

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1953

Newport Sweeps Series, To Meet Atlantic Sunday

Newport defeated Beaufort 5-4 Sunday to sweep the opening round of the county league playoffs and earn the right to meet Atlantic in the final round.

Atlantic beat Morehead City 5-0 Sunday after Morehead City had won the first game of a doubleheader to tie the series and send it into a third game. Atlantic won the first game of the series 4-1 and Morehead City won the second 7-5.

At Newport, Clyde Owens was the losing pitcher for Beaufort and Jim McClannon was the winner. McClannon relieved starter Walter Hill in the fifth inning with the score 3-1 in favor of Beaufort.

Newport outhit Beaufort 12-9 and made three errors to the losers' one. Bill Myers was the leading hitter for Newport with three hits in four trips to the plate, and Ottis Jefferson led the Beaufort attack with two for three.

Gary Morris was the winning pitcher in the final game at Morehead City and Bobby Bass was the loser. Atlantic reached Bass for nine hits while Morris gave up only two.

Braxton Taylor was the top hitter for Atlantic with two hits in three trips, and John Hamilton got two for four for Atlantic. Gil Faber, returning after a summer layoff, got one of Morehead City's two hits.

The win marked Morris' first appearance for Atlantic this season. He had erroneously been given credit for Atlantic's win in the first game of the series last week. He had been scheduled to pitch the game, but Roy McKamey did the pitching in a last-minute change of plans.

Atlantic outhit Morehead City 10-8 in Sunday's first game but could not score the necessary runs. Atlantic made five errors while the visitors made only three.

McKamey was the losing pitcher and Jimmy Webb was the winner. Lou Prince led the Morehead City offense with two hits in three trips, including a double.

John Hamilton and Don Willis were the leading hitters for Atlantic. Hamilton got three for three, including a double, and Willis got two for three.

The final playoff round will begin Sunday with a doubleheader at Atlantic. Another twin bill will be played the following week at Newport. If a fifth game is needed in the best three out five series, it will be played Sept. 13 at Atlantic.

The start of the playoff could be delayed by a protest which Beaufort made on its first game with Newport. Beaufort protested an umpire's decision on a play during the game. The decision had no effect on the outcome of the game, and it is expected that the protest will be over-ruled by league officials.