

All County High Schools To Field Baseball Teams

The Atlantic Pirates, defending county baseball champions, will have a tough row to hoe this season. All five county schools plan to field teams and all have hopes for a county title.

Last year only Atlantic, Morehead City and Smyrna participated in the spring sport. Newport and Beaufort sponsored field and track teams.

At Newport, Coach Bob King will call his first practice sessions next week. The Hawks will have few if any experienced players since they did not have a team last year.

Good Material

There is some good material at Newport and the Hawks are expected to gain polish as the season progresses.

Coach Norman Clark has already begun practice at Morehead City. The Eagles have practically the same team as last year plus some good freshman prospects.

Hugh Gordon will be at the helm of the Beaufort nine. He says there is a wealth of material in the Seadog roster. He figures that the Seadogs will be tough to handle despite their lack of experience.

A group of scrappy freshmen will move into the Smyrna baseball roster to give the Blue Devils a fighting team that may surprise some of the fans around the county.

Need Experience

Coach Norman Chadwick has prospects of getting some of the best pitching in the county from a couple of youngsters who may develop in a hurry once they get some experience under their belts.

Atlantic Coach Roy Cockerham is looking desperately for a pitcher to fill the shoes of his ace, Butch Saunders, who was the top moundsman in the county last year.

Baseball players get an early start in Atlantic, though, and some of the freshmen going out for the squad may be the answer to the coach's prayers.

From all sides it seems that baseball is making a determined comeback in the county. Potential major leaguers are usually first spotted in high school ball, so this may be the year that some county boy gets his chance to move into the money.

It is true enough that many fellows who play for the smaller schools will never be ballplayers, but competitive sports teach lessons that can be learned nowhere else.

Beaufort JC's Accept Coach Hugh Gordon's Resignation

Smyrna Nite Raiders Meet Oilers in Tourney

Beaufort Nine To Begin Play Next Tuesday

The Beaufort Seadogs will open a 14-game baseball campaign Tuesday when they play host to the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups at 3:30 p.m.

This is the first time in three years that Beaufort High School has fielded a baseball nine and enthusiasm is running high. Private citizens donated enough money to buy balls, bats, new uniforms and other equipment.

25 Boys Out

Coaches Charles Hassell and Hugh Gordon have 25 boys out for the team and have not been able to select a starting nine for Tuesday's game.

"None of these boys have played very much baseball and we want to give all of them a chance to show what they can do before we start cutting the squad," Coach Hassell says.

After the usual phases of early training, the players take part in intra-squad games of two or three innings each afternoon. It is usually here that the coaches can tell which boys are most likely to make the grade.

Pitchers' Problems

The cold weather has hampered some of the players, but the pitchers have been the worst hit. Sore arms and shoulders plague all five boys who are out for that position.

"If the weather doesn't get warm by Tuesday, we are going

The Smyrna Nite Raiders played the Cowell Oilers last night for a chance at the championship of the New Bern city recreation tournament. In gaining the tournament semi-finals the Nite Raiders dropped their first game to the Oilers Monday night but went on to defeat the Moose Tuesday and Maola Wednesday.

If the Nite Raiders win tonight at New Bern they will meet the Oilers Monday night in the finals. Should they lose, the tournament will be over since every team but the Oilers will have lost two games.

The Oilers held Dallas Arthur to six points Monday night in their 39-38 victory over the Raiders. Nick Sikorski broke through to score 10 points to cop high scoring honors for the Nite Raiders.

The Smyrna club was trailing by a 21-12 count at the half but rallied to come through with a strong second half that nearly earned them a victory.

Scoring in the contest for Smyrna were Arthur, Sikorski, Wilson Davis, 6, Kenny Davis, 2, Louis Thomas, 2, Pierson Willis, 6, Ronnie Arthur, 2, and Everette Golden, 4.

The Raiders bounced back Tuesday night and rolled over the Moose by an 81-60 score. Arthur made up for his low scoring the night before with a 31 point performance to grab scoring honors for the game.

Sikorski helped pave the way to victory with 17 points. Others who scored for Smyrna were Kenny Davis, 8, Wilson Davis, 9, Thomas, 2, Ronnie Arthur, 3, Willis, 7, and Bob Fagen, 4.

The Raiders moved into the semi-finals with a 53-47 victory over Maola Wednesday night. Dallas Arthur sparked a second-half rally that overcame a 34-26 Maola lead. He wound up with 19 points

Beaufort Jaycees formally accepted the resignation of Hugh Gordon as Seadog football coach Monday night at the Jaycee meeting at the Scout building.

They say now that they are going to advertise for a new football coach. The Jaycees sponsor high school football.

Coach Gordon submitted his resignation March 4 at a special meeting at the school with the Jaycees. The meeting was called by B. E. Tarkington, principal. Gordon said he felt he was forced to resign because the Jaycees had promised the job as head football coach to the assistant coach, David Lee.

There have been conflicting reports on the alleged agreement with Lee as to his becoming head football coach next year.

James Steed, co-chairman of the Jaycee football committee, said that he did not know of such an agreement.

Ronald Earl Mason, former chairman of the football committee, who has since resigned from the Jaycees, said that an agreement had been made with Lee to come to Beaufort as assistant coach in 1957 and then this coming year, 1958-59, he would become head coach.

Coach Gordon was not officially informed of this agreement.

Lee's story is that he was offered the head coaching job but has not accepted it.

"I came to Beaufort because Tarkington guaranteed me a class to teach when I graduated from college," Lee says.

Lee was added to the Beaufort faculty in January when he finished at East Carolina College. He took the teaching position temporarily filled by Mrs. Odell Mer until his college training would be finished.

Lee played football in college and was offered a playing position with the Forty-Niners at San Francisco. He was turned down because of a knee injury. He has been assistant football coach at Morehead City High School.

Lee is married to the former Kay Lewis of Beaufort.

Gordon has been football coach since 1954. Mr. Tarkington