

# Seven Basketball Stars Win Season Honorable Mention

Coach Samuel Vines has been able to use Tootle at guard or forward to the greatest advantage of his squad. The cage star has shown speed and agility at both positions. Tootle is an honor student, ranking third in his class. He is a member of the student council, Varsity club, plays trumpet in the band, has played three years of basketball and one year of baseball.

**JOE WILLIS**—at guard. He has averaged 14.50 points per game this season for Smyrna. Willis has consistently played top-notch ball, demonstrating more hustle than any other cager in the county.

He has been able to score when needed, leading Smyrna's offense in several games. He has shown his greatest ability on defense. His desire to win is reflected in his performance. Willis has played basketball for four years, was named to the all-conference team last year and to the all-tournament squad this year.

He is a member of the Varsity, Beta and Science clubs, was selected to receive the school's citizenship award during his junior year (the award normally goes to a senior), and plays baseball.

There are, unfortunately, only ten positions on the first and second All-County basketball teams. At the same time, there are more than ten cage standouts.

Following is a list of players from the county's seven basketball teams who have earned an honorable mention:

**RODNEY KEMP**—guard on the Morehead City high school squad. He is a senior, and has played basketball for four years. Kemp gave good defensive performances throughout the season, but did not use his speed and agility to the best offensive advantage until late in the season.

As his scoring game picked up, confidence improved his overall performance. Kemp rivals Smyrna's Joe Willis in desire and hustle. The only senior on the Eagles' first unit, he is a member of the student council at Morehead, the Monogram club, has played baseball for four years and football, three years.

**NORRIS NELSON**—guard at Smyrna high school. Nelson is a

senior, has played basketball for four years and was named to the all Carteret-Pamlico conference tournament team this season. He averaged 15 points per game during regular season play, making steady improvement since the opening of the 1963-64 season.

He led the Devils' offensive attack in several games, and has given good defensive performances. Nelson is a good student, a member of the varsity club, annual staff, works on the school paper, and has played baseball for three years.

**WILLIE BUDGETT** — forward for the W. S. King Monarchs. He is the only sophomore in the selections, stands 6-feet, 3-inches tall and has played basketball for two years. His scoring average during the season was 14.31.

Budgett is a member of the Letterman's club, has played football and baseball for one year, has played in the band for four years, belongs to the glee club and is interested in electronics.

**RICHARD STANLEY**—guard for the Beaufort Seadogs. He is a senior, has played basketball for four years and is a member of the Varsity club. Stanley averaged only 8.2 points per game during the regular season, but was a