

Seadogs Again Win State Crown

Beaufort Downs Favored St. Pauls 62-54 in Finals

By LARRY McCOMB

"I don't know how I'll ever live through this," said Tom McQuaid seconds after his Beaufort Seadogs had won their second state title in five years by downing St. Pauls 62-54 in the championship game Saturday night at Winston-Salem. "One thing you can be sure of," continued McQuaid "There's going to be a real party tomorrow."

But for McQuaid's boys, the party was Saturday night and lasted only 32 minutes — 32 thrill-packed minutes in which they proved that they were the champions their record indicated they were.

After being forced into a sudden death overtime period in the opening round of the tourney, the Seadogs displayed a sharpness and finesse of the well-coached team they are as they dominated play over the classy St. Pauls five.

The Saints actually outscored the Seadogs from the floor, getting 21 field goals to 20 by Beaufort but the Seadogs canned 22 of 31 attempts from the free throw line to hand them the victory by a comfortable margin. St. Pauls collected only 12 points at the charity stripe.

The large Beaufort delegation cheered to hoarseness throughout the contest, which saw their team again and again come from behind on the way to their 27th consecutive win of the year.

The Seadogs opened the scoring in the game on a field goal for a quick 2-0 lead. St. Pauls scored next on a free throw and from here the two evenly matched teams took turns exchanging field goals as one team would post a lead and then the other team would rally momentarily to tie the score and go ahead. The end of the first quarter found the Saints ahead by a slim two-point margin at 13-11.

The Beaufort attack warmed up in the second quarter of play as they came up with an 18-point outburst and the Seadog defense dominated backboard play led by the hungry rebounding of co-captain Sammy Merrill and Allen Autry, who played their best games of season in a fitting tribute to their fine high school careers.

The 18 points scored by the Seadogs in the second quarter knotted the count at 29 all as the two teams left the floor at intermission.

The third quarter saw Beaufort able to build up a slight lead of five points as they led at the buzzer by 44-39. Gene Jackson, who was later to be named captain of the all-tourney team, committed his fifth personal foul of the game in this quarter and his loss put the Saints at a definite disadvantage as he had been their top point-maker throughout the game and the season.

With two and a half minutes remaining between them and the state championship, the Seadogs tied the score at 52-52. Beaufort then shook Butch Hassell loose for a layup and Allen Autry dropped in two free throws.

Freshman Ray Hassell, who would have walked off with the favorite player trophy, if such a thing had been awarded, then sank four straight free throws to give the Seadogs an eight-point lead at 60-52 with 22 seconds remaining on the clock.

Allen Autry scored on another field goal and James Higgins tallied for the Saints to make the final score 62-54.

The jubilant Beaufort rooters who had lined the playing floor minutes before the final buzzer, swarmed onto the court en masse to congratulate their team and Coach McQuaid for their thrilling victory.

Although it is customary in a newspaper account of a basketball game to list the individual scoring

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Newport PTA Meets Tonight

At the Newport PTA meeting tonight at 7:30, those attending will be treated to a fashion show by the first-year home economics girls. On display in the hall and rooms of the first floor will be science exhibits as an extra attraction.

The themes of the various exhibits will be: first grades, Signs of Spring in the Forest, on the Farm, and Plant Life; second grades, Signs of Spring and Mother-Nature's Cupboard; third grades, Nettings from the Seashore.

Fourth grades, Electricity and Sound; fifth grades, Weather and Our Nearest Star and How It Affects Life upon the Earth; sixth grades, Useful Hobbies, Domestic Science, and General Science.

Seventh grades, General Science and The Formation, Uses and Drilling and Mining of Oil and Coal.

Eighth grades, Electricity and Science and Progress.

Everyone is invited to come and see what is going on in the Newport school, E. B. Comer, principal, announces.

16 Present Their Tax Problems

By 2:30 p.m. yesterday, 16 county residents had appeared before the board of equalization to request adjustment in taxes or land valuation. After presenting their case, the petitioners were told that they would be notified by mail of the board's decision.

Appearing were Mrs. Leslie Gordon Fulcher, Morehead township; Mrs. Mary Lloyd Lewis, E. C. Ballou, Stanley Lockhart and Dick Parker, all of Morehead City.

Mrs. F. L. Bell, route 1 Newport; Wallace Garner, Beaufort RFD; John B. Davis, Marsh Street, and Charles Merrill, Hancock Park, Beaufort; Bertie Piner, Williston.

Thomas Cannon, representing C. E. Culpeper, Mill Creek; Mrs. Aaron Styron, Mrs. Rebecca R. Bell, Atlantic; Sam Morgan, New Bern; Curt Cannon, Newport, also representing Fred Simmons and A. D. Simmons, Newport; and Mrs. George E. Thompson, Emerald Isle.



News-Times Photo by McComb

Allen Autry of Beaufort and a St. Pauls player are caught in mid air as they fight for possession of a rebound in Saturday's game in the finals of the Class A tournament at Winston-Salem. Looking on is No. 45, Frank Potter of the Seadogs.

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Airport Commissioners Take Office Yesterday

Four members of the Beaufort-Morehead City airport commission were sworn in at 12:30 p.m. yesterday by Mrs. Mary Austin, deputy clerk of superior court.

They are W. H. Potter and Glenn Adair, Beaufort; Ben Alford and P. H. Geer Jr., Morehead City. Leon Mann Jr., commissioner from Newport, was absent.

Mr. Adair was elected chairman and Mr. Geer secretary.

The commission discussed plans for operation of the airport during the coming year. They will request an audit of airport funds to date so that they know where the airport stands financially and can start with a "clean slate", as Mr. Adair termed it.

Cited as needs at the airport are road improvement, improvements to the administrative building, and replacement of the wind T, which was blown away in a storm.

The airport's history was reviewed. The commission hopes to outline broad policies on airport operation to effect "further and more efficient use of one of the best airports in eastern Carolina", the chairman said.

The secretary was instructed to write Piedmont Airlines, which uses the airport on a summertime basis, and inquire what its needs are for fueling F-27 prop-jets.

Odell Merrill, clerk to the county commissioners who appoint three members of the commission, has been requested to send letters to past commissioners, thanking them for their services.

Immediate past commissioners are Edgar Swann, chairman; M. T. Mills, Luther Hamilton Jr., Dr. John Way and Dr. Herbert Webb.

The next meeting of the commission will be at noon Tuesday, March 30, at the Rex restaurant. The commissioners met there yesterday.

Dramatic Club to Give Play Thursday Night

The Dramatic Club of Queen Street High School will present its annual play at 8 Thursday night in the school auditorium. The play is a three-act comedy entitled "This Thing Called Love. It is being directed by Miss E. G. Atkinson and Mrs. B. R. Tillery.

Admission is students, 25 cents advance tickets, 35 cents at door; adults, 35 cents advance, 50 cents at door.

Highway Group Elects Officers

• Carteret Men Named To Executive Posts

• Improvement of Coast Travelways Urged

Maj. J. L. Murphy, Kill Devil Hills, was elected president of the Seashore Highway Association Wednesday afternoon at Raleigh. J. A. DuBois, Morehead City, who was recently honored by Morehead City chamber of commerce as Mr. Seashore Highway, was re-elected secretary. Norwood Young, Beaufort, was re-elected treasurer.

Vice-presidents are Wayland Sermons, Washington, first division; Gerald Hill, Beaufort, second division; and Glenn Tucker, Carolina Beach, third division.

Directors from Carteret are Alvah Hamilton, Morehead City; David Yeomans, Harkers Island; Sterling Dixon, Davis; W. J. Ippock, Beaufort, and Moses Howard, Newport.

The association approved a resolution urging that the state obtain as much other lands as possible, as gifts. The legislature will be asked to set aside \$400,000 for purchase of the land so that conservation measures may be taken.

The association also went on record favoring ferry service as soon as possible from lower New Hanover County to Brunswick County, advocating that highway 17, the only north-south highway be improved to prevent channeling of traffic away from it, and the building of bridges across the Alligator River on US 64 and across the Cape Fear River at Wilmington to supplement bridges now there.

The next seashore highway meeting will be held in this area, Mr. DuBois said. The date has not been set.

Counties represented at the meeting at Raleigh, held in the Sir Walter Hotel, were Carteret, Wake, Hertford, New Hanover, Currituck, Dare, Onslow, Hyde, Beaufort, Pender and Orange.

Mistrial Ruled in \$40,000 Suit Against Constable Paul

When the jury couldn't agree, a mistrial was ordered by Judge Henry L. Stevens Thursday night in the Mason-Paul shooting case.

The jury, after hearing the judge's instructions, retired at 4:55 p.m. Approximately an hour later, the judge called them in and asked if they had reached a decision. When told they had not, the judge instructed them to try again.

At 6:30 Judge Stevens asked again if they had reached a decision and if not, was there any possibility that they would.

When told that the 12 men seemed hopelessly deadlocked, the judge ordered a juror, R. M. McClain withdrawn, and ruled a mistrial.

What happens now? The case can be tried in a future term of superior court, or carried to a higher court.

Mainly Mason, Broad Creek, the plaintiff, was requesting \$40,000 in damages as a result of a wound received when a gun in Ralph Paul's hand went off. Paul is constable of White Oak township. Mason said Paul deliberately shot him. Paul said that Mason caused his own wound when he tried to

grab Paul's gun.

The incident occurred June 8, 1958 on highway 24 three miles east of Cedar Point.

In other action, the court ordered that George D. Morton Sr., defendant in a suit brought by Commercial National Bank, owes the bank \$900.00 plus interest from Feb. 5, 1957. The rate of interest shall be 6 per cent annually until paid. Morton was also ordered to pay costs of court.

Compromise was the action brought by American Asbestos Products Co. against M. L. Mansfield and Edna M. Mansfield, trading as Mansfield Lumber Co.

Roland Styron and wife, Bessie, Havelock, agreed that they are indebted to Ralph Styron and Roma Styron, trading as Styron Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning Co., in the amount of \$175. The parties in the case divided costs of the action between them.

In the case of J. S. Hadden and Ohio Casualty Insurance Co. vs. Ewell Newsome and Jesse James Ewell, the plaintiffs were awarded \$50 dollars and the defendant ordered to pay costs. The suit was

Beach Commissioners Get Request for Beer Permit

Atlantic Beach town commissioners deferred action Saturday morning on approving a beer license for David A. Lee to operate The Pavilion.

The beer license of the former operator, Ward Ballou, was revoked last year by the ABC board when Ballou was found guilty of violating beer regulations. The revocation will continue in force until July 13.

Lee told the commissioners that he intends to lease The Pavilion and that Ballou will be connected with it in no way.

According to the beach's ordinance on beer, a successor to a beer retailer whose license has

been taken, must prove that he has no connection whatever with the previous operator. If he can offer proof of that and the applicant is morally fit, the board will then consider favorable recommendation.

Lee showed the board a lease signed by him, Ward Ballou and Royal H. Spence. The lease, he said, was drawn by Herbert Phillips III, attorney.

The lease, dated Feb. 7, 1958, was read by M. G. Coyle, clerk. Commissioner W. L. Derrickson said that he would not agree to any lease unless it were recorded at the courthouse.

Mayor A. B. Cooper also pointed out that Lee needed three letters of recommendation and should comply with other minor requirements before the board would be in position to act on his request.

The board planned a special meeting this morning to act on the request, but it was postponed since commissioner A. F. Fleming is still in the hospital. The commissioners agreed to wire Lee their decision. Lee is now living in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. Coyle reported that according to his records, George Carter, who owned the Pavilion before it was purchased by the present owners, had not paid 1954 taxes. Ballou appeared before the board last month and stated that although he has been receiving a bill for the taxes, it was his understanding that the former owner cleared those before the sale was final.

Mr. Coyle said Mr. Carter would be notified of the tax status.

The mayor and the clerk were authorized to determine, with Jack Taylor, property owner, where town trash shall be dumped in the future.

Mayor Cooper asked the commissioners to give consideration to a law which would permit the town to zone a mile beyond its limits. He said one section of the Salter Path Road is becoming a shanty town right on the edge of the town limits.

Chief of police Bill Moore stated that the person hired by the town last year to clean streets and

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, March 17	
1:14 a.m.	8:08 a.m.
1:46 p.m.	8:02 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18	
2:07 a.m.	9:18 a.m.
2:48 p.m.	9:29 p.m.
Thursday, March 19	
3:11 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
3:58 p.m.	10:28 p.m.
Friday, March 20	
4:20 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
5:59 p.m.	11:20 p.m.

Police Charge Thomas Howard With Store Theft

• Former Drug Store Employee Booked

• Defendant Waives Hearing in Court

Thomas C. Howard, 18, former delivery boy for Morehead City Drug store, has been charged with the March 9 theft at the store. Howard, who waived preliminary hearing in Morehead City recorder's court yesterday morning, was in the town jail pending posting of \$350 bond for his release.

He was booked on the theft charge Saturday afternoon by police chief Herbert Griffin.

Police have recovered \$33 Howard had at the home where he was staying, \$45.50 he had deposited in the Cooperative Savings and Loan, a camera he had taken from the store and several other minor items of merchandise he had picked up.

According to chief Griffin, Howard has told police the entire story. He said he went into the drug store at 8 o'clock March 9, while the store was still open. At about 9, he continued, he slipped upstairs and hid on the third floor in a wire cage where films are kept.

After the store closed, he came down, after taking the spring off the door to the third floor so that the door wouldn't slam. He pried open the middle drawer on the desk of W. C. Matthews, owner of the store, because he said he knew Mr. Matthews kept money there.

He claimed he didn't find anything there. Then he got the keys to the filing cabinet and opened that, but found no money there.

So he went down to the first floor, turned the lights off by the prescription counter and with a screw driver he found on a desk, tried to pry the combination dial off the safe. Failing in that, he took a bottle of acid and poured it on the hinges of the safe door, believing he might be able to "melt" the hinges off.

When that failed, he went to the cash register at the prescription counter and took \$10 in change out of there. Then he went to the cash register near the fountain and took \$25 in change from there.

After scooping that up, he tried the cash register near the cosmetics counter. He couldn't get that open by ringing it, so he pried the drawers open with the screw driver. He took \$54 out of one drawer and \$10 each out of the other four, making his total cash take \$129, according to chief Griffin.

He let himself out of the store by a back door. Mrs. John Ballou, employee at the drug store, discovered the robbery when she found no change in one of the cash registers last Tuesday morning.

When the police checked the store, chief Griffin found on the typewriter in the prescription department a note that had been typed by the burglar. It read, "We thank you very much."

Howard was picked up Friday and questioned. He said the money he deposited Thursday was what he had saved in a piggy bank he got at the state fair in October. In view of the fact that Howard is a high school pupil and has not been employed since December when he was discharged by the drug store, officers wondered where he got the money.

Chief Griffin and Joe Collins, civilian investigator at Cherry Point, questioned Howard again Saturday afternoon and that was when he told them how he robbed the store.

A suitcase containing the camera and \$33 was found at 1205 Bridges Street, where Howard was living with an aunt. His step-father, Alonzo Jones, who is employed at the drug store, told the youth to leave home when he found him in his home some weeks ago with another boy and two women.

Chief Griffin says Howard has never been in any trouble before other than traffic violations which he had committed while driving the drug store delivery car. It was that reason that Howard was fired, the chief said.

Patrolman Summoned

Patrolman J. W. Sykes was summoned to duty at Henderson late Sunday night. Patrolman W. E. Pickard, who was on duty at the textile strike city last week, returned home Friday.