

Morehead Eagles Lose Twin Bill To Lucama Devils

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The Morehead City Eagles dropped both ends of a double-header at Lucama Friday night. The Lucama lassies racked up an easy 54-37 victory in the opener and the Lucama Devils' withstood a last quarter Eagle rally to win a 55-47 decision in the nightcap.

Lucama opened the second game with a 23-point barrage in the first quarter. The Eagles managed to score only three times. Each team scored 15 points in the second quarter and the score stood at 36-16 at the half.

The Eagles out-scraped the home team during the second half, scoring 12 points in the third quarter and 19 in the final period. Lucama scored seven and 12 points in the last two quarters.

Time Runs Out

Time ran out before the Eagles could overcome the big lead the Devils ran up in the first quarter. Boyette was high scorer for the game with 19 points for Lucama. Llewellyn Phillips was top man for the Eagles with 17 markers.

Frank Sanderson scored 15 points and was the only Eagle other than Phillips to score consistently. Darden Eure hit for six points. Jimmy Swann, Lynwood Durham and David Nelson connected for two points each. Walter Morris scored 3 points.

Starting forward John Phillips missed the game due to sickness. He is expected to be back in shape for tonight's game at Pamlico.

Jones Scores 17

In the preliminary game the Lucama lassies made it two in a row over the Eaglettes. High scorer for the game, however, was Morehead City forward Faye Jones. She racked up 17 points, one more than Lucama forward Teidler scored.

The winners held a 30-11 advantage at the half and used substitutes freely throughout the contest. In the fourth quarter the Eaglettes rallied to score 16 points and held the winners to nine.

Lenny Lou Southwick and Anna Faye Willis scored nine points each and Barbara Harrell scored two. Morehead City guards were Sally Morris, Frances Gaskins, Jessie White, Patsy Robinson and Joanne Duzier.

Seadogs Beat New Bern; Bears to Invade Tonight

The Beaufort Seadogs lived up to their pre-season predictions Friday night with a 44-43 victory over the New Bern Bears at New Bern. The Seadogs will be out to prove they can do it again when the Bears invade Beaufort for a twin bill tonight.

The Seadogs, who dropped a 47-23 decision to the New Bern Jayvees Friday night, will play a return match in the preliminary game.

Butch Hassell was high scorer for the Seadogs with 10 points. Pud Hassell and Raymond Gillkin hit for 7 points each. Larry Dudley scored 5 points and Danny Willis, Allen Autrey and Alex Copeland scored two each.

New Bern looked great in the first quarter, grabbing a 16-11 lead. The Seadogs were playing a steady game, taking no wild shots at the basket, while the Bears were using their height advantage to keep the ball on their backboards until it dropped.

Seadogs Tie Score

The Seadogs possession game paid off in the second quarter as they scored 10 points and held the Bears to five. That was good enough to tie the score at 21 all at the end of the first half.

Pud Hassell and Alex Copeland started the second half for Beaufort and played outstanding defensive ball. They cleared the backboards time after time, making sure that the Bears got only one shot at the bucket.

By the end of the third period the Seadogs had a seven-point lead, 36-29. The Bears went into a full-court press during the fourth period and nearly pulled the game out of the fire.

Seadogs Stay Cool

Their aggressive play in the final minutes pulled them to within one point, but the cool Seadogs held their lead and preserved the victory.

The Bears are reported to have one of their strongest teams in years. They had already copped a victory over Wilson, a AAA school, before losing to the Seadogs.

Beaufort fans will have the opportunity to see their team in action for the first time tonight. A good game is on tap and both teams will be ready to go. The Seadogs will begin their county campaign Friday night when they take on the defending county champion Newport Hawks. Games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lack of Experience, Tall Man Hurts Newport's Chances

After losing three starters from last year's county champs, Newport Hawk coach Bob King says, "If I had one good big man, I would have about as good a team as I had last year."

"We will lose lots of close games because the boys don't have enough experience. I can give them experience, but I can't make them grow!"

The tallest player on the team is Johnny Mason, a 6' 1" junior. Mason made the varsity as a freshman and started at forward on last year's championship team.

Coach King says he is the best shot on the team and possibly the best shot in the conference. He hit 80 per cent of his shots against Atlantic in the first meeting of the two teams. "Mason is a little weaker than some of the other players on defense, but he is coming around," the coach says.

Kirk Wins Berth

Starting at the other forward position will be Larry Kirk, a graduate of the Newport jayvee program. Kirk is 5' 10" tall and is a sophomore. He is a good ball handler and is capable of becoming a top-notch shot.

Larry Wallace gets the starting nod at the pivot. He is a senior but has not had much experience. He had the misfortune of playing three years behind Leston Gillkin, Newport's all-conference whiz. He stands 6' 1", just a shade shorter than Mason.

Coach King says that Wallace is a smooth operator in the pivot and can score plenty of points from that position. He is one of the best defensive players on the team.

Aiton Hardison is the team play maker. He is a good set shot man and plays a steady floor game. He and Mason are the only two starters from last year on the team. He is a senior and is 5' 11" tall.

Tough to Guard

Reuben Lilly, who saw plenty of action last year as substitute, has won a starting berth this year. He is the fastest man on the team and is the hardest man on the

He has a very good jump shot that makes it hard for anyone to hold him down. He is 5' 9" tall.

The Hawks have good reserve strength. Billy Wade, a junior, was on last year's varsity. Tommy Gillkin and Johnny Turpin, a pair of jayvee graduates and two good prospects to earn starting berths next year.

Other reserves are Johnny Zirn, Ronnie Edwards, Joe Mann, Woody Barnes and Ronnie Garner.

In summing up his team's chances, Coach King says, "The Hawks have the speed, they can shoot and they are good ball handlers. They will come along during the season and may surprise lots of folks before the year is over. That lack of height is the thing that will really hurt."