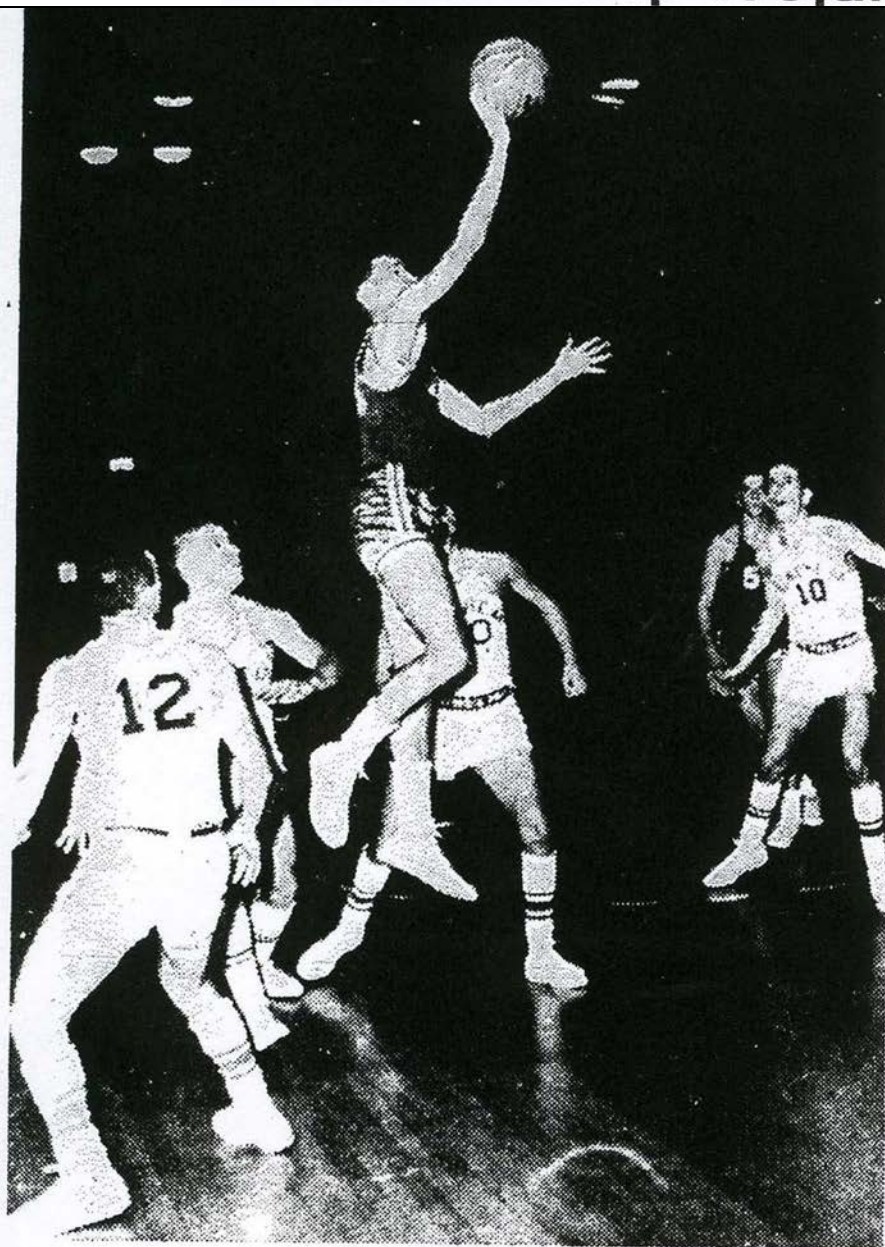


# Smyrna Blue Devils Hang On To Lead to Top Trojans 54-48



Richard Stanley puts one up for Beaufort in Friday's game between Morehead City and Beaufort at Swansboro. Left to right around Stanley are Danny McQueen, Richard Cummins, John Ennis, Clem Woodard and Bernard Leary.

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The Smyrna Blue Devils fought off a desperate second-half rally by Aurora Thursday night to defeat the Trojans 54-48 at Smyrna. The Blue Devils, working well on both defense and offense in the first half, once had a 20-point lead in the second quarter, and held a lead of 34-29 at the half.

In the second half, Aurora employed a tight man-to-man press, which resulted in a dismal 29 per cent for Smyrna from the floor, while the Trojans outscored them 28-20 in the final half.

Leading the offensive attack of the Blue Devils were Norris Nelson, with 18 points, Cranston Jones, with 14, and Joe Willis, with 12. Six-foot-six Jim Thompson led Aurora's scoring with 14 points.

In the preliminary game Aurora's girls edged the Smyrna sextet, 27-23. High scorer for Aurora was Betty Berry with 11. Alice Chadwick had 10 for Smyrna.

Smyrna	FG	FT	TP
Styron	1	0	2
Willis	4	4	12
Parker	2	1	5
Nelson	9	0	18
Jones	7	0	14
Gillikin	1	1	3

Totals	24	6	54
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Aurora	FG	FT	TP
Rice	2	3	7
Swain	1	2	4
Robinson	5	2	12
Thompson	7	0	14
Peed	1	4	6
Broome	1	3	5

Totals	17	14	48
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## Basketball This Week

Friday—Morehead City vs. East Duplin at Kenansville

Saturday — Morehead City vs. James Kenan at Kenansville