

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

First Coach in County Relates Team Exploits

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Carteret County's First Basketball Coach

I can well remember the first basketball team that ever represented Carteret County. We played our games on a sand pile and the court was located where the present courthouse annex is now located in Beaufort.

Before each game the court had to be lined with dry lime and when the lines wore out we had to reline them. In those days we didn't know anything about dribbling or a zone defense. It was strictly a passing game with the boys maintaining a strict man-to-man defense and when I say man-to-man I mean exactly that since the boys on the opposing teams would be all over the team with the ball. It was simply a contest in which the survival of the fittest was the password.

The team of that year, 1920, which represented Beaufort Graded School, with myself acting as center, coach and official, consisted of



Pictured is the first boys basketball team in Carteret County. Left to right, back row — Willie Sanford, Julian Gaskill, Newman Lewis, Dick Duncan; front row — Paul Jones, Tom Potter, Ben Jones.

forwards Dick Duncan, and Willie Sanford, guards Paul Jones and Ben Jones, and substitutes Newman Lewis and Julian Gaskill.

Our scheduling of games was contingent on the moon, since our only mode of transportation in that day was by boat and we had to make certain that it would be a moonlight night when we returned from a game. In the pictures in this article we played at Oriental.

With no records available at this time, I can truthfully say that to the best of my recollection we were undefeated in our first season of play.

Today the Beaufort School has another undefeated team, one which has won the State Class A Championship.

Having watched this team for the past four years I feel towards Gehrman Holland as one of my own children, due to the close relationship between our family and the Hollands.

It's my ambition to see him and all of his teammates advance into college ball and then into the professional ranks.

I don't think that a finer bunch of boys could have represented their county in such a sportsmanlike manner than the boys of Beaufort did.

They are a credit to any community and a great deal of the credit



Here is the first girls basketball team of Beaufort High School. Left to right — Lillian Eweil, Francis White, Ruth Norcum, Clara Martin, Clyde Neal, Blanch Barbour, Estelle Cattery, Margaret Gibbs and Lydia Parkins holding the basketball.

for this fine sportsmanship that they exhibited is due to their great coach and leader, Tom McQuaid.

Congratulations to all of the boys and their wonderful coach.

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 March 18.

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.

Wiggin Big Gun

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 with 25 seconds left Holland sank two free throws to give the Seadogs an 18-15 lead at the end of the quarter.

Holland Has 13 in Quarter

Holland had 13 points in the first quarter as the White Phantoms attempted to use a man-to-man defense.

The second quarter saw the Seadogs go on a real spree which threatened to bust the game wide open as they extended their advantage to 26-19 at 5:15 of the quarter. At that point the White Phantoms switched their defense to a zone and the score started to tighten up, though Beaufort still held a five point lead at 3:32, 28-23.

Wiggin Hits

Wiggin hit for four points in the last two and a half minutes of the quarter on a tip-in and a hook shot and Alford scored on a push shot for the Youngsville quintet while Jimmy Davis made a layup and Mason one free throw out of three attempts for the Seadogs. At the half Beaufort had a narrow two-point margin, 31-29.

Wiggin tied the score to start the third quarter's scoring at 7:38 and then after the Seadogs had gone ahead in the quarter by a 41-35 score at the 3:33 mark, the White Phantoms put together buckets by Doug Chalk, Lindsey, and a pair of free throws by Wiggin to knot the score at 41 with 36 seconds left in the canto. Holland made good on a pair of free throws with 9 seconds left and the Seadogs kept their lead at the end of the quarter at 43-41.

The final quarter saw both teams exchanging buckets until at the end of regulation time, the score was knotted at 49. The score was tied three other times in the final canto at 43, 45, and 47.

Mason Misses Shot

With eight seconds left in the quarter, Herb Mason took a shot for the Seadogs and missed, and

Congratulations . . .

Beaufort's nearest neighbors, Morehead City (incidentally, their arch rivals) plugged all the way down the line — from the district tourney to the end, for Beaufort. Morehead's big moment will come one of these days and Beaufort will have the opportunity to plug for them. That's sportsmanship.

Following are special congratulatory messages, written especially for this edition, from G. T. Windell, principal of Morehead City School; Gannon Talbert, Morehead City basketball coach and the school's athletic director, and Bruce Tarkington, principal of the Beaufort School:

From Mr. Windell:

Congratulations to the Beaufort team in winning the State Class A Championship. You have brought honor to Beaufort, Carteret County and Eastern Carolina. It was a victory well deserved.

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From Coach Talbert:

I would like to congratulate Beaufort on winning the State Championship and going through the season undefeated. You have a great team and a great coach.

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From Mr. Tarkington:

I wish first to thank THE NEWS-TIMES for the excellent coverage they have given our athletic teams this year. I fully realize that public relations has much to do with the interest a section or community shows. The interest in Carteret County has been the greatest this year I've ever seen.

I was very proud of the Beaufort team this year for two reasons: 1. the clean way the boys played the game and 2. the splendid record they made. I wouldn't hesitate one second to praise our coach, T. H. McQuaid. He teaches the boys how to play the game. The boys' parents are also to be commended for encouraging them and giving them the Christian home upon which good sportsmanship is founded.

Fine young men like these don't grow up by accident. I believe they are products of good homes, a good school and an outstanding coach.

This team has played together since the freshman year. They have brought recognition to our school, showing us that the honor of representing this school, which has been placed upon them, has been in the hands of the most deserving group of young men. They have taken the responsibility and carried it well.

They have been a credit to our school during their attendance here, and I predict that they will continue to bring honor to themselves and their school for many years in the future. They have been outstanding in all phases of the school's activities. They will be sorely missed next year.

with but two seconds remaining Chalk took a push shot for the White Phantoms which also hit off the rim.

In the three minute overtime Davis missed a pair of free throws at 2:26 of the period and then at 2:21 Holland scored on a layup to put the Seadogs back in the lead 51-49. Jerry Mitchell tied the count at 1:53 and with 1:23 remaining Davis converted a pair at the free throw line and the Seadogs were back in business 53-51, only to see Wiggin tie the contest at 53 with 38 seconds remaining in the game.

Pittman Wins It

The Seadogs took the ball into play and froze it until there were four seconds left and then Pittman let loose with one of his specialty one-hand push shots from just outside the key and the Seadogs had the victory 55-53.

Gehrman Holland and Winston Wiggin tied for high scoring honors. They each hit for 25 points for their respective teams.

Monk Pittman, the Seadog hero of the night, also hit in double figures with 13 points.

It was a hard-fought contest and marked the first time this year that Beaufort had been outscored from the floor. The White Phantoms made 24 field goals to only 20 for

Beaufort but at the free throw line the Seadogs made 15 of 22 against only 5 of 8 by Youngsville.

The box score:

Beaufort	FG	Fts	Ftm
Safrit, f	2	2	1
Davis, f	1	4	2
Holland, c	8	9	9
Pittman, g	6	2	1
Mason, g	3	5	2
Totals	20	22	15

Youngsville	FG	Fts	Ftm
Chalk, f	4	0	0
Mitchell, f	3	0	0
Wiggin, c	11	3	3
L. Lindsey, g	4	2	0
Alford, g	2	3	2
D. Lindsey	0	0	0
Steinbach	0	0	0
F. Wiggins	0	0	0
Totals	24	8	5

The score by quarters: Tot
Beaufort .18 13 12 6 '6—
Youngs' 15 14 12 8 4—

Honors for Holland

Gehrman Holland was selected for the All-Seashore first team, All-State team selected by the Greensboro Daily News, and first team at the Class A Tourney