

# Beaufort Girls Win, Boys Lose on Tournament Fouls

A foul did the trick. With the score knotted 48-48 and four seconds of play remaining, Betsy Fulford lofted a free throw which hit the inside rim, bounced a foot straight up, and came down rippling the cords to give Beaufort's sextet a chilling 49-48 victory over Vanceboro Wednesday night in the All-Girl Invitational tournament.

The all-important charity toss, witnessed by a screaming, jam-packed audience, enabled the Sea Dogs to successfully defend their tourney title won last year from Grifton by another one point margin.

Beaufort's height, aggressiveness, and experience paid off in the end against the much shorter, but faster Red and White six, which sported a 20-5 season's record and averaged 46 tallies per game.

**Forrest Shines**  
In little Lois Jean Forrest, fans saw one of the sharpest-shooting set shot artists in the state. The blonde ace, as usual, played a whiz bang game and wound up the evening's play with 34 markers, high girl for both squads. She scored a total of 499 points in regular season play.

Rangy forward Jean Hill gave Forrest ample scoring aid by overhauling six fielders from underneath the hoop, but the other forward, Joyce Wilson, usually a big gun, was held to one field goal.

Two lanky Sea Dog forwards, All-tourney Carroll Ann and Janice Willis, specializing in underneath tosses, banged in 22 points apiece to keep Beaufort in the lead most of the way. Using their height under the boards, both aggressive girls continually bombarded the Vanceboro hoop.

High-scoring Fulford was held to five points, but the cool center-forward cashed in on her big opportunity.

**House Stars**  
Enough can't be said for the workhorse backboard play turned in by Elizabeth House. The rebound ace was always on hand to pull down enemy tosses which caromed off the boards. Especially valuable was her work in the final hectic minutes when shots came fast and furious.

Another rebounder, Capt. Alice Diddley and All-tourney center-guard Jean Dixon set up many Green and White plays with their fast, accurate passes. Beverly Witherington and Capt. Ramona Spruill led Vanceboro defensively.

Beaufort jumped out to a commanding first quarter lead, matched Vanceboro point for point in the second, slipped to a 38-32 advantage in the third, and hung on as the Red and White spurred gamely in the final period.

Before the first quarter was 30 seconds old, Forrest forecasted plenty of future scoring by connecting with a set from 20 feet out. J. Willis evened it with a set, and C. Willis came through with three overheads from underneath, while Vanceboro's shorter players did their best to stymie the tall forward's numerous layups.

**Janice Willis Hits**  
J. Willis kept up the attack by throwing in two more fielders while Forrest was hitting on a foul and a set shot as the quarter ended, with Beaufort out in front 14-5.

Vanceboro stepped up lay in the second frame when Forrest arched five fielders, three of them in a row, and Hill whipped in a running one-handed push from the side. The Willis girls continued to pour in overhead shots, however, as Beaufort rang up a 26-17 lead at halftime.

Featuring an overhead by Hill, three sets by Forrest and one by Wilson, Vanceboro resumed their drive in the third quarter. Sandwiched between Red and White baskets were buckets by J. Willis, one a difficult push from the corner.

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Here's how the St. Paul Auditorium will look on May 6 when the American Bowling Congress begins its annual tournament for a near 60-day run. This picture was taken just before the ABC tourney of 1941 opened in the same building. Only the decorations will be changed.

## ABC Tournament to Attract 30,000 Male Bowling Stars

**By MAURICE PUTNAM**  
St. Paul, Minn. — (AP) — Just about the time that the lover of the outside sports is getting ready for the summer's fun, devotees of perhaps the biggest single indoor sport will be putting a climax on their season.

The occasion will be the American Bowling Congress tournament, a double-barrelled chance for the bowler to gain fame and along with it some cash in the form of prizes.

This year's tourney will run from April 7 through June 3, and is expected to attract an estimated 30,000 individual competitors seeking the prize fund expected to run more than \$350,000.

It will be the first time that the ABC will be open to any male bowler from anywhere in the world. The rule under which Negroes were barred was changed at last year's convention in Columbus.

This year's event will attract bowlers from 46 states, Alaska, Canada, Hawaii and the Canal zone to the main arena of the St. Paul Auditorium where 40 brand new alleys will be installed, starting March 19.

While the tournament itself will last two months, preparations have been under way virtually since the last pin dropped in the 1950 tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

Charles Treuter, jr., ABC tournament director, has been in St. Paul several months making arrangements for the meet.

Just to give you an idea of how much work is involved in setting up this million-dollar affair — if you include the prize fund, pay of employees necessary for operation and for concessions, here are a few statistics:

Just for the alleys alone 77,000 lineal feet of maple and 80,000 lineal feet of pine plus a carload of Oregon fir for foundation will be needed.

An estimated 14 carloads of material will be used in the tournament layout.

Each of the 5,500 teams expected to compete will throw regulation balls at brand new sets of pins which means 55,000 sets of pins. That is more than a set of pins of each of the 53,242 alley beds in the 6,415 bowling establishments certified by the ABC in the past season.

And to make sure that each bowler's ball is of regulation size and weight, a new scale will be in operation. Not only will it tell the weight of the ball, but it will also tell whether the ball is of proper balance. This will prevent trick balls from being used as well as explain to some bowlers why they can't control the ball like they think they should.

Directors of the ABC will meet May 6 through May 12 with the

### First City Softball Contab Slated for Friday—Leary

Bernard Leary announces that the first city league softball meeting will be held Friday, 7:30 p.m. at the civic center. He is confident that all six teams of last year will re-enter this season, but urges any organization interested in fielding a squad to send a representative.

### Coach Benton Issues Call For Newport Diamondmen

A few members of Newport's Southeastern North Carolina basketball champions will trade satin shorts for woolen knickers this week as Coach Wayne Benton calls first baseball practice of the season.

Three veterans from last year's district champion diamond squad which sported a 15-3 record, will be on hand to take part in opening drills. They are court star Harold McCabe, third baseman, and outfielders Joe Smith and Bob Robinson.

### Like Father Like Son

Columbus, Ohio, — (AP) — Larry Gilbert and his son Harold led the same league in the same hitting department, total bases. It happened in different years, of course. The League was the Southern Association. Larry was the 19-19 leader with 237. Son Harold better known as "Tookie", led the 1949 figures with 335. Father was with New Orleans and son with Nashville.

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Fouls can be beneficial and detrimental.

They worked both ways Monday night when, dropping point after point from the foul line with amazing regularity, Coach Wayne Benton's Newport five posted a hairbreadth 35-34 victory over Beaufort in Wilmington's New Hanover high gym.

The slim one point margin gave Newport the Southeastern North Carolina basketball championship.

Led by forward Harold McCabe's record-breaking 11 straight fouls, without a miss, Newport proceeded to cage 17 out of 22 charity tosses to decide the close win. The Sea Dogs, conversely, were tagged with a staggering total of 24 personals which greatly cramped their wide open passing and tight defensive games.

Beaufort caged 14 fielders to Newport's 9, but Coach Tom McQuaid's boys couldn't quite erase the 11 tallies that the opposition dumped in from the foul line.

To add the final touch of irony, Pearson Willis missed a chance to knot the score with no time remaining. He was fouled, let fly from the free throw line, only to see the ball roll in and out. The game was over.

Sharpshooting McCabe was almost a team in himself as he poured 25 points through the hoops to take scoring honors for the night. Not only did the tricky forward prove exceptional on the scoring end, but his great rebound play kept the Sea Dogs constantly on the defensive.

Clyde Owens, Green and White center, combined a fine hook with quick layups to lead Sea Dogs scoring with 18, while ace guard John Lynch followed with 11.

It was the heady playmaker Lynch who almost tied the score in the final minutes when he personally stalled Newport's freezing tactics by stealing an enemy pass and laying it in to bring Beaufort to within the one point they never quite garnered.

Beaufort, who whipped Coach Benton's courtsters twice during regular season play, started out fast, intent on chalking up another win over their neighboring Carteret county five. Owens, displaying an unstoppable hook from inside the 15 foot circle, banged in four fielders and Lynch hit for 6 points on drive in and set shots to

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## Seton Hall Rally Topples State From NIT Tourney

New York—(AP)—Two unseeded but undaunted dark horses—Dayton and Seton Hall—ranked Wednesday as definite threats to gallop into the final round of the National Invitation basketball tournament.

In a pair of smashing quarter-final upsets, Dayton trimmed fourth-seeded Arizona, 74-68, and Seton Hall blasted second-seeded North Carolina State, 71-59, before 9,630 surprised fans at Madison Square Garden.

A six-foot-seven bundle of scoring and rebounding dynamite—Don Meineke—was the big difference for the Dayton Flyers.

Meineke was a near-perfect player Tuesday night. He poured in 37 points and had magnetic hands under both backboards. The wiry junior flipped in 11 field goals and 15 fouls, the latter an NIT record.

Dayton sped to a 39-29 half-time lead even though Meineke went 7 1/2 minutes before connecting with a field goal. Twice during the second half Arizona cut the margin to five points, but Dayton refused to crack.

Robert Johnson, with 19 points sparked Arizona's attack. But he, Jerry Dillon and Leo Johnson fouled out, crushing any hopes Arizona had of coming back.

In the second game, Seton Hall completely smothered the nation's major top-scoring team.

After a slow start, Seton Hall came on like a spreading brush fire. Walt Dukes, a six-foot-ten speedster was the big gun behind Seton Hall's attack.

The lanky Negro star, checked with one field goal in the first half, got hot in the second half and wound up with 18 points.

Roy Bellevue, a sub, helped Dukes off the backboard besides handling the playmaking chores. He got 11 points.

N. C. State's Sam Ranzino had a tough night although at times he

flushed the brilliance that made him an All-American this year. The Gary, Ind., export scored 11 points in the first half but trailed off to five in the second half.

The first half was strictly race-horse, with the teams bounding up and down the court. At intermission, it was 37-37.

That was the last time N. C. State was in the game. Seton Hall rang up seven straight points in the first 90 seconds of the second half, and State, the Southern Conference champion, never came close.

Like Arizona, North Carolina State was hurt by fouls. The Wolf-pack lost center Paul Horvath with a little more than 10 minutes left. This was the signal for Dukes to unleash his hook shots, of which three swished through.

After the game, Everett Case, N. C. State coach, said "Horvath played the worst game of his career. That Dukes, though, he was terrific. Now I've got to go home and get a brand new team ready for the NCAA."

State's three big stars — Ranzino, Horvath and Vic Bubas—are ineligible because of the NCAA three-year varsity rule. They played on the varsity as freshmen.

With the elimination of Arizona and N. C. State, only St. John's and Brigham Young stand a chance for a "grand slam." Both are entered in the NCAA.

Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals set a new National League record last season when he scored 105 times. It was his seventh straight campaign as a scorer of more than 100 runs.

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