

Eagles Suffer First Defeat At Hands of Jones Central

Jones Central collected nine hits off pitcher Walter Thomas Friday afternoon to hand the Morehead City Eagles their first defeat of the season 4-1.

The defeat leaves the Eagles with a record of two wins and one loss. Thomas, who has pitched every game for Morehead City, also has a 2:1 record.

The Eagles drew first blood when they scored their lone run in the third inning. The run came on three bases on balls followed by a single. Gil Faber, Thomas and Bobby Willis all walked to load the bases, and Jimmy Willis then singled to drive in Faber with the score. Jones and Wickizer then went out to end the inning.

Jones Central went ahead in the first of the fourth and held the lead from then until the end of the game. Eubanks led off the inning with a base on balls, went to second on Heath's single and then stole third. He was out at the plate when he tried to score on Banks' infield hit. Heath and Banks both scored on a single by Spivey, and Koonce and Conway went out to end the frame.

The visitors picked up two more runs in the fifth. Metts singled and then scored on a triple by Smith. Gray, the next man up, singled to drive in Smith with the final run of the game.

Both teams threatened several times during the game but could produce no further runs. On several occasions, both teams had men as far as third, but they were all either erased at the plate or left stranded.

In the second inning, the Eagles had the bases loaded with one out but were unable to score. With one out, Jimmy Willis and Timothy Jones walked, and Kemp Wickizer singled to load the sacks. There was no scoring, however, as Norman Larkee popped up and Jones was picked off second base.

Thomas was hit harder than he has been so far this season. In past games, he has been holding his opposition to one or two hits, but Jones Central reached him for nine safeties in Friday's game. Thomas struck out six, walked one and struck one batter.

The Eagles were able to get only four hits off the hurling of Heath.

Jones Central moundsman gave up seven free passes, but only three of them helped the Eagles. Heath matched Thomas' strikeouts with six.

Lockey to Head Saltwater Loop

Dick Lockey of Newport was elected president and treasurer of the Saltwater league at the loop's second meeting of the year Thursday night. Wilson W. Davis of Straits was elected secretary.

The teams represented at the meeting voted to play a 20-game schedule which will begin May 16. The question of whether or not to play on both Saturdays and Sundays will be decided at a meeting April 30. Some teams wish to play both days, and others wish to play doubleheaders on Sundays.

Last year's by-laws were studied at the meeting and were again adopted for the coming season.

The league will operate this year with six teams. The meeting approved the application of a Morehead City group to enter a team and rejected the applications of groups from Broad Creek and Wildwood.

The league will be completed by the five teams which were members last year. They are Atlantic, Salter Path, Smyrna - Harkers Island, Mill Creek-Newport and Beaufort.