

Smyrna Blue Devils Basketball Team #61 Nov 19, 1963

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Parker, Bailey Pace Smyrna Blue Devils to 68-30 Home Win Friday

The Blue Devils gave Aurora a drubbing Friday night 68-30, but Smyrna coach Fred Bartholomew wasn't entirely satisfied with the team's home-court performance.

Lenwood Parker, center, and forward David Bailey led the Blue Devils to their second win. Bailey sparked the Smyrna team during the first half, scoring 13 of his total 16 points, and Parker took the baton for second-half honors, sinking 15 of his 18 points.

Also scoring for the Blue Devils were Joe Willis, 11, Norris Nelson, 9, Danny Gillikin, 7, Doug Damren, 5, David Pake, 1, and Tommy McGee, 1. Coach Bartholomew pointed out that Nelson was credited with 14 assists.

Getting all but 11 points for the Trojans was center Mickey Robinson. His 19 points and rebounding ability were Aurora's only strength.

The Blue Devils double-scored Aurora in all but the third quarter. Scoring by periods was as follows: first period, 19 to 8; second, 10 to 4; third, 21 to 11; and fourth, 18 to 7. Smyrna dropped 21 field goals and 26 free throws.

The Blue Devils hit 30 per cent from the floor during the first half. "about the worst outside shooting ever," according to coach Bartholomew. Smyrna pushed the percentage to 48 in the second half, however.

"We just weren't hitting, maybe because it was the boys' first game at home. I don't know. But I do know we're capable of much better." Bartholomew thinks the Blue Devils did pretty well defensively, though. He cites Joe Willis as Friday's best defensive player.

The Trojans managed to sink only 12 field goals and six free throws for 37 per cent. Hiram Paul and Curtis Asby for the visitors fouled out.

The Blue Devils, who finished last year with a 12-6 record, will take on their first conference opponent Friday night at Atlantic. Also included in the conference are Newport and Pamlico.