

Semi-Pro Circuit Begins 2nd Round

First round action in the fast Carteret County semi-pro league ended over the past weekend with powerful Morehead City leading the pack with five victories and one defeat, followed closely by Beaufort with a 4-2 record. Both teams are well-rounded, possessing the necessary pitching with solid fielding and hitting.

Marshallberg, with two wins and three losses, and Newport, the tough luck team which hasn't won a game in five starts, follow in that order. The Whiz Kids have a good fielding and hitting nine, but lack pitching depth. Manager Wayne Benton's Newport squad has depth enough, but just hasn't been able to jump into the victory column. They figure to be much stronger, however, in the second round, with the acquisition of several Midway Park players, including power-hitter Jim Rudasics, and general handiman, F. C. Stanley.

CARTERET COUNTY SCHEDULE

(Second Round)

Saturday, June 9

Beaufort at Morehead City.

Newport at Marshallberg.

Sunday, June 10

Marshallberg at Newport.

Morehead City at Beaufort.

Saturday, June 16

Morehead City at Newport.

Marshallberg at Beaufort.

Sunday, June 17

Newport at Morehead City.

Beaufort at Marshallberg.

Saturday, June 23

Morehead City at Marshallberg.

Newport at Beaufort.

Sunday, June 24

Marshallberg at Morehead City.

Beaufort at Newport.

Morehead Club Pleads to Fans

This is a plea to local baseball fans and to civic and social organizations.

The Morehead City semi-pro baseball team of the Carteret County league is in need of your support. The baseball club needs financial assistance. That can be accomplished only by better attendance at all Morehead home games.

According to club President George Stovall, home game gates must include at least 200 paid admissions for the club to continue operating in the league. "If people want the team to keep going, we just have to have some help," he emphasized. "We have just enough money to play this weekend without going in debt."

Stovall also wants a movement started by local clubs such as the Lions and Jaycees to repair the weather-aged Wade Bros. park grandstand. At a meeting Monday night, the fire department, in the interest of public safety, appointed a committee, headed by Skip Willis, to inspect the stands and report on its condition.

If the fire department says that the grandstand is unsafe, fans, naturally, will be barred from under its wooden roof. This, of course, will hurt attendance and possibly will force the club to drop out of the league.

And if the first place Morehead ball club is forced out of the league financially, the shame will not be theirs, but will rest solely on the fans themselves.

Thomas, Parkin Whip Salter Path

Behind Walt Thomas' six-inning, 17-strikeout hurling, and the hitting and baserunning of Jimmy Parkin, Beaufort easily downed Salter Path 9-1 in a Salt Water league encounter Sunday.

Only four runners reached base as righthanded fastballer Thomas continually clogged third strikes past Salter Path batters before Frank Garner took over hill duties in the seventh. Second-sacker Rennie collected a single in the first inning, rightfielder Bernice got the other bingle in the third, while centerfielder Lloyd and opposing chucker Hal Deibert got on via errors. Garner also looked good in setting the Salter Pathers down in order the final three innings.

Parkin Plagues Deibert

Beaufort meanwhile, with Parkin leading the attack, found Deibert for six hits. Seven walks and five errors proved very costly to Deibert, however. Leadoff man Parkin was Mr. Nemesis himself, hanging out two singles in four trips to the plate, knocking in two runs, scoring twice, and stealing a total of six bases. In the opening inning he walked, stole second, third, and home to tally the first Beaufort run.

And to add to Deibert's consternation, leftfielder Bob Powell also stole home the same inning.