Newport | 4 | 4 | 11 | 7 |
| Atlantic | 2 | 6 | 10 | 7 |
| Smyrna | 0 | 8 | 2 | 16 |

GIRLS

| | County | | Overall | |
|---------------|--------|---|---------|----|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Smyrna | 7 | 1 | 14 | 3 |
| Morehead City | 6 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| Newport | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| Beaufort | 2 | 6 | 3 | 13 |
| Atlantic | 0 | 8 | 0 | 15 |

Boys Pairings

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| (1) Morehead City | | |
| (4) Atlantic | 9 p.m. Fri. | |
| 9 p.m. Wed. | | |
| (5) Smyrna | | 9 p.m. Sat. |
| (2) Beaufort | | |
| 9 p.m. Thurs. | | |
| (3) Newport | | |

Girls Pairings

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|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| (1) Smyrna | | |
| (4) Beaufort | 7:30 Fri. | |
| 7:30 Wed. | | |
| (5) Atlantic | | 7:30 Sat. |
| (2) Morehead | | |
| 7:30 Thurs. | | |
| (3) Newport | | |

Smyrna Defeats White Oak In Both Ends of Doubleheader

By RACHEL WILLIS

The Smyrna Blue Devils took both games of a doubleheader from visiting White Oak cage teams Friday night. The Smyrna lassies scored an easy 58-45 victory in the opening game. The Blue Devils won their second game of the year in the nightcap by a 52-40 score.

Elberta Gillikin scored 28 points to lead the Smyrna attack in the first game. The smallest player on the starting sextet, Gillikin is about six inches shorter than Serina Davis and Jean Willis, the other starting forwards.

Davis scored 21 points for the night and Willis got nine to complete the scoring. Laura Lewis, Clarice Willis and Brenda Willis played an outstanding game at the guard positions, holding the strong White Oak team to 20 goals from the floor during the entire game.

Solves Smyrna Defense

Goodwin was the only White Oak lassie to solve the Smyrna defense. She bombarded the nets for 25

points. Tallman scored seven and Collins added 13 points. White Oak guards were Aman, Jones and Hewitt.

Glenn Willis sparked the Blue Devils to victory in the second game. The big center scored 18 points and was top rebounder for the winners.

Willis got plenty of help from Curtis Nelson and Paul Wade, who scored 10 and eight points respectively. Horace Lawrence scored seven, James Meares scored six and Vaughn Yeomans scored three points.

Strong Second Half

A strong second half by the Blue Devils gave them the victory. They were trailing by a 20-18 score when the first half ended. In the third quarter the Devils evened the score and forged ahead to lead by a 31-29 count.

In the last quarter the Blue Devils got hot to score 21 points while allowing White Oak to get only 11. It was the best last quarter performance by the Blue Devils all year.

Yancey was high scorer for White Oak with 18 points. He was the only member of the losing quintet to break into double figures in the scoring column. Dudley was second high with six points.

Nite Raiders Win 53-46 Decision Over Moose Team

The Smyrna Nite Raiders took a hard-fought game from the Moose Thursday night, 53-46. The victory tightened the Raiders' grip on first place in the New Bern city hoop league.

Louis Thomas and Ronnie Arthur were the big guns in the Raider victory. They scored 14 and 13 points respectively. Nick Sikorski was third man in the scoring figures with nine points.

Pierson Willis bagged eight points. Dallas Arthur scored five and Wilson Davis hit one free throw to score one point for the winners.

Jack Lewis topped the Moose with 16 points. His brother, Julian, scored 11 points.