

# Piner, Stewart Grab Wins, Beaufort, N

## Young Pitchers Come Up With Twin 4-Hitters

### Bay Steals Home for Run That Defeats Tom Woody; Kelly's 4-4 Downs Fink

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Pitching meant the difference in both games as Beaufort and Morehead City opened Carteret County semi-pro league action by splitting two weekend contests.

Charles Hassell's charges opened league play with a 1-0 triumph Saturday night behind the brilliant four-hit twirling of Jimmy Piner, and Morehead bounced back with an 8-5 victory at Wade Bros. park Sunday behind the combined five-hit efforts of Veston (Bunky) Stewart and Denny Gaskins.

College chucker Piner, however, had a battle on his hands all the way from Tom Woody, while schoolboy phenomenon Stewart coasted to an easy win over newly-acquired lefthander Gene Fink.

Under the Beaufort aces fans saw the best game of the young season as Piner and Woody hooked up in a battle of righthanders. Piner, in gaining the win, struck out nine with an assortment of fastballs and curves, and issued two free passes, while sidearm specialist Woody, tagged with the tough loss, gave up only two hits, also fanned nine and walked one. Both Beaufort hits were collected by third baseman Bob (Rip) Rybnikar—one a long triple in the third.

#### Bay Bolts Home

But Rybnikar's hits didn't mean much. Co-hero with Piner was batterymate Reggie Bay. It was his dare-devil baserunning in the third that gave Piner the ball game. The speedy maskman walked to open the inning, stole second, advanced to third on Piner's sharp grounder to first, and with Rybnikar at bat, stole home before startled Woody could come out of his full windup.

What was in the cards after Bay slid in nobody knows, but Rybnikar, with a 3-2 count, then delivered his line drive triple down the rightfield line. He was stranded, however, when centerfielder Billy Price skied high to short.

Time after time Morehead threatened to break the ball game wide open, but Piner, breaking his curve over the outside corners, was equal to the occasions, stranding eight runners.

He was in a hole right from the first inning when both Rybnikar and leftfielder Carl Sadler erred on Bill Holt's ground smash. But after Holt stole second, Piner got Fenner Boyd on a bouncer to second, struck out slugger Haywood Kelly, and forced Ernie Conner to pop to first baseman Sam McCarney.

#### Woody Wallops Hit

Woody rapped out the first Morehead hit in the fifth, and Skinny Ellis, Kelly, and Conner followed

### Carteret County Results

#### SATURDAY

Beaufort 1, Morehead 0.  
Marshallberg 13, Newport 1.

#### SUNDAY

Morehead 8, Beaufort 5.  
Marshallberg-Newport rain.

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Meanwhile Woody thoroughly handcuffed Beaufort the rest of the way, except for the sixth when Rybnikar banged out his second hit. He stole second, went to third on Price's hopper to short, but was out trying Bay's specialty—stealing home. This time Woody wasn't to be caught napping as he whipped the ball into Mitchell Burge with time to spare.

It was a big day for Stewart and Kelly Sunday as they combined their pitching and hitting wares to gain sweet revenge. Stewart, the lefthanded New Bern schoolboy ace, had an easy time of it before Manager Bill Tuttle rested him in the eighth, putting in Gaskins. The hard-throwing southpaw gave up two runs on four scattered singles. Gaskins permitted the remaining three runs on one hit.

Kelly, the fancy-dan first sacker, showed fans he can flail the hickory also by clubbing in two runs on four straight hits, including two doubles and a home run. His towering round tripper in the sixth, with nobody on, traveled clear over the leftfield wall, 390 feet away—a drive in any man's league. One of his doubles also caromed off the centerfield gym.

#### Fink Falls Badly

Starter Fink lasted only two innings as Morehead started fast with four runs on four hits. After Holt grounded out pitcher to first, Ellis walked, took third on Kelly's first double to deep left, and scored when McCarney, playing first, let Woody's smash go through his legs.

In the second, catcher Carl Anderson walked, went to third on Stewart's rap out into right, and came around on Holt's two base line drive along the rightfield line. Stewart came in a moment later on Ellis' grounder to third, with Holt scoring when Kelly bounced a single off third baseman Price's glove.

That was all for Fink, and in came McCarney from first. He went the remaining distance, being nicked for six hits and the last four runs. One big inning—the fifth—clinched the victory for Tuttle's crew when they tallied three times on an infield error, singles by Ellis, Boyd, Tuttle, and Kelly's long double off the gym.

And with two out the following inning, Kelly stepped into the first offering by McCarney and sent it on a high arc out of the ball park.

Stewart's one bad inning was the first when he gave up two runs before warming up. He walked three, balked once, and gave Price a bingle. From then on to the eighth, when Manager Tuttle yanked him, evidently bent on saving his arm, the elongated southpaw was practically invincible. Only three batters—Fink, Elvin Davis, and Sadler, were able to solve his

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