

Knights Bow in Opener, Edge Snow Hill Nine 7-6

Queen Street high has begun its 1953 baseball campaign with an even split. The Knights dropped their opener April 2 to Williston high of Wilmington 16-8 and topped Snow Hill Saturday 7-6 in an overtime game.

Queen Street drew first blood against Williston as the Knights scored five runs in the first inning on three hits and two errors. The home team came right back, however, with three runs in the last half of the inning. The runs came on two home runs, a triple and a double.

The Knights got two more runs in the second to take a 7-3 lead, but Williston knotted the count with four runs in its half of the inning.

From then on, there was no doubt about the outcome of the game as Williston increased its lead while holding the Knights to one more run in the sixth frame. Williston scored five in the third, three in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Carter started on the mound for Queen Street and was relieved by Coates in the second. McDonald went all the way for Williston. Carter and Coates gave up ten hits between them, while McDonald gave up six. Vann, with three hits in four trips to the plate, was top batter for Queen Street.

Pitcher James Henry scored the winning run in the eighth inning to give Queen Street its 7-6 victory over Snow Hill. He led off the inning with a single and advanced on sacrifices by Hazel and Coates. He scored on a single by Carter.

The Knights opened with three runs in the first inning and added three more in the second. Snow Hill scored five runs in the second and tied the score with one more in the third. There was no further scoring until the eighth.

As in the Williston game, the Knights committed seven errors which set up several runs as Henry held Snow Hill to five hits. He struck out 14 Snow Hill batters.

Carter and Hazel were the outstanding fielders for the Knights. Hazel made two sensational catches in the final inning and Carter accepted six chances without an error. Coates was the top slugger for the Knights with two runs driven in on a triple and a single.

Coach S. H. Barrow said that he is pleased with the showing made by his inexperienced team. He says that the boys are learning fast and will be hard to beat when they get over their early season jitters.

The Knights will play host to Trenton tomorrow in their third game of the season.

Rain Cancels Diamond Tilts

Carteret county's high school baseball schedule was again hampered by rain Tuesday when the downpour and water-soaked fields forced postponement of all games.

Morehead City was scheduled to meet Atlantic in an effort to get its third win of the season. The Eagles will try again this afternoon when they play host to Smyrna at Wade Brothers stadium. The Morehead City nine won the first encounter between the two teams.

Beaufort was to have met Pamlico county in its first home game of the season. The washout was the second for the Sea Dogs whose opener with Smyrna was rained out March 24. The Sea Dogs will meet Jones Central today at Trenton. The next scheduled home game for Beaufort is next Friday when the Sea Dogs will play host to Smyrna.

Newport and Smyrna were also rained out Tuesday. Unless two open dates on the schedule are filled, the next game for Newport will be next Friday at Morehead City.

High school coaches in the county have been dogged by bad weather since before the season began. The two weeks of practice before the opening of the season were marked by frequent rainstorms. The teams found it almost impossible to hold outdoor practice sessions, and the season opened with most of the teams just question marks in the coaches' minds.