

Smyrna Defeats Buxton 81-57 In Homecoming Bout Saturday

The Smyrna Blue Devils won their homecoming contest against the Blue Devils of Buxton Saturday night 81-57. Linwood Parker scored 39 points to lead the way.

Also scoring were Danny Gillikin and David Bailey, with 13 each; Joe Willis, 11; Norris Nelson, 10; and Doug Damren, 5. The Devils outscored Buxton in every quarter: first, 23 to 13; second, 16 to 11; third, 22 to 15; fourth, 19 to 18.

Smyrna hit 35 of 59 field goals for 63 per cent, and 9 of 12 foul shots for 75 per cent. The visiting team from Cape Hatteras hit only 21 of 55 shots from the floor for 38 per cent; and 8 of 16 free throws for 50 per cent.

Scoring for Buxton were Billy Austin, 18; Lawrence Woods, 15; Reese Quidley, 10; Russell Midgett, 8; Charles Brown, 3; and Donnie Gray, 1.

Bailey led the Smyrna Devils under the backboards, with 14 rebounds. Parker grabbed another 12. Guard Norris Nelson was

cited as the team's outstanding defensive player. The win gives Smyrna an 18-4 record.

During halftime ceremonies, Beth Piner was crowned varsity queen, and Vicky Lewis was runner-up, among 14 candidates for the honors. The girls were introduced between the JV and varsity games, and watched the contest from a stage in the gym, while judges struggled to pick a winner.

The Smyrna JVs also won Saturday, handing the Buxton junior varsity a 34-26 setback. Stephen Piner was high scorer for the little Devils, with 14 points. Also scoring were Danny Lawrence, 7; G. B. Lewis, 6; Bryan Yeomans, 4; Wesley Lawrence, 2; and Andy Davis, 1.

Smyrna outscored the visitors 8 to 3 in the first quarter, then took a back seat as Buxton scored 9 to the home-court defenders' 8 in the second period and 8 to 7 in the third. The Smyrna JVs rallied to outscore Buxton 11 to 6 in the final period, giving them a 2-6 record so far.

Scoring for Buxton were Midgett, 10; Gaskins, 5; Williams and Hopper, 4 each; Gray, 2; and Burrus, 1.

Atlantic Drops Buxton 70-63 Friday Night

Atlantic defeated Buxton of Cape Hatteras 70-63 Friday night on the Pirates' home court. It was Atlantic's second win over Buxton this season, and their third victory overall.

Bud Salter scored 26 points to lead the Pirates' offensive march. Also scoring were Bruce Styron, 14; Stanley Morris, 13; Johnny Willis, 10; and Leary Sparks, 7.

The visitors outscored Atlantic 20 to 14 in the first quarter. But Atlantic tossed in 16 to Buxton's 12 in the second period to move within 2 points of the visiting Blue Devils at the half, 32-30.

The game was Atlantic's from the second period on. The Pirates outscored Buxton 17 to 12 in the third period, and 21 to 15 in the final period. Salter led his teammates in rebounding. Styron and Stanley Morris were cited as outstanding on defense. Atlantic's record to date is 12-3.

Scoring for Buxton were Billy Austin, 23; Lawrence Woods, 17; Reese Quidley, 12; Russell Midgett, 9; and Charles Brown, 2.

The Atlantic junior varsity also posted a win, 27-24, over the Buxton JVs. Jimmy Amspacher was high, with 9. Clyde Styron got 8; Philip Hanning, 6; Michael Ed-

wards and Jerry Fulcher, 2 each.

The little Pirates outscored Buxton 11 to 6 in the first quarter, 5 to 3 in the second, and 9 to 6 in the fourth. The visitors managed to outscore the home-court defenders 9 to 2 in the third period. Scoring for Buxton were Midgett, 7; Gaskins and Williams, 6 each; Hopper and Burrus, 2 each; and Whitehead, 1.