

Slow-Down Tactics Fail for Eagles; Beaufort Takes 57-42 Win Tuesday

Eagles Defeated 68-39 In Preliminary Contest

By SHIRLEY FREDERICK

The defending state champion Beaufort Seadogs ran into a ball control quintet of Morehead City Eagles Tuesday night in the Beaufort gym and were held to their lowest point output of the season in downing the Eagles 57-42.

Not since the opening game of the season when the Seadogs scored 59 points in winning from Pamlico have the Seadogs been held to less than 60 points in a game.

The Eagles started their possession tactics right from the opening whistle. For the majority of the first quarter the strategy paid off as the Eagles managed to stay within striking distance of the McQuaidmen. At one stage of the game they even led Beaufort.

They took their first lead in the game early in the first quarter when a field goal by Tom Thompson put them ahead of Beaufort by one at 7-6. They later increased this lead to four points when they led 10-6 in the quarter.

The Eagle lead was short-lived however as the Seadogs retook the lead midway in the quarter and never relinquished it. The end of the quarter saw them leading by five at 15-10.

Morehead City's control brand of basketball kept the Seadogs from scoring at their normal clip but they still managed to build up a comfortable lead. At halftime their spread over the Eagles was 11 points as they left the floor with a 29-18 advantage.

In the third and fourth quarters the Seadogs kept banging away at the basket when they got the ball to maintain a steady lead of from 15 to 16 points over the Eagles. The Eagles, although they showed scoring power when they did shoot, elected to stay with their control tactics throughout the game.

High scoring honors for the game were shared by Beaufort's Butch Hassell and Tom Thompson of the Eagles. Each had 22 points. Butch scored seven field goals and eight free throws while Thompson's total came on nine field goals and four for four from the free throw line.

Dan Wade and George Styron each had eight points for the visitors while Ray Hassell with 15 points and Pud Hassell with 14 points followed Butch in the Seadog scoring.

In the preliminary game the Beaufort girls had little trouble in

winning their third game of the year as they downed the winless Eagles 68-39.

One of the highlights of the game was an amazing exhibition of free throw shooting by Beaufort scoring ace Pat Lupton. Hitting free throws with an accuracy that most boys would envy Pat sank an amazing total of 16 consecutive charity tosses in the game before missing. For the game she made 17 of the 19 free throws she took.

With three starters scoring in double figures the girl Seadogs took an early lead in the game and were never headed. Their lead after one quarter of play was 17-11 and half-time found them enjoying a 31-16 spread.

High scoring honors for the game went to Lupton who sank seven field goals in addition to her 17 free throws for a total of 31 points. Regina Pake finished the night with 17 points and Lynda Chadwick contributed 10. Other scorers for Beaufort were Lynn Peterson with eight points and Virginia Davis with two points.

Alta Dickinson scored 26 points to pace the Eaglette scorers and was followed by Clara Jo Gaskins with nine, Portia Salter with two and Andy Piner and Johnice Doshier with one point each. Nancy Duke also saw action as a forward.

In the back court coach Helen Jernigan of the Eaglettes started a guard trio of Virginia Thompson, Lorraine Hatcher and Dana Dickinson and relieved with substitutes Sara Davis, Sue Smith and Sally Simpson.

Playing the back court for Beaufort were Jeanette Ransom, Lois Jean Pigot, Joyce Leonard, Sheila Willis, Jill Williams and Freda Kay Garner.

Cabbage Gets Start
Transplanting of cabbage is 30 per cent complete. Labor is being used from Harlowe, North Harlowe, North River and Lumberton.

Basketball Games

TONIGHT
Newport at Smyrna
Beaufort at Atlantic
Jones Central at Morehead City

TUESDAY
Smyrna at Morehead City
Havelock at Beaufort
Swansboro at Newport
Atlantic at Pamlico

Jasper Coach, Son Suspended After Slugging Incident

A former Smyrna high school coach and Harkers Island teacher, Myron (Ace) Harris, has been suspended for the rest of the season as head basketball coach at Jasper high school.

The reason for the suspension was an incident in a Jasper-Vanceboro game in which Harris slugged an official. Making the suspension was the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Also suspended from playing basketball for the rest of the season was Harris' son, Buddy, who is a member of the Jasper team. Buddy was accused of hitting the official after he had been flogged by Harris.

The game in which the incident occurred was played Jan. 15.

Executive secretary L. J. Perry of the NCHSAA made the following comment in handing down the suspension:

"It is needless to say that we regret a decision like this is necessary, but I am sure we all realize that actions such as listed have no place in our high school sports program."

Harris, from Marshallberg, operates a partyboat from there during the summer time.

Marinos to Host Gridders At Spaghetti Supper

The Marinos of Rex Restaurant will entertain the Beaufort and Morehead City football squads at a spaghetti dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the restaurant.

Frank Marino, who announced the dinner Wednesday, said the squads are being invited in the interest of encouraging neighborliness and good sportsmanship.



Viewing Sports

by Larry McComb

First it was the Atlantic Coast conference issuing a mandate ordering coaches to keep a bottle of tranquilizer pills next to them on the bench. Then it was the Smoky Mountain conference banning Andrews from entering state football and basketball playoffs and then it was Jasper basketball coach Myron Harris and his player-son, Buddy, being suspended for the rest of the season for an official-striking incident.

While a lot of people have said that the above restrictions are a little too rough for the so-called non-contact sport of basketball, and those connected with it, the question arises, "How else are you going to handle such incidents?"

At the basketball games that I have attended recently it has been apparent on several occasions that the officials did not have the game as well in their hands as should have been the case.

Some of the incidents, though, were truthfully not the fault of the game officials alone.

This was readily seen at the Beaufort-Smyrna game last Friday night. Instead of stopping the ticket sales when the gym became full, tickets were sold even though the ticket buyers couldn't get into the lobby. This was unfair not only to the players who were forced to play in cramped quarters with spectators completely surrounding the floor but to those who paid for seats and then couldn't see the game because of the mobs of people standing in front of them. The school needs money but creating ill will by selling more tickets than the gym has room for, isn't a sure formula for financial success. If anything, it may work in just the opposite way for future games. Those fans who had to go home after paying their admission price may think twice before going to another game where a large crowd is expected. Who can blame them?

Another thing that was evident by its absence Friday night was the lack of a substantial policing force. The school should have placed officials on the floor to keep the crowds as far back from the playing area as possible. The same officials could have prevented most of the puddles on the floor by not allowing soft drinks to be taken into the gym.

In a gym where both teams, as well as the spectators, are forced to use a single dressing and rest room, spectators ought to be banned from the dressing room during halftime when coaches are trying to map second half strategy.

When fans start reshaping a game played the night before and they get around to criticizing the coaching errors, they seem to ignore the fact that it's almost impossible for a coach to correct a mistake if he can't even see the game, let alone the mistakes a team is making. That's 30 for now.

Roger Harris returned to the Atlantic Pirates' lineup Tuesday night and sparked the Pirates to their finest effort of the year. They played inspired ball before bowing 45-43 to the Havelock Rams on a last second field goal.

Havelock got possession of the ball with 30 seconds left to play and the score all tied up at 43-43. The Rams elected to freeze the ball and play for one shot. With the clock showing only three seconds to play Donald Coon took a shot and the ball dropped through the hoop for the win.

The Pirates had posted a four-point lead with only two minutes to play but Harris and another starter Danny Harvey were forced to leave the game with five fouls which weakened their attack.

Coach Roy Cockerham called the game "The finest game played by the Pirates this year," and credited Harris with making the big difference. Harris had been ineligible since the fourth game of the year and had only last week been declared able to play. At the time of his ineligibility Harris was the leading Atlantic scorer with an average of 13.1 points a game.

The game was close throughout with the Rams posting slight leads during the first two quarters. The end of the first quarter saw Havelock leading the Pirates by six points at 17-11. They were unable to increase this in the second quarter as they left the floor at halftime with a 31-25 advantage.

The Pirates came out in the third quarter to catch up and pass Havelock as the end of the quarter found them with a slim 37-36 advantage. James Seaton of the Rams

grabbed high scoring honors for the game with his total of 17 points. He was closely followed by Bobby Nelson of Atlantic and Donald Coon of Havelock who each had 15 points to their credit. Roger Harris with 11 points and Danny and Nicky Harvey with five points each were the only other scorers for the Pirates.

The Pirates had a slight edge in free throw shooting as they made good on 15 of 26 charity attempts for a shooting accuracy of 57 per cent. Havelock made only 11 of 27.

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Newport Drops Both Ends Of Doubleheader to Pirates

Beaufort JV's Bow Twice To Swansboro

By BILL KIRK

The two Beaufort junior varsity basketball teams entertained teams from Swansboro Monday afternoon and came away losers on both ends of the double header. The Jayvee boys were defeated 43-35 after the Jayvee girls had dropped a 55-23 decision to the Swansboro girls.

In the girls' game the first quarter proved to be the only period that was even close. Swansboro went from a 15-12 lead at the end of the quarter to a 32-14 halftime advantage.

Beaufort scored only nine points in the third quarter while the Pirate girls were getting 16. The nine points proved to be all of the Beaufort scoring for the remainder of the game as they failed to score in the final quarter.

Margaret Merrill paced the Beaufort attack by scoring 12 points. She was followed by Virginia Potter, who had eight, and Judy Fulcher with three. Ann Clemmons and Helen Longest also saw action in the front court but failed to score.

The starting guard trio for the Beaufort girls was Peggy Lewis, Norma Merrill and Sue Simpson. Linda Swain also entered the game as a guard.

In the boys' game a slow first quarter put the Seadog Jayvees in a hole and they never recovered to catch Swansboro. In the quarter Beaufort could manage only two points to trail at the end of the period 8-2.

Beaufort outscored Swansboro 26-24 in the final two quarters but the first half lead of the Pirates carried them to the win.

Joe Eastman and Joe King paced the Beaufort scoring attack with 13 and 14 points respectively, however, high scoring honors for the game went to Pate of Swansboro who tossed in 17 points.

Sanford Boswell had five points for Beaufort and Bill Harris collected two and Charles Dickinson one. Also playing but failing to score were Daniel Nelson, Mike Smith and Pat Smith.

Thieves Take Food, Cash From Jones Barbecue

A quantity of food and \$50 in cash was taken when thieves broke into Jones Barbecue Restaurant on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway Wednesday night. Mrs. Howard Jones, Radio Island, owner, discovered the robbery when she opened the store yesterday morning about 6. The lock on the back door had been broken.

Missing were cigars, cigarettes, two boxes of hamburger, potato chips, candy and the money, which was in a cash box under the counter.

Deputy sheriff Bobby Bell investigated.

Knights Split Pair Thursday

By JAMES PETTEWAY

After building up a first half lead of three points, the Knights of Queen Street high school could not stave off a last half drive Thursday by Savannah high school that earned the Wildcats a 59-56 win. The game was played at Savannah.

The Knights started off fast and by the end of the first quarter they had taken a five point lead over their opponents, 14-9. The Wildcats managed to narrow this gap to three points in the second quarter as the period ended with the Knights leading 28-25.

The Wildcats scored a total of 34 points in the final two frames to edge the Knights.

High scoring Johnny Teel was the mainstay in the Knight offensive attack, as he chalked up 22 points to grab scoring honors for the game. Toby Fenderson was close behind Teel in the point-making parade with 17 points.

The only other Knight to break into double figures was Eric Teel who collected 10 points. Haywood Stanley tallied three for Queen Street and Sterling Ellison and Arthur Davis had two points each.

In the preliminary contest the Queen Street Jayvee squad remained undefeated for the season as they racked up their third straight win, 33-21, over the Savannah Jayvees.

Godfrey Ellison and Coletus Taylor were the scoring leaders in the game which saw the Knights lead all the way. Ellison scored 10 points and Taylor contributed eight. James Petteway with six, Ernest Pasteur with four, Winston Murrell with three, and John Hazel with one point rounded out the Queen Street scoring.

Raiders Win 84-56 Minus Jim Fodrie

The Fry Raiders continued their mastery over teams in the New Bern City League Monday night by downing Maola 84-56.

The Raiders had little trouble in winning easily over the Cowboys despite the fact that they were minus the services of their scoring ace Jim Fodrie.

Gehrmann Holland and Walker Gillikin paced the Raiders' scoring, with their combined total of 54 points. Holland was credited with 34, his high for the season, and Gillikin added 20 points. Craig Horne tossed in 14 points for the winners.

Other scorers for the Raiders were Louis Thomas with six points, Pierson Willis with four points, Everett Golden with three points and Wilson Davis with two points.

While the Raiders were relatively hot from the floor their accuracy from the free throw line left something to be desired. They sank only 14 of 34 charity attempts for a meager 41 per cent accuracy.

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