

Morehead City Wins Tourney Title

Eagles Belt Seadogs In Final Tilt, 67-36

After playing a listless first quarter the Morehead City Eagles came to life in the second quarter and rolled up a 67-36 victory over the Beaufort Seadogs Friday night at the Swansboro gym to win the Seashore Conference tourney.

Wayne Cheek and Craig Horne were the big guns in the Eagles attack with the 67 center tallying 24 markers and the back-court ace scoring 20. Bradley McIntosh also scored in double figures for the victors with 14 markers.

Jimmy Davis was the lone double figure scorer for the Seadogs with 13 points.

Post Fourth Win
The victory was the fourth of the year posted by the Eagles over the Seadogs, and it was their largest margin of victory.

The contest started with McIntosh scoring on a layup at 7:05. Jimmy Owens knotted the count at 4:42 on a layup and Davis put Beaufort ahead 4-2 at 4:29 as he converted a pair from the charity stripe.

Cheek knotted the count at 4:19 on a pair of free throws. Davis put the Seadogs back in the lead as he made good on a push shot and made one of two from the line.

Buckets by Cheek and Horne gave the Eagles an 8-7 lead at 2:08, and Davis gave the Seadogs back the one-point margin at 1:36 as he hit on a push shot.

Cheek hit at 0:32 and Owens knotted the count at 10 as he made good at the free throw line on one of two.

Eagles Take Lead
Cheek's tapin at 0:04 gave the Eagles a 12-10 lead at the end of the initial period.

The Eagles started pressing in the second quarter and utilizing a fast break, the score started to mount in their favor. Horne and McIntosh each scored 8 points in the canto and at the halftime intermission the Eagles led 37-22.

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	fg	fta	ftm	pts
R. E. Willis, f	0	0	0	4
Phillips, f	1	5	1	0
Cheek, c	10	6	4	3
McIntosh, g	5	5	4	2
Horne, g	10	1	0	2
Brown, g	3	0	0	3
Parker	0	0	0	0
Simpson	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	17	9	14

BEAUFORT:				
	fg	fta	ftm	pts
Davis, f	3	13	7	2
Owens, f	1	6	2	3
Nance, c	0	0	0	1
E. Willis, g	0	2	1	1
Martin, g	0	0	0	2
Gillikin	3	1	0	0
Windley	2	0	0	0
Moore	2	0	0	0
D. Willis	0	0	0	1
Copeland	1	0	0	1
Kirk	1	0	0	2
Totals	13	22	10	11

Seadogs Eke Out 45-44 Win Over Dixon Thursday

Ed Willis and Raymond Gillikin combined to give the Beaufort Seadogs a 45-44 decision over Dixon in the semi-final round of the conference tourney Thursday night at Swansboro.

The game was nip and tuck and very slow moving until the final canto.

Beaufort led at the end of the first quarter 8-6 and extended the advantage to 20-17 at halftime. At the end of three quarters Dixon took the lead 33-29 and it looked as though the Seadogs were through.

Game Tied Seven Times
The game was tied seven times at 2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 15 and 37.

In the final stanza, after Dixon led 37-31 at 6:20, Willis tossed in a pair of buckets and Terry Nance contributed a push shot to knot the count at 37 at 4:55.

Dixon took the lead at 40:37 at 3:50, and from that point to the end of the game it was the sharp-shooting of Willis and Gillikin that gave the Seadogs the win in a see-saw battle that saw first one, then the other team in the lead by a single point.

Davis Tallies 15
Jimmy Davis took high point honors for the Seadogs with 15 markers with Nance scoring 11 and Ed Willis 10.

For Dixon Bill Smith was high pointmaker with 13 as Cecil Davis tossed in 12 markers.

BEAUFORT:				
	fg	fta	ftm	pts
J. Davis, f	5	7	5	15
Owens, f	2	1	0	4
Nance, c	4	4	3	11
Martin, g	0	2	1	1
E. Willis, g	5	0	0	10
Gillikin	2	0	0	4
Kirk	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	14	9	45

DIXON:				
	fg	fta	ftm	pts
C. Davis, f	4	5	4	12
Parker, f	2	2	0	4
Pelletier, c	3	3	0	6
Yopp, g	3	0	0	6
Smith, g	6	3	1	13
Grant	1	2	1	3
Totals	19	15	6	44

Dixon Stomps Pamlico, 64-45

Dixon rolled up a 64-45 win over the Pamlico County Hurricanes in the consolation game at the Seashore Conference tourney at Swansboro Friday night.

It was a fine ball game for three quarters, with Dixon putting on an excellent show of ball handling.

Pamlico took a 16-13 lead at the end of the initial period and Dixon took a 30-22 advantage at halftime.

At the end of three quarters Dixon led 46-38 and in the final canto they rolled up the win.

Afton Parker was high pointmaker for the victors with 17 markers as teammates Bill Smith 16, Buddy Yopp 12 and Cecil Davis 11, also hit for double figures.

For the Hurricanes Larry Prescott was high with 12 points with Anderson tossing in 10 markers.

Coach Lynn Parker of Pamlico used his subs throughout the final stanza after Dixon had gained a fair-sized lead.

The lineups: Dixon (64)—Parker 17, Yopp 12, Davis 11, Pelletier, Smith 16, Grant 6, Whitley 2, Garner and Piner.

Pamlico County (45)—L. Prescott 12, J. Prescott 7, Buck 6, Lee 9, Anderson 10, Hudson, Edgerton 1, Warren, Roberts and Potter.

The score by quarters: Total Dixon 13 17 16 18—64 Pamlico 16 6 16 7—45

Buster Brannon, Texas Christian basketball coach, is enthused over the present freshman team. "I can hardly wait until next year," says Brannon.

All-Star Roster Named for Tilt

Players from all parts of the county have been recruited to play against the House of David Friday night at the Morehead City gym.

The game, slated to start at 8 p.m., is sponsored by the Morehead City Jaycees and will bring some of the county's best hoopers into action against the traveling bearded quintet.

The full roster issued by Bruce Grisham, Jaycee member and captain of the team, includes Craig Horne, Mickey Woolard, Jerry T. Willis, and Bobby Willis, Morehead City, and Jimmy Davis, Beaufort, Gehrmann Holland, Monk Pittman and Herb Mason, Beaufort, have also been invited to appear.

Leston Gillikin, Berlyn Temple and Roy Dennis, Newport; Gary Morris, Atlantic, and Henry Allen Brooks, Harkers Island, are on the roster too.

With this crew available, the County All-Stars will be able to substitute freely and offer the touring pros a much better contest.

Captain Grisham has promised that the all-stars will play their best against this outstanding traveling team.

The starting lineup for the contest will be announced in Friday's NEWS-TIMES.

Eagles Defeat Pamlico Five Thursday, 63-49

Morehead City's Eagles entered into the finals of the conference tourney by virtue of their easy 63-49 victory over the Pamlico County Hurricanes Thursday night at Swansboro.

Wayne Cheek led the Eagles to victory, in a rather slow moving contest, with 25 points.

Another member of the Eagles to hit in double figures was Craig Horne with 15 markers.

Jerry Prescott led the Hurricanes with 13 points as Davis Lee tossed in 10 counters.

Game Tied
The Eagles moved out to an 8-2 lead at 3:59 of the first quarter but at 1:50 the score was knotted at 8. At the end of the first stanza the teams were tied at 12.

The Eagles moved ahead to begin the second period, but Pamlico stayed close behind and at the half time intermission the Eagles led 26-23.

With Cheek scoring 8 points, Raymond Earl Willis 5, and Craig Horne 4, the Eagles started moving well out in front in the third canto and they led at the end of the quarter 43-35.

Horne tallied seven points in the final quarter to lead his team as they continued piling up the points.

L. Prescott Fouls Out
Larry Prescott fouled out of the game for the Hurricanes at 0:47 of the final quarter.

The Eagles outscored the Pamlico quintet 24 to 18 from the field and at the free throw line with 15 of 24 as against 13 of 18.

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Phillips, f	3	2	2	8
Willis, f	1	5	3	5
Cheek, c	12	4	1	25
McIntosh, g	1	4	4	6
Horne, g	6	6	3	15
Brown	1	3	2	4
Totals	24	24	15	63

PAMLILO COUNTY:				
	fg	fta	ftm	pts
Lee, f	3	5	4	10
Hudson, f	4	1	0	8
Buck, c	2	6	4	8
L. Prescott, g	3	2	2	8
J. Prescott, g	5	4	3	13
Anderson	1	0	0	2
Warren	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	18	13	49

200 Attend Atlantic Game

More than 200 people attended the basketball doubleheader Saturday night at the Atlantic gym, and donated \$117 towards the purchase of a new electric scoreboard.

The preliminary contest saw the Atlantic School girls defeat the Stragglers 54-23 with Sandra Salter high pointmaker for the school team with 19 markers. Iris Fulcher was high for the Stragglers with 8 markers.

The feature contest found the Stragglers turning in a 31-26 victory over the Atlantic School boys. Gary Morris was high for the Stragglers with 8 counters with Bobby Nelson hitting 6 for the school team.

Principal Jack Johnson said that the new scoreboard would be purchased and be in use at games at the school next fall. He said that everyone attending the twin bill Saturday night enjoyed themselves. There were cakewalks, too, and they were wonderful, he said.

Tommy Clancy, 12-year-old son of Toronto Maple Leaf coach, King Clancy, is the stick boy for the Leafs.

The Ivy Basketball League is the oldest in the country.

Team Members Get Certificates

Players selected to the first team, the second team and those receiving honorable mention in THE NEWS-TIMES sponsored All-Seashore Conference teams were presented their certificates at the Seashore Conference basketball tourney Friday night by Hal Shapiro, sports editor.

The four teams which were not represented at the tourney will receive their certificates through the mail. They are Atlantic, Smyrna, Richlands and Camp Lejeune.

The first team and the coach-of-the-year will also receive gold keys.

Trophies Given At Tournament

Paul Tyndall, Swansboro principal, presented trophies to victors in the Seashore Conference in 1955 and 1956 following the tournament Friday evening.

Morehead City received the trophy as Seashore Conference football champions, and also received a trophy for winning the basketball tourney. Each member of the winning basketball team received a gold basketball.

Pamlico County was presented with the baseball trophy and the trophy for girls basketball.

Newport was the recipient of the trophy for winning the Seashore Conference title in basketball.

Beaufort was presented a trophy as runnerup in the tourney and each member of the team was presented a silver basketball.

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Surveying the Scene

with Hal Shapiro

• A farce, as far as basketball tournaments are concerned, the Seashore Conference tourney finally came to an end Friday night with the Morehead City Eagles the victors.

With all spectators at the contests Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the most-asked question was, "What do they have this tournament for?"

It's a good question and needs a reply. We've been told that it enables the teams that are left out of county tourneys and district playoffs a last opportunity to play. But what does the tourney prove?

The season ended with Newport the conference champions. The Hawks went on to win the Carteret County tourney and then went to Kenansville. Camp Lejeune won the Onslow County title and they too went to Kenansville.

Neither of the county titleholders was able to win at the district playoffs and the season should have ended right there.

It didn't though, since the Conference Tourney was played last week.

The tournament started off on the wrong foot when White Oak, the team closest to Swansboro, arrived a half hour late to start the first game of a four-game schedule for the evening Wednesday night.

The final game didn't start until 10:30 and ended just before midnight, and I can assure you that the fans who stayed for all the games were mighty tuckered out on Thursday.

None of the games was an especially thrilling contest, and the top-seeded aggregation was too much for any of their opponents.

The suggestion that has been offered by several of the coaches seems to be the logical thing for the future.

These coaches, who requested anonymity, stated that the Seashore Conference tourney should be played during the Christmas vacation period when it will enable fans of the conference to get a line on the teams that they will be seeing during the rest of the season.

It will give those schools with football squads an opportunity of getting their squads unlimbered prior to the start of the season, and will enable all others a preview of things to come.

We are inclined to agree with these coaches and would like very much to see a tournament played during the Christmas vacation period when there are more people in the area and the winning team might be accorded some real recognition.

• Little League practice sessions will start April 15, according to an announcement by Floyd Chadwick, player agent of the Morehead City program.

All of the youngsters who belonged to a team last season, and haven't graduated from the program are to report on that date as are all youngsters interested in trying out for the vacancies that exist on the rosters of the clubs.

There will once again be four teams playing in the Little League this summer. Sponsors of the teams are now being contacted.

• A meeting of teams interested in the Carteret County Baseball League will be held sometime next week, according to Bill (Bull) Durham, president of the loop.

Current plans call for the same teams as last season with the possible addition of a squad from Swansboro.

Details of the meeting will appear in THE NEWS-TIMES.

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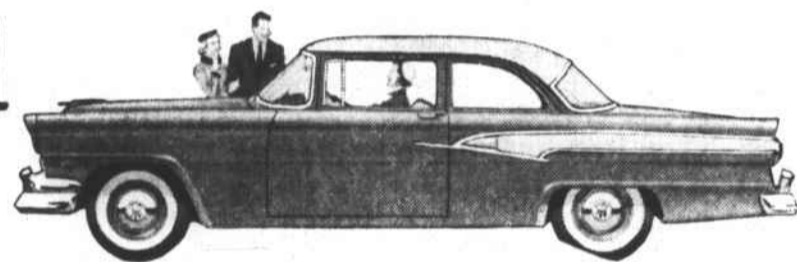
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