

Devils Win 80-59 over Atlantic For Perfect Conference Record

The Blue Devils defeated Atlantic 80-59 Tuesday at Smyrna, ending regular season conference competition with a 6-0 record.

But a perfect record doesn't help. Smyrna must enter tournament play at Newport to advance to the district playoffs. The Devils have defeated Newport and Pamlico twice each and Atlantic four times during the season.

Linwood Parker scored 26 points to lead Smyrna's offensive drive against Atlantic Tuesday. Also scoring were Norris Nelson, 18; Joe Willis, 13; Danny Gillikin, 11; David Bailey, 8; and Doug Darnen, 4. The victory gives the Devils a 19-4 record overall.

They hit 30 of 53 field goals for 65 per cent, and 20 of 35 foul shots for 65 per cent. The Pirates sank 31 per cent from the floor,

and 9 of 15 free throws for 60 per cent. Scoring for Atlantic were Leary Sparks, 17; Bud Salter, 15; John Willis, 11; Jack West, 6; Stanley Morris and Bruce Styron, 4 each; and Wally Morris, 2.

Parker led in rebounding as well, with 16. Gillikin was next, with 8. Ted Lewis, Devils' records keeper, declined to cite anyone as outstanding on defense. They all played well, he said.

The Atlantic junior varsity won the preliminary game 54-48, but no other information was available.