

Pirates Win At Dixon, Lose Licko

- Star Guard Hurt
While Rebounding
- 49-46 Win Gives
Pirates 7-3 Record

The Swansboro Pirates defeated Dixon 49-46 Tuesday night, but lost their high-scoring guard, Ben Licko, in the process. The game was played at Dixon.

Licko, who has been averaging better than 26 per game, suffered a badly sprained ankle while bringing down a rebound in the third quarter of Tuesday's game. Coach Jim Parkins says his star will be missing from the lineup for at least a week, and maybe more.

The Pirates were without Joe Ellington during the first half against Dixon. Ellington was unable to return from Portsmouth, Va., where he took a physical for application to the Naval Academy, Annapolis, in time to dress and play in the first half.

High scorers for Swansboro were Johnny Merritt and Steve Norris, with 12 points each. Licko accounted for 8 points before his mishap in the opening moments of the third period, and late-comer Ellington added 5 more.

Dixon tried slow-down tactics against the visiting Pirates, and grabbed an early 4-0 lead. The home team played the same game against Smyrna last week, but couldn't stop the Blue Devils either. Swansboro recovered to take the lead at the half.

The Pirates fell behind once more, 31-30 in the third period, but built as much as a 10-point lead in the final period. The win gives Swansboro a 7-3 record.

The Swansboro girls won their seventh, too, but with no losses. Bonnie Hinton and Annette Privett were the Pirettes' high scorers, with 10 points each.