

Morehead Sweeps Two, Leads League; Marshallberg Drops Two to Beaufort

Morehead on Top 9-7, 9-8; 7-Run Ninth Inning Wins Sunday's Game

Morehead City took ends of a two-game series with Swansboro over the weekend to climb over their vanquished foes and claim undisputed title to first place in the Tidewater League. Morehead took Saturday's game at Swansboro by a 9-7 count, and then returned home to win, 9-8, in Sunday's encounter. In both cases the victors had to come from behind in the late innings to win.

In Saturday's game, Morehead City tallied three times in the ninth inning to clinch a 7-6 disadvantage and to put the game on ice for the visitors.

Jim Piner started on the mound for Morehead, but was replaced by Morton and later Jim Webb, who got credit for the win. Jones went all the way for Swansboro and was charged with the loss.

Smith, Gardner, and Freeman led Morehead's offensive, each collecting two hits for five at bats. Cobb of Swansboro had a three-for-four record at the plate.

Sunday's game was something one sees in the movies only. For eight innings, pitcher Bob McNeill had the Morehead batters stymied. Going into the ninth frame, Swansboro was leading, 8-1.

Then, bingo! Morehead rallied and pushed seven runs across in the last half of the ninth inning to tie up the ball game and send it into extra innings. Morehead clinched the victory in the last half of the ninth by scoring another run.

This is how Morehead City won the game. McNeill had been roll-

ing merrily along for eight innings, allowing but two hits and one run, which was unearned. It was scored on an infield error and a triple by Stov. In the meantime, Swansboro, aided by a shakey Morehead defense, pecked away at pitcher Jim Webb for eight runs.

In the ninth, after Gardner grounded out, Beane struck out but reached first when the catcher dropped the ball. Sadler and Smith singled to bring in one run and to put runners on first and second. At this point, manager "Poppy" Diem took over the pitching chores.

Diem walked pinch hitter Maffus, and Balazzo was sent in to run for Maffus. Cagle also walked, forcing in a run, and on a wild pick-off throw by catcher Stanley, Smith scored and the runners advanced.

Webb fanned for the second out of the inning, but before he did, Maffus scored and Cagle took third on a wild pitch by Diem.

With the score 8-5, Diem proceeded to give free passes to both Stillway and Stov, leading the sacks. Diem then retired in favor of Gill Holt, who came in from his shortstop position to pitch.

Gardner greeted Holt with a long double into left-centerfield, clearing the bases and knotting the score at 8-8. Beane then hit back to the mound to end the inning.

A single by Timney, sandwiched in between walks to Smith and Cagle, filled the bases for Morehead City in the tenth session. Webb then won his own ball game with a base knock into centerfield.

Webb, in earning credit for the victory, came within one whiff of tying his own Tidewater League record of 17 strike outs.

For Swansboro, Holt was charged with the loss. Seven walks by

Tenney Honored At Club Dinner

The Morehead City baseball team, now in first place in Tidewater League, sponsored a chicken dinner Saturday night at the Blue Ribbon Club to honor "Moose" Tenney, retiring manager of the club. There were 17 present at the dinner, 14 of whom were players on the team. The other three were Leroy Guthrie, Wade Bell, president of the club, and Tenney.

Tenney stepped down in favor of a younger manager, Jack Gardner, who also plays in the outfield for Morehead City. Tenney will continue his present duties as keeper of the grounds and equipment and as coach of the team.

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the three pitchers in the last three innings of the game plus eight Swansboro errors contributed in no small measure to Swansboro's downfall.

Saturday's Game
M. City 003 030 003—9 11 3
Swansboro 103 300 010—7 13 6
Piner, Morton, Webb and Salter; Jones and Stanley.

Sunday's Game
Swansboro 001 102 202 0—8 11 8
M. City 001 000 007 1—9 7 5
McNeill, Diem, Holt and Fourneier, Stanley; Webb and Salter.

Beaufort Smashes Out 14-5, 5-2 Victories Over Opponent

Beaufort won twice from Marshallberg over the weekend to take its second and third consecutive victories. Saturday's contest at Marshallberg was won by a one-sided 14-5 score and Sunday's tussle at Beaufort was a 5-2 affair.

Ricks started for Beaufort Sunday and went all the way for the win. He gave up just four hits, while the Beaufort offense pounded away for nine safeties. Three errors were made by Beaufort and one by Marshallberg.

Saturday's game was a wild affair. Marshallberg started things off in the first inning with two runs. This was made possible on a single by Billy Davis, a sacrifice, a hit batsman, a single by John Haralson, and error by shortstop Jack Wallace.

Four consecutive singles by Ben Hester, Ray Hassell, Ben Hayes, and Tracy Hooper accounted for Beaufort's two runs in the top of the third.

Another Beaufort tally was added in the next inning on a hit batter, a sacrifice, and a base knock by pitcher West Taylor. This gave Beaufort a 3-2 edge.

Marshallberg managed to tie up the ball game again in the fifth. Successive singles by Myron Harris, John Willis, and Lester Bobbit did the trick.

The sixth, seventh, and eighth frames saw Beaufort's bats boom for a total of 11 additional runs to put the game into a neat little package for Beaufort.

Bill Gillikin's single, a force-out, and a base hit by Barney Dobbs put men on first and second for Beaufort in the sixth inning. Hooper then cleared the bases with a resounding double.

Three more Beaufort markers came in to count in the seventh. Ray Hassell reached second on an error by the second baseman and came in to score on a hit by Hayes, who took second when the left fielder bobbled the ball. Hayes scored on a single by Hooper, and Hooper himself came in when Gillikin and Dobbs came through with safeties.

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eight when Beaufort exploded for six runs. Hester strolled, and Ray Hassell laid down a bunt and was safe when the second baseman muffed it. Hayes forced Hester at third, but three straight singles by Hooper, Wallace, and Gillikin brought in three more runs.

Dobbs was caught in a run-down between third and home on a grounder by Jim Hunnings, but was safe at the plate when the catcher dropped the throw. Hunnings reached second on the play, and both he and Gillikin tallied Beaufort's final runs on a single by Hester.

Marshallberg's last two runs in the last of the seventh. This was accomplished on a hit batsman followed by a triple by Harris, who came in on an error by the third baseman.

Taylor started and went the route for Beaufort for the win. Harris started for Marshallberg but was knocked out in the seventh and was replaced by Dave George. Harris came in from right field to pitch again in the ninth.

In winning, Beaufort collected 15 hits and made three errors. Marshallberg collected 10 safeties and made a similar number of mistakes.

Saturday's Game
Beaufort 002 102 360—14 15 3
Marshallb'g 200 010 200—5 10 10

Sunday's Game
Marshallb'g 000 000 200—2 4 1
Beaufort 000 000 410—5 9 3

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