

Eagles Take Holiday Break



The Morehead City Eagles will swing back into action on Jan. 6, when they travel to Swansboro for a game with the Pirates. Team members, front row, left to right, are Jimmy Smithwick, Jimmy Swann, John Phillips, Lynwood Durham, James Guthrie and Walter Morris. Back row, Harold Wheaton, Jimmy Thompson, Charles Lynch, Tommy Thompson, Truman Kemp, Dan Wade, Chuck Sledge, George Styron and Coach Gannon Talbert.

Morehead City Eagles Show Promise of Improvement

The Morehead City Eagles, boasting four seniors on the starting five, show promise of rounding into a good ball club under the coaching of Gannon Talbert. The coach says he lost two great players in Lewellyn Phillips and Darden Eure but has plenty of good boys returning.

The seniors, Lynwood Durham, Jimmy Swann, Walter Morris and James Guthrie, are joined by junior John Phillips. All five players are averaging better than 10 points per game.

Phillips is high scorer for the team with 54 points in four games for an average of 13.5 points per game.

Despite the fact that the Eagles are scoring at an average of over 55 points per game, they have won only two games while losing two.

The defense is the major problem Coach Talbert must solve. So far this year only Durham and Phillips have been able to get their share of the rebounds. Durham has been outstanding under the backboards and Phillips has used his height to advantage in pulling down rebounds.

Guthrie, who has played in only two games, shows promise of developing into a good defensive player. He is big enough to work under the basket with Durham.

Morris and Swann, the fast-breaking outside men, are good guards but lack the size to fight for the ball under the boards. The Eagles should do very well in the county and against most of the other teams on their schedule.

The teams like Swansboro, with six or seven men six feet or taller, are the ones that will trouble the Eagles most.

The Eagles will play their first conference game on Jan. 9, when they will play host to the Jones Central Rockets. Other teams in the Coastal Plains Conference are Pamlico Central and Wallace-Rose Hill.

The Eagles will play two regular season games with each of these teams and will compete in the conference tournament at Jones Central. Winner of the conference tournament will go into the state play-offs.

The Eagles will participate in the county tournament again this year. While they will be eligible to hold the title of county champions, the Eagles can not represent the county in the state Class A play-offs.

Scoring averages for the top scorers follow:

Player	Games	Pts.	Avg.
John Phillips	4	54	13.5
James Guthrie	2	22	11
Lynwood Durham	4	42	10.5
Walter Morris	4	42	10.5
Jimmy Swann	4	41	10.3
C. Thompson	4	20	5

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Smyrna Loses to Dixon By Two Points Thursday

By JOHNNY OWENS

New Bern JV's Beat Beaufort

By PERRY LOU WILLIS

The New Bern Jayvees reversed an earlier defeat at the hands of the Beaufort Seapups when they earned a 36-28 decision at New Bern Saturday night.

The winners, behind the sharp shooting of Doug Brock, rolled to a 20-11 halftime lead. Brock scored 13 points for the winners to top high scoring honors.

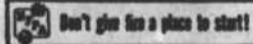
High scorer for the Seapups was Alton Hill with 10 points. Others who played for Beaufort were Jeffrey Salter, 8, George Noe, 5, Eddie Taylor, 4, and Joe Eastman 1.

Others who played for New Bern were Swindell, 8, Gillikin, 6, Dunn, 6, and R. Brock, 3.

Pep 'Em Up
Blacksburg, Va. (AP)—Virginia Tech's football coach, Frank Moseley, is playing recorder music—mostly rock-'n'-roll—in the players' dressing rooms. "You'd be surprised how peppy the music makes the kids," he says.



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Town Manager Cautions Folks About Holiday Fire

Dan Walker, Beaufort town manager, urges folks to be careful about fire over the holidays.

Mr. Walker says the town's number of fires has increased this year. He suggests that people keep water or wet sand around the base of their tree, use well-insulated, underwriter-approved tree lights and take the tree down soon after Christmas since a dry evergreen tree is a dangerous fire hazard.

One of the principal industries of Jamaica in the West Indies is turtle catching.

Beaufort Seadogs Win Five Straight Pre-Holiday Games

The Beaufort Seadogs are scheduled to meet their stiffest opposition of the year when they travel to Swansboro Saturday night, Jan. 3. Winners of five straight, the Seadogs hold victories over New Bern (twice), Atlantic, Pamlico and Camp Lejeune.

Despite the fact that three of the victories came over AA schools, the Seadogs will probably have more trouble with the Swansboro Pirates than with any of the teams they have met to date.

The Pirates have a big, fast team and will really be hard to beat on their home court. What the Seadogs will give up in size they will have to make up in shooting and spirit.

The Seadogs have shown plenty of both qualities so far this year. The Beaufort quintet has scored 305 points in five games for an average of 61 points per contest. They have looked great on defense, giving up an average of only 38 points per contest.

Despite the fact that Butch Hassell is scoring nearly 23 points a game, the Seadogs have a well-rounded offense. Pud Hassell is hitting for over 11 points a game and two or three other Seadogs should be in the double figures before the season is over.

The Seadogs' only weakness seems to be in their lack of height. Sammy Merrill and Pud Hassell are turning in good performances under the boards against taller players and Allen Autry is improving in his timing.

Butch Hassell and Leon Thomas, starting guards, are strong rebounders from their outside positions. The Seadogs have plenty of class and play a polished type of ball.

Coach T. H. McQuaid has built a machine at Beaufort that will go



T. H. McQuaid
... Seadog coach

a long way this year. The Seadogs can play a variety of defenses and are past masters of the full-court press. In last Saturday's game at New Bern the Seadogs held the high-scoring Bears to four points in the third quarter while employing the press.

Coach McQuaid has the reserve strength so necessary for the running game employed by the Seadogs. Frank Potter, Calvin Jones, Ray Hassell, Doug Swain, Harry Gillikin and Chuck Lewis are all capable ball players. Hassell, Gillikin and Lewis are freshmen and show promise of developing into great competitors.

The players who have been getting the points in Beaufort's victories follow:

Player	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Butch Hassell	5	114	22.8
Pud Hassell	5	58	11.6
Allen Autry	5	37	7.4

Bishop Confirms Five On St. Andrew's Visit

Five were confirmed Sunday when Bishop Thomas H. Wright, East Carolina diocese, visited St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City.

They were Ernest Linwood Guthrie Jr., Maj. and Mrs. George L. Haggerty, Mrs. Ray Highsmith and Lt. Col. Arthur C. Lowell. Rector of the church is the Rev. E. Guthrie Brown.

Estevan, Sask. (AP)—Four thousand young rainbow trout have been planted in two "spoil pits" in the coalfields east of here. It is hoped the pits, created by coal-stripping machines, will make favorable breeding grounds.

Verkhoyansk, 92 degrees north of the Arctic Circle, is the world's coldest inhabited place. It has had a recorded temperature of 97.6 degrees below zero. It was once, and still may be, a Russian exile center.

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