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County League Teams Continue Playoff Fight

The scramble for the two remaining spots in the county baseball league playoffs will continue Sunday when the six teams meet in the final games of the regular league season.

Beaufort and Atlantic, which have a comfortable lead over the remaining four teams in the league, are assured of making the post-season playoffs. The other teams are engaged in a close fight for the last two playoff spots. The bottom two teams in the standings will be eliminated from the playoffs.

Beaufort, in first place with a record of 14 wins and two losses, has a half-game lead over Atlantic which has a record of 14 wins and three losses. The third-place team, Salter Path is seven games behind Atlantic.

Only 2½ games separate the remaining four teams, with Morehead City in fourth place, Mill Creek-Newport in fifth place and Harkers Island in sixth. The closeness of the race makes it possible for any of these teams to get into the playoffs.

The final line-up for the playoffs will not be known for at least two weeks after the end of the regular season. The playoffs were originally scheduled to begin Aug. 2, but the necessity for making up several games means that the playoffs will not begin until at least Aug. 16. The make-up games will be played Aug. 2 and Aug 9.

Every team in the league must make up at least one game and some must make up two. Most of the make-up games were necessi-

tated by ties caused by the 6 p.m. curfew rule. One, between Newport and Atlantic, will be a replay of an earlier game which Newport protested.

Make-up games already scheduled are Beaufort and Harkers Island, Newport and Atlantic, Beaufort and Salter Path and Harkers Island and Morehead City. Rain or any reason for postponement of any of this Sunday's games may delay the start of the playoffs even further.

The league leaders, Beaufort and Atlantic, will meet Sunday at Beaufort. Clyde Owens and Calvin Hodges will probably be on the mound for Beaufort. Roy McKamey will pitch one game, and possibly both for Atlantic. Atlantic will be out to repeat last Sunday's performance when it scored 33 runs in two games against Harkers Island.

Newport will be at Harkers Island Sunday, and Newport will be out to continue its climb from the league cellar. After last Sunday's games, Newport, for the first time this season, had managed to get out of last place.

Salter Path will be at Morehead City with both teams trying to strengthen their precarious holds on playoff spots.

Standings		
	W	L
Beaufort	14	2
Atlantic	14	3
Salter Path	7	10
Morehead City	6	11
Mill Creek-Newport	5	12
Harkers Island	4	12