

Smyrna Opens Cage Tourney With 49-33 Win over Pirates

The Carteret County Basketball Tournament got underway Wednesday night in Beaufort High gym with Smyrna taking a 49-33 win from Atlantic in the opening round before approximately 100 fans who braved rainy weather to attend.

The second round got underway last night at 7:30 when Smyrna girls and the Morehead City Eaglettes started festivities in the first game of a doubleheader. Beaufort High and Newport provided the action in the second game.

By virtue of Wednesday's win Smyrna will meet Morehead City in the boys' game tonight with Beaufort girls and Newport clashing in the opening game.

Tomorrow night is the tournament windup which will provide a county champ in both the boys' and girls' divisions. An all-county team will be named and the team sportsmanship award winner will be named.

Smyrna Takes Lead
Wednesday Smyrna jumped to a 6-3 lead in the first period as Julio Simpson and Walker Gillikin marched repeatedly to the foul line. Atlantic then rallied to net five points as Smyrna hit for three more, making the score 8-9.

Gillikin hit a foul shot giving Smyrna a 10-8 lead. This was increased to 13-8 at the end of the period. Gillikin and Roy Styron were controlling the boards and by using a 2-3 zone, jumped way out in front in the second period.

Atlantic's Alfred Morris, after mastering the boards in the first frame, gave way to Carlton Willis in the second frame, but Smyrna fast breaks were accounting for 10 points with charity tosses mak-

Refs to Name Sportsmanship Team Tomorrow

Carteret County cage fans will know tomorrow night, following finals in boys' and girls' county hoop tourney, the team rated tops by officials for sportsmanship.

All during the season, referees have been rating Carteret County basketball teams for sportsmanship. If two county teams were playing, officials rated both teams.

If a Carteret County team was playing an out of county team, the Carteret County team was rated. Officials only rated teams; not coaches or fans. They used numbers one through three to designate sportsmanship displayed.

A rating of one meant the team was low in sportsmanship; a rating of two was medium, and a rating of three was high. All ballots were sent to the booking office at New Bern at the close of the season.

Results of this balloting will be made known tomorrow night along with selection of an All-County Boys' and Girls' Basketball squad. First and second teams will be picked by coaches of the five county schools.

Players will be selected on the basis of their ability and value to their teams. Players chosen last year that are still playing for county teams are eligible for selection again this year.

Smyrna-Terrors Clash Cancelled Due to Tourney

The game scheduled Tuesday night between Smyrna High cagers and the Beaufort Terrors was cancelled because of the county cage tourney.

Smyrna was to play in the opening round Wednesday and wanted a rest before the game.

The Terrorettes were to have played the Smyrna girls in the opening game of a doubleheader followed by the Terrors-Smyrna clash.

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Newport Cagers Top Smyrna 52-37 Feb. 19

Newport High's basketball team closed out its regular season with a 52-37 win over Smyrna Friday on the Newport hardwood after Smyrna led the entire first half.

Led by Walker Gillikin, Smyrna dashed to a 10-7 first period lead before the startled Newporters could rally. Smyrna continued its hot pace to score nine points in the second frame as Newport hit 11, trailing 18-19 at the half.

Sidney Manning led Newport in its second half rally as 16 points were poured through the hoop in the third period, giving the Newporters the lead for the first time, 34-25 as Smyrna was held to six markers.

Final Period Nets 18 Points
Newport finished off the game with an 18-point fourth quarter. Smyrna rallied again with 12 points, but couldn't overtake Newport, which had hit its stride.

Gillikin paced Smyrna with 16 points. Manning led Newport with 20 followed by Levy Lilly with 10. Scoring 14 points in the fourth period, Newport girls nudged Smyrna 47-40 in the final regular season game.

Smyrna Takes Lead
Newport led 15-10 at the end of the first period. Smyrna girls then rallied, pouring in 11 points to Newport's five to lead 21-20 at the half. After three periods, Smyrna still led 35-33 before Newport's fourth period drive netted the victory.

Rita Mann's 28 points were tops for Newport followed by Ann Dennis with 15. Mona Arthur led Smyrna with 17 points followed by Peggy Davis with 16.

Scores by periods:
Newport (Boys) ... 7 18 34 52
Smyrna ... 10 19 25 37
Newport (Girls) ... 15 20 33 47
Smyrna ... 10 21 35 40

Scores by periods:
Smyrna ... 13 25 40 49
Atlantic ... 8 11 22 33

Sports -- Common Meeting Ground for All Nations

By **AVERY BRUNDAGE**, President, International Olympic Committee

Politics, race, creed, color or religion all are equal on the playing field. Sports is a common ground upon which men and women of all nationalities and many different backgrounds may meet.

Teamwork on the playing field is essential, and prejudice has no part there. When an athlete works closely with someone of a different race, religion or political belief toward a common goal, or competes against him in a spirit of good sportsmanship, he learns an unforgettable lesson.

The Olympic Games are an excellent example of how this works out. We don't tolerate discrimination. The only requirement is that an athlete must be an amateur who plays for the fun of it. We take anybody — our doors are open to all. It is ability that counts.

I like to recall the words of an Hungarian youth who competed in the weight events at the 1948 Olympics in London. The sentiments of this athlete from an occupied country are a splendid answer to those who preach that amity and understanding among countries are an empty dream.

"If every person could have such an experience as this," he said, "how wonderful it would be. Then there would be no hard feelings and few walls between peoples, let alone wars."

We live in a materialistic world, and one of many conflicting political ideologies. Thus it is amazing that such an idealistic enterprise as the Olympic Movement has grown and prospered in such an atmosphere.

But it is also a testimonial to the innate good in man and his desire for a world ruled by honesty, fair play and good sportsmanship — a world where all have an equal opportunity — where victory depends upon ability, hard work, personal skill and efficiency, and where the reward is based on merit.

The significance of sports in the world today has often been illustrated in the Olympics. It is a Czech distance runner collapsing and being helped by a Norwegian, an American and a Korean. It is an outclassed Japanese runner moving to the outside of the track so that a Pole and a Finn might have a chance to break a record.

It is the universal desire to play fair by men of every ideology and of every race. Kings and princes and ordinary citizens have told me they believe nothing does more to combat racial prejudices than the Olympics.

In 1936, when the Olympic Games were held in Nazi Germany, much was made of a report that Jesse Owens, our most spectacular athlete, had been snubbed by Hitler because he was a Negro. Actually, Hitler didn't shake Owens' hand because the International Olympic Committee had forbidden such displays.

The committee suspected that Hitler might attempt to use the Games for Nazi aggrandizement. However, it was made clear to the German dictator that he was to be only a spectator at the Games, that he had nothing to do with their conduct.

Rather than risk having the Games withdrawn from Germany, Hitler acceded, making the Olympic Committee the only organization to lay down the law to the Nazis and make it stick.

The real story of the Berlin Games was the performance of four Negroes — Owens, John Woodruff, Archie Williams and Cornelius Johnson — who won six world championships in a land where racial intolerance was the rule.

At Helsinki in 1952, there was wide disagreement over whether Russia should be allowed to compete. The Soviets did send a team,

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Mayor Comments on Apple Pie; Cap'n Dave Busts Bill

Mayor Dill was talking about apple pie the other day. He said, "You know I like apple pie. In fact, apple pie is like corn liquor; some is better than others, but none is bad."

Here's a rumor; now mind you this is just a rumor! Morehead City's waterfront is going to have a fine new seafood restaurant soon.

Captain Tony Seamon and Captain Ted Garner tell this one about the early days when they had the real small seafood restaurant on the waterfront:

"Twas late at night, the place was empty with only one customer sitting at the bar; OYSTER BAR THAT IS! He was Captain Dave Strickland, who was feeling no pain when in walked a real snappy character from New York, a real uptown YANKEE DOODLE BOY.

He ordered his dinner, and in due course (not golf) finished same, and got ready to pay his check; but it seemed he didn't have any thing smaller than a hundred dollar bill. So he said, "Can any of you boys tear this up for me?" Meaning, of course, to change it.

Captain Dave looked up, reached over, and took the bill and tore it in two. Then he tore the two halves in two and BROTHER THAT WAS IT!

It took the combined efforts of Capt. Tony and Ted to prevent a real battle, and it was they who had to give the man a hundred dollars in smaller bills. Eventually, they were able to patch up the torn bill and turn it into the bank.

Victor McCusiston, the golf pro's glamour gal, had a dream the other morning early. It was about going to church. Well anyway, out of the dream she heard a knocking on the door, so getting up half asleep, she put on a robe and went to the front door. It was the paper boy.

So still half asleep she started to dress; hat, gloves, etc. Mr. Mack said, "Say where are you going dressed like that this early in the morning?" Mrs. Mack, still remembering the vivid dream, said, "To church you idiot, where did you think I was going?" Mack said, "I'll be blessed if that's so honey, this is Saturday."

Mrs. Mack hasn't lived that one down yet. There was a crowd at a party and about two or three in the morning, when they all began to feel good, one man decided to call one of the old fuddy duddies in the crowd. He dialed the number and said, "Is Mr. Davis there?" "No, you have the wrong number."

So this fellow hung up and then called again a short while later and asked the same question, "Is Mr. Davis there?" "NO, blast it, you have the wrong number and be more careful when you dial."

The third time he called he said huskily, "THIS IS MR. DAVIS. HAVE I HAD ANY CALLS PLEASE?"

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Knight Hoopsters To Meet W. S. King In District Games

Queen Street High School and W. S. King School will clash at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in the opening round of the Eastern Carolina Negro High School Athletic Association Basketball Tournament in Kinston. The tourney starts March 4 and ends March 6.

Queen Street has a season record of 11-4 and W. S. King has a 8-8 log. These two teams have never met during the regular season.

Queen Street is led by Matthew Godette, Ray Ellison, and Johnnie Jones. Defensive men are William Jordan and William White.

W. S. King is paced by Norman Williams, Elijah Holland, and Luther Tootle. Defensive stars are Henry Pickett and Linston Bell.

W. S. King has the advantage of height but hasn't met the calibre of teams during the regular season that Queen Street has. Queen Street has met the top schools in this area and has come out on top to be recognized as a leading basketball power.

Queen Street should get past the opening round without too much difficulty. The Knights' scheduled season game with Central High of Goldsboro Tuesday was cancelled.

and even though their athletes were carefully shielded from contacts with the Western World, it can at least be hoped that the Olympic principle of fair play reached even inside the forbidding walls of the Kremlin.

The Olympic ideal of sport for sport's sake has defied dictators, outlasted wars and risen above political struggles. It will continue to do so.

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Morehead City Meets Camp Lejeune In Sectional Cage Tourney Play

Camp Lejeune and Morehead City will open the State Sectional Tournament at Newport Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The tourney will end Thursday.

Beaufort and Newport will clash in Wednesday's second game at 8:45 p.m. Winners of Wednesday's games will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. to determine the finalists who will go to Kenansville for the district tourney March 10 through 13.

Winner of the district tourney will go to Aberdeen the following week for the finals in the State Class A School tournament.

The sectional pairings were made according to the overall season record of the participating teams. That put Camp Lejeune in first place, Beaufort second, Newport third, and Morehead City fourth.

Pairings then followed with the first and fourth teams playing in the first round followed by the second and third teams.

Contrary to a prevalent rumor, Dover is not entering the sectional tourney at Newport. Dover made known its plans to enter the state tourney Feb. 15 at the Wallace meeting and after discussion it was placed in the Snow Hill area tourney. Officials said Dover is near Snow Hill and Dover had expressed itself in favor of the Snow Hill tourney.

Both clubs matched basket for basket in the third period which ended in a 30-30 tie. Coach J. R. Thompson's Monarchs started the fireworks in the final stanza as Luther Tootle pushed a layup for a two-point lead, 32-30. But West Street matched the Monarchs shot for shot until with 3:35 remaining, the Monarchs pulled ahead 39-34.

W. S. King then went into a semi-freeze and West Street started a press to gain possession of the ball. But the Monarchs weren't to be denied and went on to nudge the highly rated West Street club. Linston Bell led the Monarchs with 15 points. Best led West Street with 16 points.

Scores by periods:
W. S. King ... 6 17 30 43
West Street ... 7 16 30 41

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W. S. King Tops West Street In Thriller

The Monarchs closed out their season with an 8-8 record. They will enter the Negro State Tourney at Kinston Thursday, meeting Queen Street High at 8:30 p.m.

With neither team taking many shots, the first period ended with West Street ahead, 7-6. The pace stepped up in the second period with the Monarchs leading by one point, 17-16, at the half.

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