

Hawks Eke Out 59-56 Win; Pamlico Girls Score, 47-44

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Surveying the Scene

with Hal Shapiro

• It looks as though Morehead City and Newport will be meeting in a playoff contest Monday night, probably at Swansboro, to decide which team should enter the County Tournament as the No. 1 team in the Seashore Conference.

Both teams have games tonight, Newport playing host to Beaufort and Morehead City welcoming the Smyrna teams.

Neither of the teams has lost a conference game, except against the other. In two meetings, Newport won at home and Morehead City did likewise.

The playoff Monday night, should both teams win tonight, would mark the first of its kind in the history of the conference.

Should Morehead City win the playoff, and lose in the county tournament to Newport at Newport, another playoff game on a neutral county court will have to be played to select the team to go to the district playoffs at Kenansville.

In the event that Newport should win the playoff and also the county tourney, then they automatically would be our representative at Kenansville.

No. 1 ranking in the conference will also give first seeding to the team in the county tourney, which would mean that the team would draw a bye in the opening rounds of the tournament.

The county tournament will get underway at Newport gym Wednesday night with Atlantic playing Smyrna in the feature contest and Morehead City's sextet against Atlantic in the prelim.

• Dover, one of the highly-ranked teams, which is expected to be at the playoffs in Kenansville, was dumped last Friday night by New Bern, in probably the biggest upset of the year.

New Bern doesn't have too much this season, and Dover is reputed to be loaded for bear, but the game at New Bern proved that the ball can certainly take some peculiar bounces.

• Plans for a merging of the Little League with a Pony League program were mentioned at the Morehead City Jaycee meeting Monday night.

Frank Cassiano, founder of the Morehead Boys Club last year, brought up the idea, and it is expected that he and members of the Little League board of directors will be holding a meeting in the near future to see if it's possible for both programs to work out on the same field.

We hope that the program can be worked out since it would mean that youngsters from the age of 13-15 would have an opportunity to play.

• Weatherwise it would seem that it was time for all the baseball players in the county to get the suits out of mothballs and start limbering up.

On this topic Bill (Bull) Durham, last year's prexy of the County Baseball League, has come up with a fine suggestion.

It is his contention that Swansboro would make a welcome addition to the loop for the forthcoming season, and he has sent out feelers to see whether Swansboro is interested in joining the loop.

Should Swansboro enter, there is a good chance that the league will function with eight teams this season and offer fans some mighty fine baseball.

Newport played a pair of thrillers at the Bayboro court against the Pamlico County Hurricanes Tuesday night, winning the feature contest in overtime, 59-56, after losing a hard-fought 47-44 decision in the preliminary.

The victory in the prelim gave the Pamlico sextet their 60th straight win.

The feature contest saw the Hurricanes move out to a 16-14 lead at the end of the first stanza. They extended the advantage to 31-24 at halftime and at the end of three quarters they led 43-42.

Win in Overtime

The final quarter saw the teams battle tooth and nail for an advantage but the game was knotted at 54 at the end of regulation time. In the three-minute overtime the Hawks outscored Pamlico 5-2, to take the win, 59-56.

Berlyn Temple was high point-maker for the victors with 19 markers. Teammate Leston Gillikin popped in 18 points.

Larry Prescott was high for the Hurricanes with 17 points with Lee scoring 14 and Jerry Prescott tossing in 11 counters.

Pamlico took a 15-8 lead at the end of the initial quarter of the prelim and maintained a 28-18 lead at halftime. At the end of three quarters, the Newport sextet took the lead at 36-33, but Pamlico's surge in the final quarter gave them the win.

Sylvia Boyd was high scorer for the victors with 26 points with Betty Holton tallying 14 markers.

Dennis Scores 20

Newport's girls were led by Ann Dennis with 20 points and Virginia Mann 16.

The lineups: Newport boys (59)—Temple 19, Edwards 6, Gillikin 18, A. Wallace 3, Hardison 4, Garner 9.

Pamlico boys (56)—L. Prescott 17, J. Prescott 11, Buck 8, Warren 6, Lee 14 and Hudson.

	The score by quarters	Total
Newport	14 10 13 12	5—59
Pamlico	16 15 12 11	2—56

The lineups: Newport girls (44)—Dennis 20, V. Mann 16, Whitaker 4, C. Mann 4, Dugee, Chadwick, Garner and Small.

Pamlico girls (47)—Holton 14, Lupton 7, Boyd 26, Rice, Lee, Riddick and Watson.

	The score by quarters	Total
Newport	8 10 18	8—44
Pamlico	15 13 5	14—47