

Saltwater Loop Becomes Carteret County League

The Saltwater baseball league became the Carteret county league as the result of a name change adopted at Thursday night's meeting of league officials and representatives of the six teams which make up the loop.

A compromise solution was worked out for the problem of whether to play two games on Sundays or to play on both Saturday and Sunday. It was agreed that Sunday doubleheaders would be the general rule unless the managers of both teams agreed to play one game on Saturday and the second on Sunday.

With the compromise adopted, the league adopted its 20-game schedule which will begin on Sunday, May 17.

Plans were also made for a play-off following the end of the regular season. The top four teams in the league standings at the end of the regular season will meet in the play-off to determine the loop champion. The semi-final series will be a two out of three affair and the final series will be three out of five.

The league also voted to play an all-star game on Sunday, July 5. The best players from the three eastern teams will meet the best from the three western teams.

Jimmy Rabon, chief umpire for the league, reported at the meeting that he has secured umpires for the league games.

The five teams which fielded teams last year have again entered league competition this year. They are Smyrna-Harkers Island, Atlantic, Beaufort, Mill Creek-Newport and Salter Path. One new team, Morehead City, was admitted to the league to bring it to full strength.

Salter Path Tops Harkers Island

Salter Path defeated Smyrna-Harkers Island 4-3 Sunday in a pre-season game played at Salter Path.

Salter Path scored four runs on only three hits, and Smyrna-Harkers Island scored three runs on nine hits. Jimmy Parkins was the winning pitcher, and Frank Moore was the loser.

Salter Path scored three runs in the first inning on three infield errors and a single by Walter Thomas. The home team added one more in the fourth on an error and two hits.

Smyrna-Harkers Island scored one run in the second and two more in the sixth. Leading batters for the visitors were Wilson Davis with two for three and Cranston Moore with one for one. Moore's lone hit was a double, and Davis also got a double.

In other pre-season action for Carteret county league teams, Morehead City defeated Newport 7-3 Sunday afternoon.

Smyrna-Harkers Island will meet Newport at Smyrna Saturday after-

noon and will play Atlantic Sunday at Atlantic. Newport will be at Salter Path Sunday.