

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1953

GARTERET

Newport Makes Playoffs As Salter Path Loses 9-3

Salter Path's hopes of making the county league playoffs were crushed Sunday when they lost to Morehead City 9-3. The loss left Salter Path in fifth place in the final standings and gave Newport the remaining playoff spot.

Going into Sunday's game, Salter Path was a half game behind Newport and a victory would have meant a tie for fourth place.

Jimmy Webb was the winning pitcher and Walter Thomas was the loser. Webb gave up five hits and struck out three Salter Path batters. Morehead City collected four hits off Thomas and four off Jimmy Piner who relieved him in the fifth inning. Thomas struck out six and Piner struck out four.

The winners scored five runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and three more in the sixth. Salter Path scored one in the second, one in the fifth and one in the sixth.

The field for the league playoffs is now complete and the playoffs will start Sunday. The four teams taking part will be Beaufort, Atlantic, Morehead City and Newport.

In Sunday's opening round, Beaufort will play host to Newport, and Morehead City will play at Atlantic. Both will be single games. The second, and, if necessary, third games will be played the following Sunday at Newport and Morehead City. The opening rounds will be two out of three series.

The final three out of five series will open Aug. 30 between the winners of the two preliminary series. The series will open with a doubleheader at the home field of the team which is higher in the standings. A second doubleheader will be played the following week at the field of the second team. The fifth game, if needed, will be played at the original field.

Final Standings

	W.	L.
Beaufort	17	3
Atlantic	16	4
Morehead City	9	11
Newport	7	13
Salter Path	6	14
Harkers Island	5	15

Leading Pitchers

	W.	L.
Owens	11	1
McKamey	10	2
Hodges	4	1
Willis	4	1
Bass	5	4
Thomas	4	3

Top Ten Batters

Cahoon, Newport .....	.480
Hamilton, Atlantic .....	.459
Smith, Atlantic .....	.437
Sadler, Beaufort .....	.406
Willis, Salter Path .....	.404
Parkins, Salter Path .....	.380
Webb, Morehead City .....	.380
B. Willis, Atlantic .....	.372
J. Willis, Atlantic .....	.357
D. Willis, Atlantic .....	.352