

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1953

Newport Upsets Beaufort In Opening Playoff Game

Newport, which barely squeaked into the county league playoffs, upset favored Beaufort Sunday in the first game of the semi-final round of the playoffs.

Newport defeated Beaufort 3-6 in a seesaw game at Beaufort. Frank Calroon was the winning pitcher and Calvin Hodges was the loser. Hodges was relieved by Clyde Owens, the loop's top pitcher, in the fourth inning.

Poor fielding accounted for several of the runs on both sides as first Newport and then Beaufort took the lead. Newport finally went ahead in the fourth and held the lead despite Beaufort's efforts to pull the game out of the fire.

Atlantic, which had finished in second place in the final league standings, defeated Morehead City 4-1 at Atlantic. Gary Morris was the winning pitcher in his first appearance of the season, and Bobby Bass, who went all the way for Morehead City, was the loser.

The playoffs will continue next week with games at Newport and Morehead City. If Newport and Atlantic both win, only one game will be played at each field. Wins by Beaufort or Morehead City will mean that doubleheaders will be played instead of single games.

The winners of the two semi-final series will meet in the final round which will begin Aug. 30, at the home field of the team which finished higher in the standings.

The final series will be a best three out of five series with doubleheaders on the first two Sundays and a single game on the following Sunday if it is needed. The games will be alternated between the fields of the two teams.

PLAYOFF STANDINGS

Series A

	W.	L.
Newport	1	0
Beaufort	0	1

Series B

Atlantic	1	0
Morehead City	0	1