

Seadogs Score Amor

Beaufort Squad Captures Third Spot in Tough 2-A Competition

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Beaufort's Seadogs came home Sunday with only a blemish on their record this year, but that was enough to keep them away from being State champs.

Beaufort ended their 1962-63 cage year with a 27-1 slate, a record that any high school would be proud to own.

The Big Green headed to Winston-Salem, site of 11 championship games, with 25 straight wins behind them.

On Thursday night the Seadogs captured a thrilling slim 39-37 win over Clyde A. Erwin school of district 8, 2-A schools.

That set the stage for Friday night's game with North Surry. The winner of that game would go into Saturday night's finals.

However the state 2-A championship was not to be theirs this year, as they were downed by the North Surry boys 57-56.

However, the Seadogs can say the only team to defeat them this year was the State champs, as the cagers from North Surry earned that title in Saturday night's game against Stedman.

With a defeat still sticking in their throats, something that doesn't happen often, the Seadogs still have one of the best win-loss records in the state.

The Seadogs have dominated Eastern basketball for a number of years. Under the able leadership of coach Tom McQuaid they have been to the state finals for the last two years in class 2-A.

Last year they were defeated in the first game by North Wilkes.

The three years prior to that, the Seadogs were the State champs for three times running in Class A basketball.

In Friday night's game with North Surry, Beaufort was behind after the first quarter 17-11.

By the half, the North Surry lads had built a 10-point lead of 36-26.

A young man from North Surry by the name of Billy Atkins had collected 21 points in the first half.

However, in the second half coach McQuaid had found a defense for him and the high scoring North Surry cager could collect only six in the second half.

Beaufort made their surge in the last minutes of the game, but their opponents had a three-point lead with two seconds on the clock.

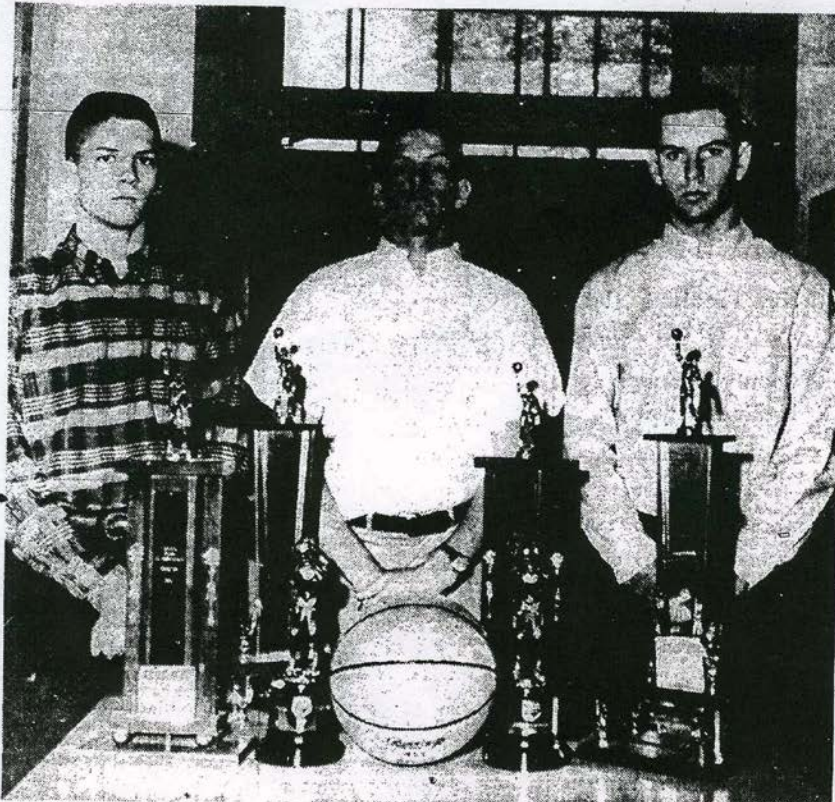
A last second jumper shot left the Seadogs one point from a possible state championship.

Beaufort collided with Smithfield in the consolation game Saturday night in Reynolds high gym, Winston-Salem, and earned the right to become third best in the state as they defeated Smithfield 48-36.

Both teams had suffered defeats the night before and were anxious to bring home at least a third place win.

The Seadogs took off in the first

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The tri-captains of the Beaufort Seadogs show the trophies they won during the 1962-63 basketball year. The trophies include the Coastal Plains conference championship and tournament championships; the district two trophies and a third place crown for the state championship. Left to right are Clem Woodard, Johnny Hassell and Sandy Boswell.