

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1953

Beaufort Has Slim Lead After Split with Atlantic

Beaufort held on to its half-game lead in the county league standings after splitting a double-header Sunday with second-place Atlantic. Atlantic won the first game 2-1 and Beaufort took the second 6-0.

Roy McKamey was the winning pitcher in the first game and Calvin Hodges was charged with the loss. Each pitcher gave up five singles. Only two players, Ottis Jefferson for Beaufort and Julian Willis for Atlantic, got more than one hit. Jefferson got two for four and Willis got two for three.

Clyde Owens hurled a three-hitter to top Atlantic in the second game, and Jack Rose was the loser. Rose gave up six hits.

Atlantic's three hits were a single and a double by B. Willis and a single by Julian Willis. Leading batters for Beaufort were Carl Sadler and Sammy Daniels, each with two for three. Extra-base hits for Beaufort were a home run by Jefferson and doubles by Sadler and Jim Hawkins.

The split leaves Beaufort in first place with a record of 15 wins and three losses with two games to make up. Atlantic, in second place, has a record of 15 wins and four losses with one game to make up.

Newport moved into third place in the league standings by virtue of a double win over Harkers Island at Smyrna. Newport won the first game 1-0 and won the second game 12-7.

J. W. McClannon was the winning pitcher in the first game and Wilson Davis was charged with the loss. McClannon gave up six hits and struck out two. Davis gave up one hit, walked six, hit one batter and struck out three.

Newport scored its lone run in the fourth inning. George Newkirk was hit by a pitched ball, stole second, went to third on a grounder to Davis and scored on a grounder to the shortstop. Newport's one hit, a scratch single by Tommy Culpepper, did not figure in the scoring. Jerry Guthrie was the leading batter for Harkers Island with two hits in three trips to the plate.

Lloyd Culpepper was the winning pitcher in the second game and Moe Willis was the loser. Culpepper gave up seven hits while Newport got six off Willis.

Eugene Haskett was the leading batter for Newport with a single, double and a triple in three times at bat. Guthrie was again the leading batter for Harkers Island with two hits in three trips. His single and triple both came in the same inning.

Morehead City defeated Salter Path 5-4 in the first game and the two teams played to a scoreless tie in the second game. Bobby Bass was the winner in the opener and Jimmy Piner was the loser. Walter Thomas and Jimmy Webb pitched the second game which was called because of the 6 p.m. curfew.

Newport is now in third place with a record of eight wins and 11 losses. One of the wins was picked up when Dick Lockey,

league president, allowed a protest of a game won by Salter Path the week before.

Frank Cahoon, Newport manager protested on the grounds that Salter Path had used an ineligible player, Purcell Jones. President Lockey refused to allow Salter Path's claim that Newport had also used an ineligible player, Steve Okowski.

Under league rules, a team will forfeit any games in which an ineligible player is used. Since Jones had appeared in only one game which Salter Path had won, only that game with Newport was affected by Lockey's ruling.

Ty Frost, manager of the Salter Path team, said last week that he intends to appeal Lockey's decision to the league's board of directors. A meeting of the directors has not yet been scheduled but it is expected to be held some time this week.

There has been some talk that other teams have used ineligible players and it is possible that more protests might be made at the meeting. The directors will also make plans for playing games which remain to be made up and for the playoffs to be held next month.

The ruling by the league president put Salter Path, Newport and Morehead City in a three-way tie for third place before Sunday's games. Sunday's results left Newport in third place, Morehead City in fourth and Salter Path in fifth. Harkers Island is in last place.

Standings

	W	L
Beaufort	15	3
Atlantic	15	4
Mill Creek-Newport	8	11
Morehead City	7	11
Salter Path	6	12
Harkers Island	4	14

Marines Have Firing Exercises This Week

Marines will conduct firing exercises in the existing danger zone in the Atlantic ocean east of New River inlet from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. July 30, it was announced this week.

All navigation should stay clear of the area during the period.

It was also announced that the area between Browns Inlet and Bogue inlet will be hazardous to vessels because of firing exercises from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31.

All navigation is urged to avoid this area during this period, except through traffic which will not be stopped or interfered with at any time.

Morehead City Lions Hold Watermelon Cutting

The Morehead City Lions club held a watermelon cutting Thursday night at Crab Point. The Lions and their families were the guests of Gordon Laughton, a member of the club. A recreation program, which was to have followed the cutting, was rained out.

At the meeting Wednesday night, the board of directors of the club made plans for the coming year.