

# Smyrna Wins

## Parker, Bailey Lead

### Devils to 79-61 Win

Linwood Parker and David Bailey, Smyrna's scoring and rebounding threats, pumped in 48 points Wednesday night to pace the Blue Devils to a 79-61 victory at Topsail. It was their fourth win.

According to coach Fred Bartholomew, "it was our best game to date." Topsail had the height advantage and "a real good offense," he said, but the Blue Devils, every man Jack of them, played an excellent game.

Smyrna moved to an early lead, and finished the first quarter ahead by nine points, 19 to 10. The Blue Devils continued to outscore Topsail in the second period, 23 to 13, and the third, 21 to 14. A determined home team came back in the final period to register 24 to 16 on the scoreboard, but still trailed by 16 points when the buzzer sounded.

Parker, Smyrna's 6-foot, 3-inch center, was high scorer with 25 points. Bailey followed with 23, and both tall men led the Blue Devils in rebounding, with eight apiece. Also scoring were Dan Gillikin, 12; Norris Nelson, 10; and Joe Willis, 8.

Topsail's leading scorer was T. Carter with 19. A. Batson popped in 15; W. Thomas, 8; C. Thomas, 6; S. T. Hollis, 5; T. Edmonds, 4; D. O'Neal, 2; and D. Mills, 2.

The Blue Devils hit 27 out of 61 field goal attempts for 44 per cent, and made 19 of 31 free throws for 61 per cent. Topsail tossed in 15 out of 25 free throws for 32 per cent. No field goal percentages for Topsail were available.

Smyrna travels to Havelock tonight to take on an unknown Rams' team. "We'll go into this one cold," coach Bartholomew says. Word has it that Havelock is hiding a powerhouse, he adds.

The Smyrna girls joined the boys in bringing home a victory Wednesday night, downing the Topsail girls 30-18. The Blue Devil girls outscored Topsail in every quarter, 6 to 5, 7 to 4, 6 to 3 and 11 to 6.

Perry Hancock led the Smyrna girls in scoring with 10 points. Eleanor Gillikin got 6; Trudy Gillikin, 5; Joann Valentine, 5; and Janet Lewis, 4. Scoring for the Topsail girls were C. Costin, 9; M. Foy, 5; and A. Batts, 4.