

Hawk Sextet Scores Win in Opener, 63-47

Morehead City's Eagles evened the season series against the Newport Hawks Friday night at the home court, winning 66-61, in another thrilling meeting between the two teams.

The preliminary contest saw the Newport sextet romp to an easy 63-47 victory.

The Eagles' win gave them a tie for the conference lead with the Hawks. Morehead City's record now reads 13-1, and Newport has a 15-2 mark, with one of the losses coming against a non-conference opponent.

Eagles Lead Throughout

The game was a bit different from the initial meeting. The Eagles led throughout the contest, holding as high as a 15-point lead with 2:15 of the third quarter remaining.

The Hawks got as close as three points difference in the scoring in the final canto but the Eagles staved off the threat and took the victory.

Wayne Check, Morehead's 6-7 center, was once again the big scorer with 29 points. Check played the entire second half with four fouls having been called against him.

Thanks in great measure to the number of fouls against his opposing center, Leston Gillikin took runnerup honors for the game with 26 points. Gillikin made most of his points on easy layups in the second half.

Others to hit in double figures were Berlyn Temple of Newport with 15 points, and Kent Brown 13, and Craig Horne 12, for the Eagles.

Brown Plays Well

Brown's performance was the best of his career in that he shot well, passed off well and was a finest contestant throughout.

Temple, one of the jumping jacks of the Newport team, made seven of his points at the free throw line and hit on four of his patented jump shots.

Horne, who fouled out at 5:11 of the final quarter, made a couple of beautiful sets and some equally fine driving layups, as well as being the ballhandler for his team.

Handling the rebounding for the Eagles were Check and rugged Llewellyn Phillips. Phillips scored but two points, but his work under the boards was exceptionally good.

Newport started the contest with a 2-0 lead when Temple hit on a push shot. Raymond Willis knotted the count at 2 at 6:10 and then the Eagles moved out ahead.

They held a 10-5 lead at 2:31, but the Hawks put on a drive that gave them the lead at 12:10 at 0:21 when Gillikin scored on a layup and a free throw conversion. Brown scored on a layup at 0:04 and Check tapped one in on Brown's free throw attempt to give the Eagles a 14-12 lead as the first quarter ended.

Score Tied

The score was knotted at 14 and 15 early in the second stanza and then the Eagles started pulling away, moving out to a 26-16 lead at 4:19.

The Hawks moved back into contention and at 1:27 the score stood in the Eagles' favor 27-24. Horne scored on a drive and Bradley McIntosh converted a pair to give the Eagles a 31-24 lead at halftime.

The third quarter was the big one for the Eagles as Check and Brown went on a scoring spree that saw the Eagles leading by their largest margin 46-31 at 2:15.

Chippie shots by Gillikin narrowed the gap and at the end of the canto the Eagles led 50-40.

At 6:19 of the final quarter the Eagles led 52-42, but at 4:36 the Hawks had made the game extremely close, moving within three points of the leaders 51-54. Four other times during the quarter the Hawks got as close as three behind but they just couldn't gain the lead.

In addition to Horne, Al Wallace of Newport at 1:50, Temple at 1:33, and Llewellyn Phillips at 0:21, also fouled out of the game in the final canto.

All Score 20 or More

The preliminary contest saw all three of Newport's forwards win in the scoring with 20 or more

Seadog Jayvees Split Twin Bill

By LIE STALLINGS

Beaufort's Jayvees travelled to Swansboro Thursday night for a doubleheader and split their two games with the Pirates. The junior Seadogs won the preliminary contest 26-15, and lost the feature game 55-48.

Swansboro took a 13-9 lead at the end of the initial quarter and extended the advantage to 26-23 at halftime. At the end of the third stanza they were well ahead 44-33.

Allen Autry of Beaufort was high scorer in the contest with 27 points. Runnerup honors for the Seadogs went to Frank Potter with 7 markers.

Darnell was high pointmaker for Swansboro with 20 points as Odum tallied 10.

The prelim saw the Beaufort sextet move out to a 10-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. They continued on the long end of the score with an 18-7 advantage at halftime and at the end of three quarters were ahead 21-11.

Nancy Mason was high scorer for Beaufort with 15 points as teammate Linda Salter scored 6 counters.

For Swansboro high point honors went to Jones with 9. The lineups: Beaufort boys (48) — Dudley 4, Potter 7, Autry 27, Willis 2, Thomas 1, Merrill 6, Phillips 1, and K. Jones.

Swansboro boys (55) — Lisk 6, Littleton 6, Metts 7, Darnell 20, Odum 10, Smith 6, Jones Radford, Lamb and Guthrie.

The score by quarters: Total Beaufort 9 14 10 15—48 Swansboro 13 13 18 11—55 The lineups: Beaufort girls (26) — Mason 15, Edwards 4, Salter 6, Hill 1, Bodford, Lewis, Moore, Webb, Whitehurst, Robinson and Garner.

Swansboro girls (15) — Guthrie 2, Jones 6, Hancock 2, Stokes 2, Reeves, Howard, Bright, Milliken, Smith, Banks and Taylor.

The score by quarters: Total Beaufort 10 8 3 5—26 Swansboro 4 3 4 4—15

when Newport led 49-41, but from there to the end of the game it was no contest as the Newport gals really romped.

Couldn't Move Ball

Morehead's major failing was their inability to get the ball from the guards to the forwards. Brock played for a time at guard, but her playmaking abilities were sorely missed among the forwards.

Beth Roberts played some fine basketball for the Eagles both as a forward and as a guard. All of the Newport guards, Ruth Dugue, who fouled out at 3:12 of the final canto, Grace Small, Barbara Chadwick, and Betsy Garner, gave very fine performances.

The next meeting of the two squads is expected to take place in the county tournament.

Box scores:

| NEWPORT GIRLS: | | | | |
|----------------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| | fg | fta | ftm | pts |
| D. Garner, f | 9 | 5 | 3 | 21 |
| Dennis, f | 10 | 5 | 2 | 22 |
| Mann, f | 10 | 3 | 0 | 20 |
| Dugue, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B. Garner, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chadwick, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Small, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 29 | 13 | 5 | 63 |

MOREHEAD GIRLS

| | fg | fta | ftm | pts |
|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Brock, f | 5 | 9 | 7 | 19 |
| O'Neal, f | 9 | 3 | 3 | 19 |
| Smithwick, f | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Roberts, g | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| V. Willis, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Surveying the Scene

with Hal Shapiro

• Instead of drawing large crowds as they roll along with terrific records, the basketball teams of both Morehead City and Newport have been playing to mighty sparse gatherings, except when they meet each other.

The fans, in defense of their action, say the fault lies with the poor officials hired.

Personally, we believe that this is a mighty poor excuse, but we can see that it would get the fans slightly disheartened to see their favorite team take it on the chin as the result of inept officiating.

The officiating of the referees has left plenty to be desired. It seems that each of the officials has a different concept of the rules, and it has gotten to the point where the players are becoming confused.

The worst call of the season was probably the one made last Tuesday night at Morehead City gym in a game between the Eagles and Swansboro.

Craig Horne stamped his foot in an effort to upset one of the Swansboro forwards and a foul was called against him for attempting to trip the opponent. This was one of the more odious fouls called this season.

Players from this area have been getting away with certain infractions one night and having them called the next. We certainly would like to see some consistency on the part of the officials.

All of the coaches of county teams voted to hire the officials this season from the New Bern Association, a group sanctioned by the State High School Athletic Association.

How or why they were sanctioned is amazing. The fact remains that they were and we're hampered by them.

Perhaps next season the coaches will look over the officials before they are hired, and then, and I say this with reservations, the fans may start turning out for the games.

• Friday night's game was played before a packed house at the Morehead City gym as the Eagles evened up the season's series, defeating the Newport Hawks 66-61.

The officiating left plenty of room for improvement, but it was a well earned victory for the Eagles.

J. W. Long, who hadn't played for the Eagles since the fifth game of the season, saw action and greatly helped the Morehead cause.

Long had been suspended by Principal Lenwood Lee but he is now eligible to play basketball once more.

One of my favorite whipping boys in the past, played one of his finest games Friday night. His name, Kent Brown.

It has been my contention in the past that Brown was strictly a rough and tumble athlete whose major forte is football rather than basketball, but Friday night he played an exceptionally fine game and came through with some timely points.

It is to be expected that Newport and Morehead will meet again in the county tournament to be played at Newport, but an interesting thought is that if both teams continue through the remainder of the season undefeated there will have to be a playoff contest at a neutral court prior to the county playoffs to decide the conference champs.

Should Morehead win the playoff, if it's needed, and then lose in the county tourney, another team would be necessary. It sure can become confusing if both teams keep up their fine work.

From this vantage point we'd say that either of these teams would give Carteret County excellent representation at the district and state playoffs.

We're pretty certain that one of them will be making the trip.

Smyrna Divides Pair With Swansboro Friday

By DON ARTHUR

Mercury Rises To 63 Degrees

The county was treated to mild temperatures the latter part of last week. The thermometer registered 63 degrees on both Thursday and Friday, according to E. Stamey Davis, weather observer.

The low temperature was recorded on Thursday when the mercury dropped to 43.

Rainfall for the four-day period was slightly more than half an inch.

The high and low temperatures and wind directions were as follows:

| | Max. | Min. | Wind |
|----------|------|------|------|
| Thursday | 63 | 43 | SW |
| Friday | 63 | 47 | NE |
| Saturday | 57 | 45 | |
| Sunday | 60 | 49 | NE |

Smyrna journeyed to Swansboro Friday night and dropped the feature contest 50-39 after winning the prelim 56-49.

Swansboro moved out to an 11-9 lead at the end of the first quarter in the boys contest and extended the advantage to 21-15 at halftime. At the end of three quarters the Pirates were going strong with a 39-32 lead.

Ronnie Arthur was high for the Smyrna quintet with 12 points as Ken Davis scored 10.

For the victors Holt was high with 18 counters. Niggs was runnerup with 8 points.

The prelim saw Swansboro's sextet hold a 13-12 lead at the end of the initial canto but a drive by Smyrna in the second quarter gave them a 28-23 lead at halftime. They extended it to 44-36 at the end of the third quarter and were never headed.

Eliberta Gillikin led the scorers with 27 points for Smyrna as teammate Gladys Willis tallied 21.

Lisk was high for Swansboro with 23 followed by Mary Ann Williams' 12 markers.

The lineups: Smyrna boys (39) — Styron 8, R. Davis 10, R. Arthur 12, Thomas 3, Gillikin 4, G. Arthur 2 and Nelson.

Swansboro boys (50) — Holt 18, Kellum 7, J. Dudley 4, R. Dudl, 2, Ross 6, Riggs 8, Rozma 5, Caspe and Brandt.

The score by quarters: Total Smyrna 9 6 17 7—33 Swansboro 10 10 10 10—40