

Carteret-Craven Games Will Start Wednesday

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In the Carteret-Craven conference it looks as though both Newport teams will be the ones to beat in the tournament, which will begin Wednesday.

The Hawks and the Hawkettes have unblemished records in conference play, with the boys holding a 10-0 slate. The girls have eight conference wins to their credit against no setbacks.

Overall, the Hawks have a 16-5 season and the girls 11-5.

The tournament will be held at Vanceboro, with both of the Newport teams drawing first-night byes, being the conference leaders.

Newport coach Eugene Edwards said he had high hopes for winning the conference crown, but didn't want to make any predictions.

"We have had a good season, but there are several teams in the conference that can explode and bounce us right off the court."

The Hawks have been averaging 89 points a game against their conference foes and 69 points in their non-conference contests.

Edwards said the Hawks have been strong on offense all year, but their defense is weak.

"That could be because we have emphasized offense so strongly," he said.

In several games the Hawks have scored 90 points or more against their opponents.

The Hawks will rely on the rebounding strength of 6 foot 4 Johnny Thrower and in the point department Sammy Lilly will be the lad to watch.

Lilly has a 22-point game average for the season.

Girls' coach, Jerry West, says, if the Hawkettes play like they have in past conference tilts, he is hoping for the championship.

West named Trudy Brazda and Jo Skinner as the offensive movement for the Hawkettes.

"Both girls have been outstanding on offense and defense all year," West said.

Both coaches said if they clash with Smyrna in the tournament they are expecting a tight game.

Smyrna's Blue Devils are in second place in the conference and have recorded only two conference losses. Both were to Newport.

The team to capture the conference crown will advance to Kenansville for the District Two playoffs. Winners of that tournament will go to Winston-Salem for the State finals.

It will be the end of the road for the winner of the girls' games in the Carteret-Craven tourney, because no playoffs have been scheduled for the ladies.