

Beaufort Prep For Newport Clash Tonight

Battle for Top Spot In County Cage Loop Set for Sea Dog Gym

Another top notch cage tilt is in store for Carteret County basketball fans tonight when Newport and Beaufort square off in the Beaufort gym. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Newport has a record of 16-2 over the season and a conference record of 7-1. Beaufort has a season record and conference record of 7-3.

Newport's two losses came at the hands of Dover and Morehead City. Beaufort has been beaten once by Newport, once by Pamlico County and once by Camp Lejeune, currently leading the conference.

Sidney Manning and Harlan Caraway will head the Newport team with Eugene Edwards, Sheldon Howard, and Jimmy Kelly completing the probable starting five.

Beaufort will counter with Herb Mason, Gehrman Holland, Jimmie Willis, Henry Safrit, and Murray Pittman. A battle will be in the offing with Manning and Holland the contestants for scoring honors.

Both teams have an exceptionally fast scoring duo and their defensive standouts are top men in the conference. Beaufort, though losing to Newport, is not the same team. It has improved considerably. The games lost have been by close margins except the Newport loss early in the season.

Beaufort has been idle since last Friday and is reported well-rested and in tip-top shape for the coming clash. Newport absorbed a beating at the hands of Morehead City last Friday, then countered with an unimpressive win Tuesday over Swansboro.

Beaufort is reportedly ready for the "big one" since Morehead proved that Newport can be beaten. Beaufort would like to share some of the limelight.

Beaufort will have the advantage of the home floor and hometown rooters. Since scores mean little, Beaufort is going to have to come up with a lot of surprises if it wants to upset a favored Newport crew.

Other games in the county find Morehead going to Smyrna tonight after Tuesday's drubbing at Camp Lejeune to seek revenge for an earlier defeat. Smyrna has been doing well, but lately has fallen off pace. Look for Jerry T. Willis, Wayne Cheek and Denny Lawrence to bring another victory to the Eagles.

Camp Lejeune will invade Swansboro in a conference tilt that is decidedly in favor of the visitors. Swansboro just won't be able to stop the Devilup crew.

Atlantic goes to White Oak in search of another victory tonight to round out the county cage schedule. Atlantic will give White Oak its second beating in a week. Monday Atlantic topped the White Oakers handily.

Jones Central will visit Pamlico County in another conference game.

Basketball SCORES

Morehead City (Boys)	56
Camp Lejeune	68
Morehead City (Girls)	39
Camp Lejeune	30
Atlantic (Boys)	66
White Oak	48
Atlantic (Girls)	23
White Oak	73
Newport (Boys)	87
Swansboro	69
Newport (Girls)	36
Swansboro	58
Smyrna (Boys)	42
Dixon	44
Smyrna (Girls)	56
Dixon	37

Kegler Contest Opens Sunday

A bowling tourney for men and women will begin Sunday at the Idle Hour Amusement Center bowling lanes on Atlantic Beach.

The tourney will run four weeks, ending Feb. 24 with play-offs between the weekly winners in both the men and women's tourneys. The men's and women's tourneys and play-offs will be separate.

Anyone is eligible to enter the tourney. The highest score posted in any three consecutive games is entered. If a bowler records a higher score than one previously entered he can enter the new score for the weekly and grand prizes.

Prizes will be awarded for weekly high scores in both the men's and women's tourneys. The four highest scorers will be placed in the finals.

Finalists must appear for the play-offs or the play-offs will be among those remaining.

Weekly contests will begin on Sunday and end Saturday. Two winners will be selected each week, based on the highest score.

Dixon High Rallies To Nose Smyrna 44-42 Tuesday

Dixon High's basketball squad nosed out Smyrna High Tuesday, 44-42, in a see-saw battle on the Newport court.

The game was originally scheduled for the Dixon gym, but the gym is undergoing repairs. By mutual consent the tilt was played on the Newport court.

The game was close in all periods with the lead changing hands several times. Dixon rallied in the waning moments of the final period to nose out the Smyrna crew.

James led the Dixon scoring effort with 12 points. Leading for Smyrna was Walker Gilikin with 18.

In the opener the Smyrna girls trounced the Dixon Six 56-37 behind the 28-point effort of Mona Arthur. The Smyrna lassies opened up a comfortable margin early in the game and were never threatened.

Miss Hill, with 17 points, led the Dixon crew.

Atlantic High Hoopsters Win First Game

Top Classy White Oak 66-48 Monday Behind Tom Salter

The Atlantic High quintet won its first game of the season Monday with a decisive defeat of White Oak 66-48 on its home floor.

Scoring 17 points in the second quarter Atlantic took a nine-point lead that was easily held and added to in the second half to produce the victory.

The Atlantic effort was paced by Thomas Salter with 24 points. Teammate Rodney Taylor helped with 17. Defensive stars for the Pirates were Carlton Willis and Salter. Both fouled out in the last quarter.

Leading White Oak was B. Riggs with 17 and D. Stallings had 16. M. Jones stood out defensively. Jones and Riggs fouled out in the second half.

Atlantic made 20 of 37 free throws and White Oak dumped 13 of 30. Atlantic will be at White Oak tonight for a return contest.

Atlantic Girls Lose

Scoring consistently in all quarters, the White Oak sextet soundly walloped Atlantic girls 73-23 Monday. The White Oak girls were paced by T. Gounce with 27 points.

White Oak never had any difficulty racking up a comfortable first half lead and continued hammering away in the final periods.

V. Bean stood out defensively for White Oak and Catherine Taylor was a defensive stalwart for Atlantic. Sue Robinson connected for 15 points to lead Atlantic scorers.

Both teams did well at the charity line, dumping five each. Atlantic had 10 chances and White Oak 11.

Scores by periods:

Atlantic (Boys)	15	32	46	66
White Oak	12	23	33	48
Atlantic (Girls)	9	19	20	23
White Oak	19	34	55	73

Willie Hoppe Will Play Exhibitions in Europe

By WILLIE HOPPE
(Written Especially For
AP Newsfeatures)

It's very hard for me to stop playing billiards. When I retired from tournament competition a little more than a year ago I meant it.

I don't play in the summer. I go to baseball games. But when the fall comes around I get the urge again. That's why I'm playing exhibitions. And that's why I've lined up some in Europe this winter.

I probably will play as long as I hold my present form. So far my eyes are holding up pretty well. I wear glasses, but I take them off when I play. The longest shots bother me a little.

The game has given me a lot. It has been my life. That's another reason I can't quit. I'm 66 and still love the game just as much as I did as a kid.

I fell in love with billiards when I was eight years old. My dad owned the noted hotel at Cornwall, N. Y., near West Point. Besides the rooms, the hotel also had a restaurant, a barber shop and one pocket billiard table.

When nobody was at the table I began shooting the balls around. I got so I could put five or six balls in the pocket. Then it got so I could drop 10 to 12. It seemed to come natural. Of course, even though I may not have realized it at the time each shot was practice.

This was 1895, when there were no automobiles and people had no place to go.

Traveling salesmen used to hit our town a lot and they often stayed overnight because the last train in those days passed Cornwall around 7 or 8 o'clock.

I began giving exhibitions for the amusement of the salesmen and pretty soon they were telling my dad how good I was and that he should take me to New York to meet the big fellows.

Dad also thought I had talent, and he took me to New York.

I had a sidarm stroke more adaptable to billiards and when dad introduced me to Maurice Daly in New York it was one of the things Maurice liked about my

wife Helga on the 24-month jaunt with him. Whether 4-year-old junior goes along or whether he remains with his grandparents in Kitchener has yet to be decided.

Possessor of what some American tourney pros have described as a picture swing, Kesselring ought to get in a two-year term on the circuit the one requisite that he lacks, which is experience. Knight is willing gamble fifteen or twenty thousand Canadian dollars that this experience will enable his protegee to capture the most sought-after of all golf crown north of the border—the National Open.

Long off the tee and deadly with the iron—it remains to be seen whether old man experience will put the final touch to what Canadian believe is a potential great shot-maker.

Biggest Beaver by Pap'



Jerry Schumacher

Foursome Supersedes Duo; Duck Escape Recalls Youth

That was some party Saturday night at the Blue Ribbon. Dick McClain's birthday sort of started it off. A guy with initials L. G. D. played golf Sunday in the same

clothes he danced in Saturday night. Heard the M. C. Drug store ran out of bromo seltzer.

Then Sunday was the perfect day. The golf course was crowded, and you know how it is, we men like to play the game so that we can use the proper words — descriptive words that is — and it sort of cramps our style when the girls are about. However, I promised Penny I would play a round with her in the afternoon.

But when the time came we were in the middle of a hot foursome, so called her on the tinkle and after exchanging the usual pleasantries said, "Honey, you don't want to play golf with me do you?" She said, "That's the fastest brush-off I have had in a long time." So, I'm in the dog house again.

Heard on the golf course: "New clubs?" "Nope." "Sure look pretty." "Thanks." "How's your game?" "Terrible." "How come?" "Just washed my clubs and can't do a thing with 'em."

Our pro, Mac McCuiston, was host to 16 visiting pro and amateur golfers Monday and Tuesday and they, without exception, said that we have one of the nicest golf courses there is in the state. They were especially generous in their praise of the way the greens were kept.

It sure was a pleasure to watch these fellows play. They would wallop that little pill almost out of sight, not now and then, but every time. I asked one chap how he did it. He just shrugged and said, "I've been playing golf since I was six."

Just heard several shots, so raised the venetian blinds and there were two waterfront characters trying to shoot a couple of ducks that were swimming at the end of the pier.

Being lousy shots, the ducks got away. Better luck next year, boys. I have been shot at once in my lifetime and I know how it feels; that terrible instant after the sound and then, the amazement that you weren't hit, and that awful fear of the second shot.

In my foolish youth, two buddies and I were on a freight train going out of the yards at Kansas City when we were discovered by a railroad bull. That is a detective, dear reader.

Well anyway, it seems that we were on a manifest freight and no free passengers were allowed, so he hollers "Jump off you x's @ @ 1/4 @ 3/4 @ 5/8 @ 1/2."

Now I wasn't about to jump, especially as we were clipping along at what seemed like 60. My buddies jumped, and after seeing them roll down the cinder bank like paper sacks in the wind, that cinched it for me.

No sir I wasn't about to jump, and said so. This railroad bull pulls out what seemed to me the biggest cannon I ever looked at in my whole life and pulled the trigger.

Well, I jumped all right. Now I don't think he had any intention of hitting me, and if he did he was the world's worst shot, being only five feet from me.

Now when Webster put the word scared in the dictionary he didn't know what he was doing. That is the most inadequate word there is.

I was so petrified I didn't even get hurt, just shook up. However my buddies looked like they had gone through a meat grinder. So I know how those ducks felt, and then some!

Canadians Pin Hope On Gerry Kesselring

By CHARLES S. WATSON
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(Written Especially for
AP Newsfeatures)

From gas meters to golf-money might well be the title of the story of the jump to professional ranks by Canada's ace amateur golfer, Gerry Kesselring.

Kesselring, a native of Kitchener, Canada's oldest and largest German settlement, has won just about everything that a simon-pure can win, except the Canadian amateur title. The national crown always has eluded him.

The gangling, pipe-smoking stringbean—now 23 years old—has the Ontario and Canadian Junior championships, the Ontario Amateur and Open among his souvenirs. Some of these he has won several times.

In Kitchener, hotbed of amateur golf where 70-shooters grow in clusters, Kesselring began as a caddy at the Rockaway Club and the Westmount Club and later became a member of both layouts.

He's been working for the local public utilities in the stockroom and a part-time reader of gas meters. It's a safe bet that his mind was more on mashies than on meters.

He has played on both Canadian teams which have met the United States in International team matches and at Seattle in 1952 in the American Cup match he bowled over redoubtable Harvie Ward Jr., then holder of the British Amateur crown.

Biggest event of his golf career happened recently when H. W. (Bud) Knight, Toronto sportsman who has made a sizeable bundle as a broker and promoter on Toronto's roaring stock exchange, announced that he was taking Kesselring under his wing and was going to really find out whether Canada could produce a native son capable of turning back the Amer-



GERRY KESSELRING
Canada's Hope Against U. S.

ican invaders and bringing the Canadian Open title to a resident of the land of uranium and maple leaves.

Knight, who is part owner of the Downsview Golf Club, a new and sporty course designed and built by the late and famed Stanley Thompson, has appointed Kesselring as playing pro for the club and is sending him on a two-year junket of the American and Canadian tournament circuit.

To do this he is giving Kesselring an automobile, an annual budget said to be \$7,000 and is banking another \$1,000 a year to the new pro's credit. Only proviso is that Kesselring must take his pretty blonde German-Canadian



Willie Hoppe with one of his last trophies.

game. Daly took me in hand and at 14 I began meeting the real good players.

At 15 I went to Europe and played the famous academies with the top players. Then they began calling me "The Boy Wonder" at 16 when I won the Young Masters. At 18 I went to Paris where I won my first world championship. I won 50 more in the next 45 years.

My coming tour will bring back a lot of fond memories. And the thought of meeting Roger Conti, the European champion, presents too much of a challenge for me to turn down. They say he's a wizard. I can't quit now.

Here's How



This is how famous billiardist Willie Hoppe uses his two-finger bridge. The middle finger is used as a rest for the index finger. Hoppe uses this bridge when he sends the cue tip to the center of the cue ball.

March of Dimes Blind Bogey Starts Tomorrow

The Blind Bogey for the March of Dimes benefit will get underway tomorrow and continue through Sunday at the Morehead City Golf and Country Club.

Each entrant pays a 50-cent entrance fee with proceeds going to the March of Dimes. Nine holes will be played by each contestant.

Par will be between 35 and 45. Each player chooses his own handicap. At the end of play the numbers between 35 and 45 will be placed in a hat and one drawn.

The player whose score is closest to the number drawn wins. Prizes to the winner and runner-up will be donated by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCuiston. Mr. McCuiston is club pro.

Snow Geese Leave For Currituck Sound

The snow geese which customarily winter at Pea Island Wildlife Refuge in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area began their migratory flight north on the night of Jan. 6, as is their usual custom.

The big white birds arrived at Pea Island late in November. From Pea Island they go to Currituck Sound, where another flock of snow geese winters, and from Currituck they begin their long flight back to the Artie Circle in March.

The snow geese seldom vary their schedule of arrivals and departure more than a few days, and L. B. Turner, refuge manager, observes that they seem to "carry their calendars with them."

Eaglettes Rout Camp Lejeune

The Morehead City Eaglettes romped to a 39-10 victory over a weak Camp Lejeune Six Tuesday in the Camp Lejeune Coliseum.

The Eaglettes, paced by Ann Long's 26 markers, ran up 16 points in the first quarter, adding 15 more in the second period for a 31-7 halftime lead.

Both teams substituted frequently in the second half with the Eaglettes posting eight more points and Camp Lejeune lassies hitting for three.

Ann Hardy and Geraldine Best were defensive standouts for the Eaglettes. Defensive stars for Camp Lejeune were Minnie Peele and Suzy Davis.

Dixie Hardiek led Camp Lejeune with four points. The Lejeune Six connected for three shots from the field and posted the remaining scores via free throws.

Score by periods:

Morehead City	16	31	36	39
Camp Lejeune	5	7	9	10

Dog Gone Annoying

East St. Louis, Ill. (AP)—The city dog catchers here are a bit tired, and their sense of humor strained to the breaking point. Someone opened the gates to the dog pond, for the fourth time. Thirty pooches scampered to freedom. Forty escaped on another occasion.

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