

COA Opens Baseball Season With Double-Header Sat.

(Photo By B.J. Sawyer)

COA opens the 1971 baseball season at home Saturday with a double-header against the East Carolina Jayvees beginning at 1:30 p.m. on the field at COA's new site. COA has 20 new men on the team and the entire eight man pitching staff is freshmen.

Returning from last year's team are co-captains Mark O'Leary, last year's leading hitter, and Bob Canepari, last year's MVP. Dale Carlson, Danny Harris and Joe Simpson are also returning for their 2nd year.

Mitch Aydtette also should add punch to COA's hitting. COA plays a 37 game schedule which includes such big names as the UNC Jayvees; Williams College of Williamstown, Mass.; Salisbury State College of Salisbury, Maryland; and traditionally tough Louisburg College, last year's Cavalier Tarheel Conference Champs.

Last year's two major problems were lack of hitting and lack of depth on the pitching staff. Coach Mansfield hopes that a strong freshmen crop will eliminate these problems. Duke Sanderson, Dallas Arthur, Gary Bishop, and Jim Battersby have looked sharp on the mound and are the probable pitchers for the Saturday openers. Bishop and Sanderson are from Virginia Beach, Battersby is from Norfolk, and Arthur is from Beaufort, N.C.

COA also boasts some strong hitters lead by Mike Hogan, a big highly sought after first baseman from York, Virginia. Gary Ellison and John Whitehurst are also all-conference potential. Ellison is an outfielder from Norfolk and Whitehurst a catcher from Virginia Beach drafted No. 2 in the 1968 winter free-agent draft by the New York Mets. Ray Roenker, Mitchell Cheek and

COA Sweeps Doubleheader

ELIZABETH CITY — College of the Albemarle blanked Chesapeake twice to sweep a baseball doubleheader Monday afternoon.

Albemarle won the opener 3-0 as Mike Hogan smacked a three-run homer after two were out in the seventh and final inning. In the nightcap, COA scored a 7-0 victory.

Both games featured strong pitching performances by Albemarle moundsmen. Duke Sanderson hurled a two-hitter in the opener and Bobby Hughes allowed but four hits in the nightcap. Hughes also had a two-run triple in the third.

Albemarle is now 3-0.

First Game
Chesapeake 000 000 0-0 2 1
Albemarle 000 000 3-3 8 2
Ansell and Szydek; Sanderson and Aydtette. HR — Hogan.

Second Game
Chesapeake 000 000 0-0 4 2
Albemarle 222 000 x-7 9 2
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Bailey, Curtis (3) and Szydek; Hughes and Aydtette.

COA Wins Pair

ELIZABETH CITY — Gary Bishop belted a two-run homer in the opener and Dallas Arthur pitched a two-hitter in the nightcap as the College of Albemarle swept a double-header from Mattatuck Community College Monday 8-4 and 4-0.

Arthur struck out nine batters in the seven-inning game as COA lifted its record to 11-2. Towner Townsend also starred in the first game, hammering a triple and a single.

FIRST GAME
Mattatuck 100 003 0-4 2 3
Albemarle 412 100 x-8 9 2
Sternberg; Edwards, Walke (5) and Aydtette.
W — Edwards 3-1; L — McBarie 0-1.
HR — Bishop (Albemarle).

SECOND GAME
Mattatuck 000 000 0-0 2 4
Albemarle 103 000 x-4 4 1
Ballenger, Shepero (5) and Sternberg; Arthur and Aydtette.
W — Arthur 2-0; L — Ballenger, 0-1.

Townsend Spurs COA Victory

ELIZABETH CITY — College of the Albemarle's "Towner" Townsend hit a grand slam homer in the second inning and knocked in the winning run in the eighth to lead COA to a 9-6 victory over New Palitz State College Friday afternoon.