

# Three Games Open County Basketball Tournament

## Morehead City Registers Four Weekend Victories

### Hot Shot Sammy Sparks N. C. State's Case Aces

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AP Newsfeatures  
RALEIGH. — When it comes to top college basketball stars, Everette Case, the greying little man who coaches North Carolina State's cage forces, will take Sammy Ranzino. Ranzino is a six-foot, one-inch black-haired Italian-American forward from Gary, Ind. who pours in the points for Case's aces.

"Ranzino is undoubtedly one of the cleverest ballhandlers and most accurate shots in the game today," Case says. "He has gone the distance for our team in many games, and he can always be counted on to play his best."

"I don't think I've ever seen a better shot, and I'm certain there are very few players in the country today who can match his overall ability to do almost anything on the basketball court."

"He's a good defensive performer and is an uncanny judge of rebounds which enables him to gain possession of the ball over taller opponents. He's a hustler from the word 'go'."

It isn't any wonder Case raves over eagle-eye Sammy. Labeled "The Eye" by his teammates Ranzino seems to be at his best when the opposition is toughest.

State's game with San Francisco University is an example. The Dons were 1949 National Invitational Tournament champions. Sure-shot Sammy fired away 17 times from the field. He connected on 10. He stepped to the free throw eight times and made every shot.

Sammy's total of 28 eight points was the highest individual score ever tallied against the California team.

One of his scoring specialties is a one-arm push shot. But Ranzino is more than a scorer. Case quickly explains. He's a play-maker deluxe. His ball-stealing antics keep the customers in an uproar. His twisting, turning dribble has caught more than one opponent off guard and enabled Ranzino to get through the defenders for one of his easy layups.

A year ago, Ranzino led the Wolfpack team in scoring with 381 points. At the rate he's going this season, he may easily break Captain Dick Dickey's 1948 scoring mark for a North Carolina State player of 451 points. In fact, he has an eye set on becoming the first North Carolina



SAMMY RANZINO Hunts 500 Points

scorer since the University of North Carolina's George Glanville hit the 500 mark.

Case, a shrewd judge of basketball talent, made up his mind three years ago that Ranzino was one of the best players he'd ever seen. Case selected Ranzino out of nearly 200 boys who attended one of his basketball clinics in Indiana in 1947. Now Sammy's a junior.

"Ranzino is headed for big things," Case concludes.

Morehead City registered a successful week-end of basketball competition with two teams from Southern Pines. The local varsity team took two wins, 49-41 and 45-42, while the junior varsity came through, 45-15 and 55-23.

Mitchell Burge with 17 points was high in Friday night's varsity win. Other local scorers were Feagle, 16; Macy, nine; Steed, five, and Matthews, two. Bennett and Wollard also played for Morehead City. Charles Macy was Morehead City's best defensive player.

Baker tallied high score for the visitors with 11 points. Fouling in the game was heavy with two Morehead City players, Feagle and Steed, and two visiting players, Stuart and Page, fouling out. A total of 24 fouls were called.

Score by periods:  
Morehead 7 15 13 14—49  
Sou. Pines 1 12 8 17—41

Saturday night the varsity had a tougher time of it. The locals took an early lead and were ahead, 30-20 at the half. In the third period the visitors held their defense and went ahead on offense to come up within 180 points of Morehead City, 33-31, at the whistle on the end of the period. In the final quarter Morehead City maintained its slender lead and scored one more point than Southern Pines to win, 47-42.

Strug Steed was high for the locals in Saturday's game with 14 points. Next came Feagle with 13, Burge and Macy, six each. Wollard, four, and Matthews, two. Baker with 17 and Stuart with 12 led the visiting offense.

Score by periods:  
Morehead 13 17 3 12—45  
Sou. Pines 10 10 11 17—42

Bennett with eight field goals for 16 points led the Jaycee victory Friday night. Other scorers for Morehead City were Fudrier, seven; Fitzpatrick, six; Freshwater and Bass, four each; Lawrence and Wollard, three each, and H. Willis, two.

Scoring for Southern Pines was split with no player making more than five points.

Score by periods:  
Morehead 10 15 13 7—45  
Sou. Pines 0 1 5 9—15

Bennett again led the way Saturday with nine field goals for 18 points. His cohorts were Fisher and M. Willis, nine each; Wollard, seven; Fitzpatrick, three; Freshwater, Chadwick, Ballou and Bass, two each; and H. Willis, one.

George McDonald made high for the visitors with 10. High for the rest of his teammates was four made by Newton and Bowers.

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Morehead 11 14 19 11—55  
Sou. Pines 3 8 5 7—23

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Play in the Carteret County Basketball Conference tournament will get underway tonight at 7 o'clock when three games, two girls' and one boys', will be run off in eliminations toward selecting the championship teams of Carteret county for 1950.

First game on tonight's slate is the Atlantic-Morehead City girls' court battle at 7 o'clock. At 8 p.m. Smyrna and Beaufort boys will meet and at 9 o'clock the Newport-Harkers Island girls' sextets will take the court.

Four teams, two girls' and two boys', have drawn byes in the first round of games. Newport and Morehead City boys will not play in the first round nor will Beaufort and Smyrna girls. Instead, these teams will meet the winners of earlier eliminations.

Wednesday night three more contests are scheduled. Play will open with Harkers Island boys meeting the Atlantic team. One hour later, at 8 p.m., Smyrna girls will meet the winner of tonight's game between Harkers Island and Newport. Finally, at 9 o'clock Newport boys will play the winner of Tuesday night's contest between Beaufort and Smyrna.

The winner of these last two games will advance to the final bracket on Friday night. Things will get hot Thursday night as two games will be played to decide entries in the Friday night championship games. Beaufort girls will meet the winner of tonight's Atlantic-Morehead City game at 7:30. The winner of this game will advance to Friday night's final girls' game.

At 8:30 Thursday night Morehead City boys will meet the winner of Wednesday night's contest between Harkers Island and Atlantic. The winner of Thursday night's game will play in the finals Friday night.

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### Six More Trawlers Start For North Shrimp Grounds

North Carolina's fishing fleet was depleted by six recently as more trawlers set out for the Florida Keys shrimp grounds.

The Mel, which is reported to have left earlier, did not leave these waters until Tuesday, when five other boats started south -- the Jane Carolyn, Lindsay May, Clara, the Fulcher, and the Oriental.

According to a bulletin from the commercial fisheries division of the Fish and Wildlife Service, the new shrimp fishing grounds were discovered Feb. 2 near Rebecca Shoals about 50 miles west of Key West, Fla. Fishing is done mainly at night in depths 15 to 25 fathoms. (Night shrimping is prohibited in North Carolina).

The F & WS report continues, "Catches consist of grooved shrimp 23 to 35 count per pound headless. The shrimp have a coral pink color."

### Trucks Collide Thursday En Route to Cherry Point

A pulpwood truck and a potato truck collided at 9:45 Thursday morning on highway 101 three miles from Beaufort. The drivers escaped unharmed.

The tractor-trailer truck hauling potatoes is owned by McCotter of New Bern and was driven by Horace C. Bell, colored man of Bayboro. The pulpwood truck was driven by Elmer Lee Todd of Merimion.

According to Patrolman W. E. Pickard, who investigated, the potato truck swung to the left to make a right-hand turn. Todd, hinking the truck was going to stay on the left started to pass on her right and the two collided.

Approximately \$200 damage was caused to each vehicle. The trucks were proceeding toward Cherry Point.

### Dr. N. T. Ennett Terms Health Meeting a Success

The recent meeting of North Carolina's public health officers in Chapel Hill was a success from every viewpoint, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, stated today.

Dr. Ennett reported the officers attended seminars on various phases of communicable diseases and their implications in public health work.

The meeting was well attended and as a result, it is believed that quarantine regulations on certain diseases will be modified slightly.

## ROYAL THEATRE

TODAY and WEDNESDAY

FRANK SINATRA  
GENE KELLY

—In—  
"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

BUD ABBOTT  
LOU COSTELLO

—In—  
"HIT THE ICE"

## CITY THEATRE

TODAY and WEDNESDAY

RICHARD CONTE  
VALENTINA CORTESA

—In—  
"THIEVES' HIGHWAY"

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

ROBERT TAYLOR  
ARLENE DAHL

—In—  
"AMBUSH"

## OCEAN PARK DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Two Miles West of Morehead City On Route 70

TWO SHOWS NIGHTLY TONIGHT and WEDNESDAY

BING CROSBY  
BARRY FITZGERALD

—In—  
"TOP OF THE MORNING"

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

BURT LANCASTER  
CORINNE CALVERT

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Beaufort closed a successful season Friday night at Swansboro by whipping the two Swansboro teams to give the Beaufort boys' and girls' teams a season's record of 32 games won and only six lost.

The boys won over Swansboro, 55-16, to make their season's record 14 won and five lost. The girls came through, 36-27, to finish up with the high score of 18 won and only one lost to Hobucken, 26-22. Beaufort's girls later beat Hobucken, 32-31, on the Beaufort court.

"Guy Smith was top man in the boys' offense, racking up 21 points for more than the entire Swansboro aggregation. Clyde Owens tallied 12 for Beaufort and Jimmy Fodrie made nine for second and third high. The highest any Swansboro player could make was four points.

Other Beaufort scorers were Julian Austin and Charles Owens, four each, Billy Eady and Pat Fodrie, two each, and Otis Jefferson, one.

Temper on the Swansboro side were somewhat high during the game. At one point the Swansboro coach had a technical foul called on him when he argued too vehemently with the referee.

Though Friday night's game was the last regularly-scheduled for the boys, two tournaments are still on the schedule. This week they will play in the county tournament, and on March 2, 3 and 4, they will play in the Alliance Invitational Tournament at Alliance. A game scheduled with Vanceboro next Tuesday has been called off because of schedule difficulties of the Vanceboro team.

Score by periods:  
Beaufort 6 12 19 18—55  
Swansboro 2 7 4 3—16

Scoring the girls' game was erratic, Beaufort leading by 10 points at the half but scoring only three points in third period as Swansboro scored 12 to give Beaufort only a one-point lead. Then in the final period Beaufort scored 10 points to Swansboro's two to give Beaufort its nine-point margin of victory.

Carroll Ann Willis topped Beaufort's scoring with 23. Betsy Fulford with three and Iris Davis with 10 were the only other Beaufort scorers. Alice Dudley went the route for Beaufort on defense, performing an excellent job along the way. Peggy O'Neal, Letitia Simpson and Mary Sue Lynch also helped Beaufort's defense.

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Beaufort 10 13 3 10—36  
Swansboro 4 9 12 2—27

In eight World Series the losing team has failed to win a single game—and four times the winning team was the New York Yankees.

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