

Seadog Nine Meets Swansboro In Season Opener Yesterday

Beaufort's Seadogs opened their baseball season yesterday with Swansboro in a home game. (The game was not over by press time.) This afternoon the Beaufort boys will travel to Smyrna for another non-conference battle.

Coach James Fodrie said the Seadogs would probably have a good defense this year.

"I think our weakest point will be the pitching staff," he said.

The Seadogs have two sophomores, John Way and Mickey Bertram, who will see some action this year on the mound, along with junior Clem Woodard and Bill Hamilton, who is a senior.

Beaufort is the defending Coastal Plains champ. They had a 16-1 record last year, losing only to Four Oaks in the district play-offs.

"We had some good pitching last year," he said. "Of course we have some boys who might develop and turn 1963 into a fine year for us."

The Seadog baseball coach said their outfield would be a strong part of their defense.

He said they didn't have any long ball hitters, but as a team average he thought they would have a good season at the plate.

Ten boys are returning who were lettermen last year. The Seadogs will have four games under their belt when they meet their first conference foe, Morehead City, Tuesday, April 9, at Morehead City.

Blue Devils To Open Season Today, Beaufort

Smyrna's Blue Devils will open their baseball schedule against Beaufort today in a home game.

Coach Fred Bartholomew in his first year of tutorship of the Blue Devils led them to a 8-4 season; however, this year the Blue coach says he will be going with a young team.

"We will have a freshman pitching for us some," he said. "Also a sophomore, Danny Gillikin, who plays shortstop, will see some mound duty."

He said most of the team is sophomores with only two seniors, Byron Styron, who plays center field, and Sterling Hancock, a pitcher.

The Blue Devil coach remarked that most of the boys had played in the pony league and the experience they got there will help out.

Defensively, the Blue Devils will be in good shape. The outfield is fast and the infielders seem to be shaping up fine, he said.

"We don't have any long ball hitters, but I think we might have some good clutch hitters," Bartholomew remarked.

The Blue Devils have a 10-game schedule and the coach said he is interested in getting some more games.

They will play their first conference game Saturday, against Jasper at Smyrna.

BLUE DEVILS SCHEDULE

March 29—Beaufort, home
April 2—Jasper, home
April 9—Jasper, away
April 16—Newport, away
April 23—Newport, home
April 26—Camp Lejeune, away
May 1—Beaufort, away
May 3—Vanceboro, away
May 6—Camp Lejeune, home
May 17—Vanceboro, home

Lejeune Again Bests Eagles, Winning 9-3

The Eagles of Morehead City bowed for the second time this year to Camp Lejeune in a baseball game Tuesday afternoon at Morehead.

Morehead City lost a 5-0 decision to the Lejeune boys last week and in the return game the Eagles were set back 9-3.

The two games with Lejeune were non-loop contests. The Eagles will swing into action in the Coastal Plains conference next Friday, April 5, in a home game against Jones Central.

Camp Lejeune scored three runs in the first inning and were never headed.

In the second inning, the Lejeune shortstop Lou Paulson blasted a home run with one man aboard.

Morehead City scored their runs in the fifth inning when Rodney Kemp grounded to the Lejeune third base man with the bases loaded.

A bad throw to first base allowed two of the Eagle runners to score. Another run was scored when an attempt to pick-off Kemp at first base resulted in a Eagle run.

The Eagles collected two hits in scoring their runs. Camp Lejeune got to the Eagle pitcher for nine hits.

Morehead City 3	AB	H	R
Kemp 2b	3	0	0
Clapsadl 1b	2	0	0
McQueen cf	3	0	1
Smith c	3	0	1
Leary ss	3	1	0
England rf	3	0	0
Lee 1b	3	1	1
Sanderson 3b	2	0	0
Yeager p	1	0	0
Barnum lf	1	0	0

Camp Lejeune 9	AB	H	R
Lowder cf	4	2	1
Paulson ss	4	2	2
Barnett c	4	1	1
Paulson N. 2b	4	1	2
Horn 1b	4	0	0
Staton lf	4	0	0
Sellers, 3b	4	1	2
Turville rf	3	1	1
Bacon p	2	1	1