

Beaufort Seadogs Face Major Job of Rebuilding for '62-63

Ratings Put Morehead City Eagles 3rd, 4th

The Morehead City Eagles ended up third and fourth in 2-A team rankings for the past football season, according to two major daily newspaper ratings.

The Eagles ranked third in the rankings published Sunday by the Raleigh News and Observer. Elizabethtown, winner of the eastern regional championship was ranked first and Erwin second.

Elizabethtown has a record of 11-0-1, and Erwin 10-1-1. The Eagles finished the season 8-1-1.

Further on down the list was Camp Lejeune in the No. 9 spot and Havelock in the tenth position.

The Greensboro Daily News spotted Morehead City fourth, ranked behind Appalachian, 11-0-0, Elizabethtown, and Murphy, 11-1-0. Also in this particular poll was Camp Lejeune, which was placed seventh.

The Eagles reached the semifinals of the eastern regional competition before losing to Elizabethtown at New Bern.

Beaufort's Seadogs under coach

Tom McQuaid are in the process of rebuilding a starting team. About half the team and four of the Beaufort starters were retired last June by graduation.

A total of 14 boys are out for practice this year, with six regulars back, including one starter.

Lost in June were Ray Hassell, Chuck Lewis, Alton Hill, Parris Croom, Cary John Kirk and Jeffery Salter. Croom, Hill, Lewis and Hassell were mainstays of the team last season and were the usually the starters.

Remaining for this year are starter Johnny Hassell, lettermen Brady Way and Clem Woodard, and Sandy Boswell, Chris Pake and Richard Stanley.

The Seadog team this year will be heavy on juniors and sophomores, and will be working hard in the evening practice sessions to put the finishing touches on a new starting group.

Beaufort's season opens Tuesday night with a game at Atlantic. The Seadogs meet their first conference opponent, Havelock, in the fourth game of the schedule, Friday, Dec. 14, on the home court at Beaufort.

Beaufort and Morehead City will clash twice at Swansboro, where adequate gym facilities are available. The games between the two rivals are scheduled for Dec. 21 and January 26.