Seadogs Finish Unbeaten Season, Edge Hawks 1-0

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The Beaufort Seadogs closed out an undefeated baseball season at Newport Friday afternoon as they scored a narrow 1-0 win over the Hawks behind the one-hit pitching of fireballer Parris Groom.

* Croom started and worked seven innings. The big righthander struck out 12 Newport batters and walked only two, displaying pinpoint control.

The two teams locked in a scoreless duel until the top of the sixth inning. In that frame, Croom, batting leadoff, drew a walk and then was sacrificed to second by Leclie Croom. The next batter, Ray Hassell, reached first safely on a fielder's choice with Croom being thrown out at third.

With two outs, Bill Morgan stepped to the plate and singled to left field to send Ray to second. Ray and Bill both advanced one base on the throw-in from the outfield to give Beaufort men on second and third.

This set the stage for the gamewinning blow, a single, stroked by Alton Hill. Hill's safety sent Ray Hassell home with the deciding run. Jackie Gardner ended the rally by grounding out second to first.

Winkie Chadwick was the starting and losing pitcher for the Hawks. He worked seven innings and gave up six hits and walked four. He struck out four and allowed only one extra base blow, a double by Ray Hassell in the first inning.