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Beaufort Finishes on Top As Teams End Season

Beaufort finished in first place in the county league standings although it dropped Sunday's game with Salter Path 3-1. Counting the loss to Salter Path, Beaufort has a record of 16 wins and four losses. A protest of Sunday's game, however, will give the leaders a record of 17 wins and three losses.

Beaufort is expected to protest the game on the grounds that Salter Path used several ineligible players, including Purcell Jones. President Dick Lockey and the league's directors have already ruled that Jones is ineligible and Salter Path must forfeit every game in which he is used.

Atlantic remained in second place by defeating Newport in another make-up game. Atlantic has a record of 16 wins and four losses and is one game behind Beaufort. Details on the Newport-Atlantic game were not available at press time. The loss leaves Newport in fourth place behind Morehead City.

Morehead City retained its hold on third place by defeating Harkers Island 6-0. James Webb was the winning pitcher and Wilson Davis was the loser.

Morehead City took an early lead by scoring four runs in the first inning. The first batter struck out, but the second man reached first when the shortstop fumbled a ground ball. He stole second, and scored on Ray Cummins' hit after the next batter walked.

Three more runs came in on a four-base error. The batter grounded to the second baseman, Williams, who fumbled the ball. He then picked up the ball and attempted to get the man at the plate. Davis cut off the throw and tried to get the man going to second. The group of players covering second stood and watched the ball go into center field. All three base runners scored.

As the teams now stand, Beaufort, Atlantic and Morehead City will be in the playoffs with either Newport or Salter Path in the fourth spot. The final standings will be determined by a game remaining to be played between Morehead City and Salter Path.

At the moment Salter Path is only a half game behind Newport which is in fourth place. A victory over Morehead City would give Salter Path a tie for fourth place and a chance at the last playoff spot.

Salter Path got its chance to tie Newport when the league directors ordered Newport to forfeit a game to Harkers Island on the grounds that Newport had used an ineligible player. The forfeit brought Newport's record down to seven wins and 13 losses instead of eight wins and 12 losses.

Standings

	W	L
Beaufort	17	3
Atlantic	16	4
Morehead City	8	11
Newport	7	13
Salter Path	6	13
Harkers Island	5	15