

# Seadogs Whip Bethel for Crown

## Beaufort Wins Close 48-40 Contest from Blue Demons

They came the fustest with the mostest and therein lies the tale of Beaufort's Class A State Championship Seadog victories at the Senior High School gym in Greensboro.

Playing a possession type of game, the Seadogs scored only 48 points in the final contest against the Bethel Blue Demons, but the Bethel quintet could only make 40, and the state championship is back in Carteret County for the second time in three years.

**Wells Starts Scoring**  
Worth Wells scored his team's first four points and the Seadogs were down 0-4 at 5:43 of the first quarter. Herb Mason hit on one of his patented jump shots at 5:21 and when Gehrman Holland hit on a driving layup at 5:04 the score was all knotted at 4.

Dean Reece put his team back in the lead with a pair of buckets and then Holland, Mason, and Reece all scored points for their respective teams in the first quarter. At the end of the quarter the Seadogs trailed 9-10.

Only four boys on both teams hit the scoring columns in the first quarter with Wells hitting 4, and Reece 6, for the Blue Demons and Holland 4, and Mason 5, for the Seadogs.

In the second quarter the boys of both teams started scoring in earnest with the game being deadlocked five times at 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22.

**Capps Hits**  
Phil Capps, 6 foot 3 inch center of the Blue Demons, was the big scorer in the second quarter as he popped the nets for 10 points, making four buckets and two free throw conversions.

Hub Mason gave the Seadogs an 11-10 advantage at 7:54 of the second quarter when he hit on a pair of free throws, and the lead was taken over by the Blue Demons at 8:23 when Capps hit on a jump shot. Jimmy Davis put Beaufort back in the lead at 6:11 when he hit on a jump shot, but once more a Blue Demon, Wells, hit on a layup at 5:58, and the Seadogs trailed 13-14.

Holland hit on his first of two free throws and Henry Safrit tapped in the second attempt to put the Beaufort team in the lead 16-14 at 5:20.

**Game See-Saws**  
The game was a see-saw affair until there was approximately a minute to play. At 1:01 Holland hit on a jump shot to give Beaufort a 24-22 lead and with 31 seconds left Monk Pittman made good a jump shot from the key. The score at the half read Beaufort 26, Bethel 22.

Capps started the second half and third quarter of the game with a push shot at 7:43 and the score was tightened to 26-24. At 6:44 Reece bucketed a jump shot and the score was knotted once more at 26. The score was tied a second time in the canto at 28 with the scoreboard clock showing 4:28.

Monk Pittman was the hot man in the quarter for the Seadogs with 6 points as his set shot at 3:15 gave the Beaufort five a 30-28 lead. From that point until the end of the game it was all Beaufort. Mason followed up Pittman's score at 2:35 and the Seadogs led 32-28. Jack Phillips of Bethel converted a free throw at 2:18 and then Pittman converted a free throw. Safrit followed with a pair of free throws, and Pittman made another at the free throw line.

The score stood at 36-28 with 34 seconds left, and when Dean Reece missed his free throw attempt at the buzzer, the third quarter ended with Beaufort well out in front.

**Seadogs Extend Lead**  
The Seadogs extended their lead to 11 points at 6:20 of the final quarter after buckets by Holland and Pittman, and then the Blue Demons started to chop at the lead. At 3:32 with the Seadogs leading 40-32, Jimmy Davis, who played one of his outstanding games of the season insofar as rebounding is concerned, hit on a layup and the Seadogs kept a 10-point margin.

At 2:05 the Seadogs enjoyed a narrow lead of 44-38, but the Blue Demons' inability to hit at the free throw line kept the game on ice for the Seadogs, and when the final buzzer was sounding Monk Pittman was fouled. He sank the two free throws and gave Beaufort its well deserved 48-40 win.

**Capps High Scorer**  
Phil Capps of Bethel took high scoring honors for the game with 16 points. Runner-up honors in the contest went to Gehrman Holland with 13 points.

Monk Pittman and Henry Safrit also hit in double figures for Beaufort with 12 and 10 points respectively. Worth Wells made 11 points for the losing Bethel five.

Though the game was a slow one in comparison to others played by the Seadogs this season it proved that the Beaufort boys could win with the pressure on. All Played Good Game. Every member of the "First" Five

### Whoa There Ball!



Beaufort's Gehrman Holland, at left, is about to lose possession of an elusive basketball during the first round game against Hildebran won by the Seadogs 68-56 in the state tournament at Greensboro. Coming up fast to contest with Gehrman for the ball is Jimmy Houser, Hildebran's high scorer in the afternoon game.

### Special Edition To Honor Seadogs

A special Seadog State Championship edition will be published by THE NEWS-TIMES next Tuesday, March 29.

In addition to pictures and stories, complete statistics on players and stories on county teams they met this season will be published. Also a letter of congratulations from Rip Wilder, former NEWS-TIMES sports reporter who is now with the Spartanburg Herald, Spartanburg, S. C., will appear.

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played an important role in the victory and all should be congratulated not only for bringing the championship back to the county, but also for maintaining their undefeated record, a record which extended through 28 consecutive games in regular season play, county playoffs, district playoffs, and finally the State Championship tourney.

Gehrman Holland, for the second straight year, was the high scorer in the tournament with 63 points. He and Monk Pittman were both selected for the All-Tournament team at the conclusion of play.

Beaufort:	FG	Fta	Ftm	Pts
Safrit, f	4	2	2	10
Davis, f	2	1	0	4
Holland, c	5	4	3	13
Pittman, g	4	6	4	12
Mason, g	3	4	3	9
Totals	18	17	12	48

Bethel:	FG	Fta	Ftm	Pts
Wells, f	5	6	1	11
Stamey, f	1	2	2	4
Capps, c	6	4	4	16
Reece, g	4	4	0	8
Phillips, g	0	4	1	1
Queen	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	20	8	40

The score by quarters:				
Beaufort	9	17	10	12-48
Bethel	10	12	7	11-40

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# Pittman's Shot in Final Four Seconds Of Overtime Gets Win for Beaufort

## Happy Throng

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just couldn't seem to get themselves untracked in either appearance after the initial game.

Henry Safrit was hard put Saturday to control his eagerness to get out to the gym for the game. He had to be shipped back to his room by the coach. Henry came down to the lobby about 7:30 and he kept mumbling that he sure was nervous.

For a nervous boy he played one of his best games of the year against Bethel as he and Jimmy Davis controlled the boards for the Seadogs and Henry also popped in 10 big points for his team.

I don't believe Greensboro has seen as much rain as they saw while we were in town. It rained every day. The rain didn't help the boys keep cool. It meant they had to stay in their hotel rooms pretty much of the time.

On Thursday afternoon a full contingent of coaches were there getting a line on some of the top Class A players in the state. Among them were Murray Greason and Bones McKinney of Wake Forest, Buck Freeman of North Carolina, Vic Bubas of North Carolina State, Virgil Yow of High Point, Doc Mathis of Elon, Dave Meredith of Guilford, Earl Ruth of Catawba, Francis Hoover of Appalachian, Jim (Pappy) Hamilton of Lenoir Rhyne and Howard Porter of East Carolina.

Each and everyone of them was looking over the crop, primarily for the tall men, since it seems that even among the smaller schools the emphasis today is on the big boys.

Buck Freeman of Carolina, who is really interested in Holland, said if Gehrman makes the squad at Carolina it will have to be as a backcourt man since the Tarheels expect to have a 6 foot 10 inch center, plus pair of 6 foot 6 or better forwards on their frosh club next year.

Speaking to Coach Yow of High Point, we mentioned Walker Gillikin of Smyrna and Jerry T. Willis of Morehead City. Here's hoping these boys will get a chance to play with some college squad come next fall.

King's basketball club, composed of some of the smaller men in the tourney gave a fine account of themselves in the opening night's play against their far taller opponents from Ahsokie. As a matter of fact, had they converted their free throws in the last three minutes of the game they undoubtedly would have won instead of losing as they did, 52-48. King was the runner-up last year in the state tourney.

They had nothing left on the second day and were eliminated by Red Springs 61-45. Red Springs went on to win the consolation game in the tournament beating Cove Creek 75-72.

The final night of the tourney it sure looked good to see all the fans, not only from Beaufort, but from Morehead City, Newport, Atlantic and Smyrna, and several from Camp Lejeune and Swansboro, as well, who came up to root for the boys from the Seashore conference.

The boys on the Beaufort team

## Beaufort Starters



Here are the starters of the state Class A basketball championship Beaufort team just prior to their going to the gym to play the final contest of the tourney. The starting five above are mainly responsible for the Seadogs' all victorious record of 28-0. Standing behind the sofa are Henry Safrit and Jimmy Davis, with Herb Mason, Gehrman Holland and Monk Pittman seated in the front row. Holland and Pittman were both voted to places on the all-tourney quintet, with Gehrman being named the outstanding player by the sports writers and officials.

will undoubtedly be sporting their newly-bought-in-Greensboro Togs before very long and we must say that they all showed they had especially good taste.

Over 130 telegrams were received by the team in Greensboro. I have the batch of them and names of the senders will appear in the Seadog State Champ edition to be published next Tuesday. Thanks loads to all the fans who sent in their congratulatory messages and to all of those who were on hand to help cheer the Seadogs.

Robert Rose was quite a man about town in Greensboro as he kept running into old friends. He introduced me to Jim "Sweet" Lallanne, a pass throwing quarterback at Carolina during the late 30's. He was one of George Stirnweiss' teammates on the Tar Heel eleven. Stirnweiss later made his name as a baseball player in the big leagues with the New York Yankees.

We have never seen anything like the turnout that greeted the team and Coach McQuaid at the race track and we wish to thank all the good people of the county who responded so well to the radio appeals to be there to welcome the team back from Greensboro. It was a wonderful reception for Carteret County's entry in the State Tourney.

The only injury sustained on the trip was suffered by yours truly when I slipped in the bath tub at the O. Henry Hotel where we stayed.

Coach McQuaid was a bit reluctant about being raised aloft to cut the net down after the cham-

With four seconds left in the overtime period, Monk Pittman calmly pumped up one of his patented one-handers to give Beaufort a well-deserved victory in the semi-finals of the State Class A Basketball Tournament at Greensboro's Senior High School gym Friday night.

It was the game always prophesied when two undefeated court titans meet in battle. The final was Beaufort 55-53 over the Youngsville White Phantoms, and marked the first time that Youngsville tasted defeat all year.

For the Seadogs it marked the 27th consecutive victory for the boys of Coach McQuaid. It was Youngsville's first loss after 29 straight wins.

**Holland Hot**  
Beaufort jumped out to a 5-0 lead early in the first quarter as Gehrman Holland found the range with one bucket and three free throws. At 6:47 the White Phantoms finally hit the scoring column when Larry Lindsey made a layup.

W. G. Alford swished the nets at 6:20 with a push shot and the Seadog margin was cut to one point, 5-4. Holland hit on a layup at 6:03 and the boys from the little town above Wake Forest made three buckets and went into a 10-7 lead at 4:34 of the canto.

Six foot 5 inch center Winston Wiggin was the big gun for the White Phantoms throughout the quarter and the ballgame.

Baskets by Holland and Herb Mason and Monk Pittman's free throw put Beaufort back in the lead at 2:53 with a 12-10 score. Wiggin tied the game at 12 at 2:42 and then made a free throw to put his team ahead. Holland hit at 2:14 on a layup and Lindsey hit on a set at 1:45 and the Seadogs still trailed 14-15.

With 38 seconds left in the quarter Henry Safrit laid one in and See SEMI-FINALS, Page 7

## Tug, Cutter Free Sugar Ship

The sugar cargo ship, Aenos, bound for Morehead City state port, ran aground in the channel between buoys 5 and 7 yesterday morning, but was pulled off by the tug Mamie and Coast Guard cutter Agassiz at 11:30 a.m.

The accident was reported by the Coast Guard to be the result of a faulty steering mechanism. The Aenos is 287 feet long, draws 18 feet of water and is about 2,700 net tons.

She brought in the largest sugar cargo ever received at the Morehead City port, 1,500 tons of refined, bagged sugar. The importer is M. Goldetz, New York.

The sugar will be shipped to points throughout the state. The Aenos, owned by the North Atlantic and Gulf Steamship Line came here from Cuba. Agent for the ship is Heide & Co.

## Methodists Will Meet In Homes Tomorrow

Methodists of Morehead City will meet in various homes at 7:30 tomorrow night. Everyone, church member or not, is invited.

Meeting places are as follows: the Rev. Leon Couch, 712 Bridges St., A. B. Roberts, 1503 Arendell; Dr. Ben F. Royal, 1612 Evans St., W. L. Derricksen, 2112 Evans; Dr. Darden Eure, 2804 Evans; John Conner, 2716 Arvon Ave.; Kenneth Wagner, 3209 Arendell and J. B. Maey, Mansfield Park.

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