

Harkers Island High School Boys Win In 23-21 Overtime Battle

By Joe Haszonics

The Beaufort Terrors finally terrorized the Atlantic Pirates into submission Saturday night, winning 33-29 in a thrilling last quarter drive before a screaming overflow crowd at the Smyrna gym, a fitting climax to the championship round of the 1948 Gold Medal tournament.

In the two high school games preceding the tilt, the Harkers Island boys eked out a 33-31 overtime win over a never-say-die Smyrna team, after the Harkers Island girls had received a sound 35-13 drubbing from the Smyrna girls.

Jack Gardner, Ray Hassell, and Wyon Lewis refereed the contests. M. R. Barfield, assisted by Hugh Salter, presented the tournament awards after the game. Judges for the awards were Hugh Salter, Willard Willis, M. R. Barfield, Tom Hood, and "Moose" Tenney.

Behind 29-19 at the start of the fourth quarter, the Beaufort Terrors caught fire and couldn't be stopped. Holding Atlantic scoreless, McQuaid steadily chopped down the Pirates' lead, aided by Morning and Chappell. McQuaid, then Morning, McQuaid, then Chappell, McQuaid again, and the score was tied at 29 all.

With a minute and 40 seconds to go, Langsdale stole a pass, and went all the way down the court for the frenzied lay-up to make it 31-29. With time running out, he intercepted and hit again, to put the game on ice, 33-29.

In the Harkers Island-Smyrna boys' game Smyrna came back after trailing 19-12 at the end of the third frame, to tie up the ball game and force it into overtime. Everett Golden and Mack Pigott were big factors in the rally, with Mack Pigott looping one in from the side to put Smyrna ahead for the first time, 21-20. Bruce Whitley evened it up with a free throw. Smyrna then had a chance to win because Roy Douty was fouled while shooting, but he missed both fouls.

Coach Ace Harris of Harkers Island used different strategy in the five-minute overtime, sending Reece Johnson in for Clark Davis, and switching to man-to-man defense. The crowd raised the roof when high-scoring Wilson Davis sank a sucker shot, shouted so loud they didn't hear the refs' whistle nullifying the play. But it didn't matter, however, for Monroe Taylor of Harkers connected with a one-hander from the side, to put the crusher on Smyrna.

The Smyrna girls took a 6-3 first quarter lead and were never headed, winning handily, 35-13. Forward Peggy Arthur was the big gun in victory, making 8 field goals and a free throw for 17 points. Gloria Willis scored 7 and Jean Arthur 4 for Smyrna, while Hazel Piner was outstanding on defense.

Clara Gaskill connected with 9 points, and Fannie Lewis and Bertha Davis scored 2 each, in defeat.

In the Atlantic Pirates-Beaufort Terrors tournament final, Atlantic looked terrific at the start of the game. Not many fans thought Beaufort had a chance after the second half when Atlantic went ahead 29-19. Having the edge in height and in ruggedness, Atlantic was considered the pre-game favorite, having beaten the Harkers Island Salts 52-32 the night before, and having won an earlier tournament at Newport. The Salts had reached the final by knocking off Beaufort V.F.W. a team which had twice beaten the Terrors.

The Beaufort Terrors gained the final by previously beating MCTI, and the Marshallberg Night Raiders.

When Atlantic started finding the range in the third quarter, it looked like the beginning of the end for Beaufort. With Manly Fulcher, loosing in steady one-handed

sets from the outside, and Johnny Willis breaking thru the zone to score on the dribble from the inside, their 16-13 half-time lead increased. However, when they reached 29, they didn't score a point the rest of the game, and as far as Beaufort was concerned, it was all over but the shootin'.

Carroll Willis was high for the losers, scoring 10 of the Pirate's total in the first half. Johnny Willis and Manly Fulcher also were up there.

Frank Langdale and Tom McQuaid featured the Terrors offensive. Langdale getting and McQuaid. Sam Gibbs played a fine floor game for the Terrors.

SHORT TAKES Smyrna girls scored most points of any team in the evening, 35. . . Frank Langdale ran top speed into the wall in scoring the basket which put Beaufort in the lead. . . Smyrna gym should have some type of mattresses against the wall under both baskets to prevent a more serious injury. . . "grand-paw" McQuaid looked plenty good in that hot fourth quarter orchids to the refs for a fine officiating job. . . Wilson Davis of H. I. will not play college ball after graduating in June. . . going back to Washington instead to learn the printing trade. . . Carroll Willis fading right hander almost impossible to stop. . . Ev. Golden played a good defensive game for Smyrna. . . too many balls hitting the ceiling and lights. . . Smyrna high boys had tough luck on a lot of shots rolling in and out. . . Atlantic pre-game shooting a beauty to watch. . . both high school coaches went out on the floor to give personal advice after the fourth quarter and before the overtime. . . fine tribute Harkers Island captain paid Coach "Ace" Harris. . . END ALL.

Box scores follow:

Smyrna Girls	F. G.	F.	T.
f Peggy Arthur	8	1	17
f Jean Arthur	0	4	4
f Gloria Willis	3	1	7
g Minnie Piner	0	0	0
g Hazel Piner	0	0	0
g Nadine Gillikin	0	0	0
g Pearl Lawrence	0	0	0
f Sylvia Lewis	3	1	7
g Catherine Lewis	0	0	0
		14	7
		35	13

Harkers Island Girls	F. G.	F.	T.
f Clara Gaskill	1	7	9
f Mattie Willis	0	0	0
f Fannie Lewis	1	0	2
f Annie Gaskill	0	0	0
g Nova Rose	0	0	0
g Rebecca Davis	0	0	0
g Dawn Willis	0	0	0
f Bertha Willis	1	0	2
g Jeanne Hancox	0	0	0
		3	7
		13	35

By periods:	1	2	3	4	T
Smyrna	6	11	10	8	35
HI	3	6	3	1	13

Harkers Island Boys	F. G.	F.	T.
f Bruce Whitley	5	0	10
Wilson Davis	1	1	3