

# Smyrna Nite Raiders Meet Oilers in Tourney

## Beaufort Nine To Begin Play Next Tuesday

The Beaufort Seadogs will open a 14-game baseball campaign Tuesday when they play host to the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups at 3:30 p.m.

This is the first time in three years that Beaufort High School has fielded a baseball nine and enthusiasm is running high. Private citizens donated enough money to buy balls, bats, new uniforms and other equipment.

### 25 Boys Out

Coaches Charles Hassell and Hugh Gordon have 25 boys out for the team and have not been able to select a starting nine for Tuesday's game.

"None of these boys have played very much baseball and we want to give all of them a chance to show what they can do before we start cutting the squad," Coach Hassell says.

After the usual phases of early training, the players take part in intra-squad games of two or three innings each afternoon. It is usually here that the coaches can tell which boys are most likely to make the grade.

### Pitchers' Problems

The cold weather has hampered the players, but the pitchers have been the worst hit. Sore arms and shoulders plague all five boys who are out for that position.

"If the weather doesn't get warm by Tuesday, we are going to need seven pitchers instead of five, one for each inning," jokes Coach Gordon.

The Smyrna Nite Raiders played the Cowell Oilers last night for a chance at the championship of the New Bern City recreation tournament. In gaining the tournament semi-finals the Nite Raiders dropped their first game to the Oilers Monday night but went on to defeat the Moose Tuesday and Maola Wednesday.

If the Nite Raiders win tonight at New Bern they will meet the Oilers Monday night in the finals. Should they lose, the tournament will be over since every team but the Oilers will have lost two games.

The Oilers held Dallas Arthur to six points Monday night in their 39-38 victory over the Raiders. Nick Sikorski broke through to score 10 points to cop high scoring honors for the Nite Raiders.

The Smyrna club was trailing by a 21-12 count at the half but rallied to come through with a strong second half that nearly earned them a victory.

Scoring in the contest for Smyrna were Arthur, Sikorski, Wilson Davis, 6, Kenny Davis, 2, Louis Thomas, 2, Pierson Willis, 6, Ronnie Arthur, 2, and Everette Golden, 4.

The Raiders bounced back Tuesday night and rolled over the Moose by an 81-60 score. Arthur made up for his low scoring the night before with a 31 point performance to grab scoring honors for the game.

Sikorski helped pave the way to victory with 17 points. Others who scored for Smyrna were Kenny Davis, 8, Wilson Davis, 9, Thomas, 2, Ronnie Arthur, 3, Willis, 7, and Bob Fagen, 4.

The Raiders moved into the semi-finals with a 55-47 victory over Maola Wednesday night. Dallas Arthur sparked a second-half rally that overcame a 34-26 Maola lead. He wound up with 19 points for his night's work.

Dan Sutton and Tom Scott scored 16 points each for the Maola team.

Others scoring for Smyrna were Everette Golden, 3, Ronnie Arthur, 4, Willis, 7, Sikorski, 11, and Wilson Davis, 9.