

#63 1964 Jan 10 Smyrna Beats Newport 74-64 in 1st Round in Conference Play

Devils Win 1st Bout with New Hawks 74-64 on Smyrna Home

Smyrna won the first round Tuesday in Carteret county's single-A basketball duel with Newport, 74-64, on the Blue Devils' home court. But the Hawks warn that the second step, their Jan. 24 meeting at Newport, may be a dilly.

Smyrna took an early lead and parlayed it to 18-10 at the end of the first period. Newport outscored the home team 15 to 12 in the second quarter, making up only 3 of an 8-point deficit at the half.

In the third period, the Blue Devils grabbed 18 to Newport's 14, and increased their second-half lead by another 5 points by outscoring the Hawks 26 to 25 in the final quarter. Norris Nelson claimed high scoring honors for Smyrna and the game with 20 points.

Danny Gilikin, Smyrna, ran a close second with 19. In all, four Blue Devils were in the double figures. Linwood Parker scored 13, and Joe Willis, 10. Also scoring for Smyrna were David Bailey, 8, and Terry Lewis, 4.

Sammy Lilly, Newport's guard-forward, was forced to play the evening under the backboards to fill in for David Garner, but still managed to score 19. Garner, who has been averaging more than 12 points per game, is out with the flu, it was reported. According to the Hawks' fans, Mr. Lilly plays a better offensive game from the outside.

Also scoring for Newport were guard Jimmy Aycock, 16; Ray Avery, 13; Kenny Mann, 10; Skip Johnson, 4; and Mike Joyce, 2.

Smyrna hit 26 of 52 field goal attempts for 50 per cent, and picked up another 22 points from the free-throw line. The Blue Devil defense and an off night made for a poor offensive showing by the Hawks. Newport hit



Smyrna guard Joe Willis, No. 40, brings the ball down court in Tuesday's 74-64 win over Newport. Jimmy Aycock, No. 5, the Hawks' outstanding front court defender in the game, moves in to guard Willis. The contest was played at Smyrna.