

Shirley Piner Drills Set Shot for Overtime Win

Shirley Piner, Beaufort lassie forward, drilled home a beautiful side court set shot from 12 feet out with five seconds remaining in an overtime period Friday to give Beaufort girls basketball squad a 55-53 win over Morehead City that left the huge overflowing throng in the Morehead City gym limp with excitement.

In the letdown that followed the tremendously important victory for the Sea Dog lassies, with the crowd whooping it up or standing in tearful silence according to their favorites, Miss Piner fainted on learning she had won the game. Over on the Morehead side of the gym Varina O'Neal, Morehead City forward, slipped to the floor in a dead faint due to the terrific pace and bitter disappointment of losing.

Both girls were quickly revived with no ill effects and joined in giving a rousing cheer for their teams that had played the game to the hilt.

Sea Dogs Creep

The Beaufort lassies, starting the final frame trailing 43-37, began shaving the lead slowly but surely. Led by Colleen Guthrie, the Sea Dog gals crept to within one point of the Eaglettes, 49-48.

A field goal by Miss Mason put the Beaufort gals out in front 50-49 and Miss Guthrie added a charity toss to make the score read 51-49.

Ann Long, Eaglette forward who played one of her best games of the season on the floor and under the basket, poked in a field goal that tied the regular game 51 all as the game ended.

Miss Piner, who posted seven points, four of them in the overtime period, hit a set shot putting Beaufort out in front once more at the start of the extra period. Miss Long missed four free throws, then dumped two tying it up once again.

Miss Piner with five seconds remaining, arched her game-winning shot that gave the Sea Dog gals their 12th victory against two setbacks. The Eaglettes record is now 7-6.

Eaglettes Lead

The first quarter was a see-saw battle that saw the game tied three times. Carolyn Guthrie and Miss Long paced the Eaglettes who surged in the final two minutes of the period to a 17-14 lead.

Miss Guthrie was working the boards along with Geraldine Best. Ann Hardy was taking time out from her stellar guarding to steal passes and pounce on loose balls, feeding Miss Guthrie and Miss Long for points.

Miss Piner, Miss Guthrie and Peggy Williams were teaming to

provide Beaufort with a topky offensive unit. The Eaglettes began driving ahead in the second quarter with Miss Long and Miss Guthrie scoring points.

Corinne Webb and Miss Hardy, Morehead guards, put up an umbrella defense that kept the scoring duo of Miss Guthrie and Miss Williams bottled up for only 10 points.

Mary Buttrey came in the Sea Dog lineup and hogged the backboard allowing a momentary spree for Beaufort. But the passing grew ragged and Beaufort fell back in the final minute of play remaining in the half to sink from the floor trailing 33-24.

The Sea Dogs picked up steam in the early part of the third quarter as Miss Guthrie and Miss Williams shaved the lead to 36-31, but fell off the pace again as expert guarding and inaccuracy from the charity line dashed their hopes.

The Sea Dogs rallied again with its scoring duo in the final minutes of the frame to outscore the Eaglettes 13-10 to trail 43-37.

They kept up the pace in the fourth frame as Carolyn Guthrie, doing a magnificent job on defense and offense, had to leave the game on fouls. She was replaced by Daisy Brock followed by Polly Steed, who was replaced by Miss O'Neal.

Beaufort kept shaving the lead steadily as Leona Davis and Miss Buttrey controlled the boards for Beaufort. The crowd gulped and gasped as Miss Williams fouled out and thought it was all over, but not the Sea Dogs.

Sea Dogs Close Gap

They barked and growled from the field and charity line, easing to a 49-45 deficit as Miss Buttrey was sent to the showers by five personals.

Miss Guthrie led the Sea Dogs alone in the final minutes that saw them nudge ahead, then be caught as the whistle blew for the end of the regular game 51-51.

Miss Piner then came through with two field goals for the victory in the extra period.

Members of both teams played a magnificent game and all helped toward the final outcome. All stood out in their respective duties in the most thrilling game of the season for both clubs.

Colleen Guthrie led the Sea

Dogs with 34 points followed by Miss Williams with 12 and Miss Piner with seven. The Sea Dogs hit 13 for 27 at the charity line.

Ann Long led the Eaglettes with 29 points, Carolyn Guthrie had 15, Polly Steed had eight, and Daisy Brock added one. The Eaglettes hit 15 for 27 at the foul line.

| Beaufort 55 | FG | FT | TP |
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| C. Guthrie | 11-22 | 12-19 | 34 |
| Mason | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2 |
| Williams | 6-12 | 0-5 | 12 |
| Davis | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Piner | 3-6 | 1-3 | 7 |
| Copeland | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Buttrey | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Totals | 21-42 | 13-27 | 55 |