

# Smyrna Stops Rams

## 55-44 Wednesday

**Smyrna defeated the Havelock Rams 55-44 Wednesday night on the Blue Devils' hardwood. The home team "really played ball," coach Fred Bartholomew declares.**

Forward David Bailey, absent from Saturday night's contest at Pamlico because of the flu, offered proof of his recovery Wednesday night. He led the Blue Devils with 14 points, and brought down 10 rebounds.

**Linwood Parker**, center, accounted for 12 more points. He was Smyrna's leading rebounder with 17, 12 on defense and 5 on offense. Also scoring for Smyrna were Joe Willis, 11. Norris Nelson, 10; and Danny Gillikin, 8.

Havelock's 6-foot, 7-inch center, Dean Cathey, won high-scoring honors for the Rams and for the game, with 17 points. But the tall Havelock star didn't fare as well in rebounding competition with Parker. He could manage only 7.

Also scoring for Havelock were Joe Laufer, 10; Ronny Padrick, 8; Bill Burchette and Bruce Trucker, 4 each; and Mike Houser, 1.

Smyrna outscored Havelock in the first quarter 12 to 5, and in the second quarter 18 to 8 to take

a 30-13 lead at the half. The Rams made up 11 of their 17-point deficit in the third period, however, outscoring Smyrna 22 to 11.

**But the Blue Devils pushed their lead, the winning margin, to 11 in the final period, scoring 14 points to Havelock's 9.** Smyrna hit 23 of 66 field goal attempts for 35 per cent, while holding the Rams to 28 per cent from the floor, 14 of 50 field goal attempts.

Havelock added 14 points from the foul line in 17 tries for 82 per cent. Smyrna picked up 9 in 15 for 60 per cent.

**Coach Bartholomew** said he was more than pleased with the team's performance. "Willis, Bailey, Gillikin, Nelson, Parker, everybody," he said, "did an excellent job." He added that Wednesday's showing made him feel a little better, if possible, about next week's games.

Smyrna will play Beaufort Tuesday and Newport Friday. "Both will be our toughest, and both are away," the coach pointed out. The Blue Devils' record to date is 11-2.

**The Smyrna junior varsity** lost to the Havelock JV's in Wednesday's preliminary game 37-25, the school reports. No other statistics were available.