

Devils Defeat Dixon 66-60 Friday, Win over Pamlico 71-57 Saturday

Smyrna posted two wins over the weekend. The Blue Devils defeated Dixon 66-60 Friday night, and Pamlico 71-57 Saturday night. Both games were played at Smyrna, and push the Devils' season record so far to 15-3.

Guards Norris Nelson and Joe Willis accounted for 43 of Smyrna's 66 points against Dixon. Nelson was high, with 23. Willis added 20. Also

scoring for the Blue Devils were Danny Gillikin, 10; David Bailey, 7; Doug Damren, 3; Keith Pinner, 2; and Terry Lewis, 1.

Center Linwood Parker, coach Fred Bartholomew reports, was out with the measles. He adds that Willis, who scored only 4 of his 20 points in the first half, was recovering from the flu. Nelson evened out the Devils' offensive by sinking 16 of his 23 points in the first half. Gillikin accounted for 8 of 10 in the second half.

Dixon took a 13-12 lead at the end of the first period, but fell behind by 29-27 at the half. Smyrna continued to outscore the visiting Dixon team in the third period to take an 8-point lead, 45-37, going into the final period. Dixon outscored Smyrna 23 to 21 in the fourth to finish only 6 points behind.

The Blue Devils hit 26 of 61 field goals, and 14 of 24 foul shots, while Dixon sank 22 of 61 attempts from the floor, and 18 of 31 from the free-throw line. David Bailey led Smyrna in rebounding, with 16.

In Saturday night's 71-57 win over Pamlico, Danny Gillikin claimed high-scoring honors, with 20 points.

Also scoring for the Blue Devils were Bailey, 17; Linwood Parker, 14; Nelson, 12; Willis, 6; and Damren, 2. Parker, who played a total of two quarters, joined Bailey in leading Smyrna under the backboards. Both players hauled in 14 rebounds. Parker started the game, but was given breathers throughout the contest.

Pamlico moved to a 19-14 lead at the end of the first period. But Smyrna dominated the game from then on, outscoring the visitors 17 to 9 in the second period, 21 to 12 in the third period and 19 to 17 in the fourth period. Willis and Bailey were cited as Smyrna's outscoring defenders. Coach Bartholomew said his boys' defensive game Saturday was much improved.

The Devils hit 31 of 74 field goal attempts, and 9 of 16 free throws. Pamlico tossed in 23 of 51 shots from the floor, and 7 of 20 free throws. Scoring for the visitors were B. Rice, 16; M. Venters, 15; B. Brinson, 9; J. Whitfield, 6; J. Clarke, 5; and J. Lee, 4.