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Tournament Title

Smyrna Takes Tournament Title with Win at Newport

Smyrna downed the Hawks 67-58 in the Carteret-Pamlico tournament finals Saturday night at Newport. The Blue Devils will represent the conference at Kenansville in the District II playoffs.

Forward Danny Gillikin, a late season comer, turned in a 20-point performance to lead the Devils in their third win over Newport this season, the one that counted. Linwood Parker and Joe Willis tossed in 14 each; Norris Nelson, 10; and David Bailey, 9.

They hit 21 of 48 from the floor for 44 per cent, and 25 of 31 for 81 per cent from the free-throw line. The Hawks out-gunned Smyrna from the floor, sinking 23 field goals in 59 attempts for 39 per cent, but picked up only 12 points in 18 foul shots for 67 per cent.

Newport outscored the Devils 19 to 17 in the first period. The Hawks held a one-point lead at the half, 34-33, with Smyrna outscoring them 16 to 15. But Smyrna continued to dominate the game, outscoring Newport 17 to 13 in the third period and 17 to 11 in the fourth.

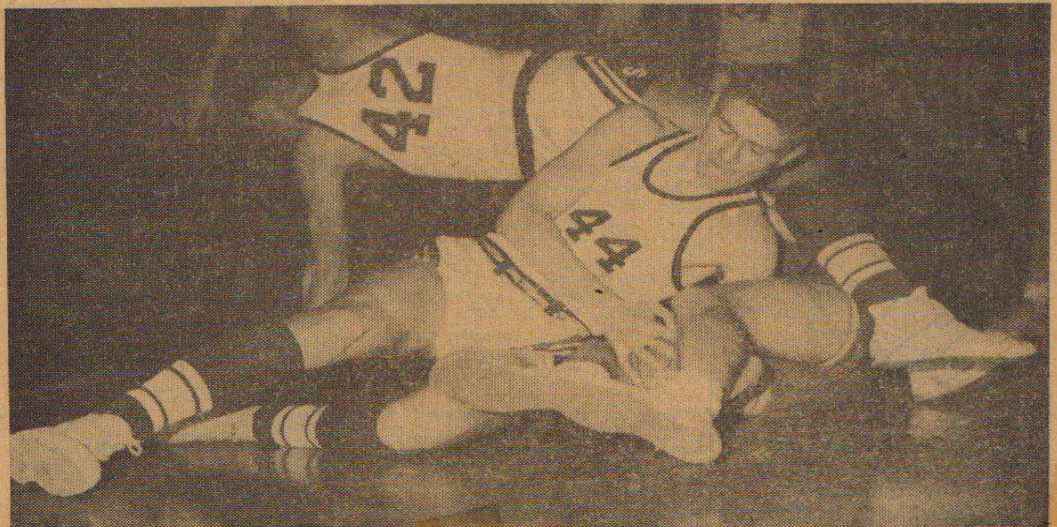
Smyrna led by 50-47 going into the final quarter. Parker led the fourth-quarter offensive drive, with 7 points. Willis got 6; Nelson, 2; and Gillikin, 2. The Devils picked up 11 of their final 17 points from the charity stripe.

Bailey led Smyrna in rebounding, with 11. Parker, who sat out part of the second quarter and most of the third, picked off 10. Parker racked up three fouls in the first half and another late in the third quarter, but managed to go the distance.

Sammy Lilly led the Hawks in scoring, with 19 points. David Joyce started for 13. Mike Joyce, 8; Leon Murdock and Skip Johnson, 7 each; and Ray Avery, 4. Joyce and Lilly led Newport under the boards, and were cited as the team's outstanding defenders.

The Devils named guard Joe Willis for defensive honors, the big help in boosting Smyrna's record to 22-4 so far.

According to coach Eugene Edwards, Newport, his home team,



Smyrna's David Bailey, No. 44, and Linwood Parker, No. 42, hit the deck in a scramble for a rebound during Carteret-Pamlico conference tournament play at Newport. The Devils defeated Atlantic Tuesday and Newport Saturday to win a berth in the District II playoffs at Kenansville.