

Salter Path Protests Morehead City 8-3 Win Sunday; Second Ends in Tie

★ Ty Frost, Salter Path manager, is protesting Sunday's loss to Morehead City in the county baseball loop. Morehead topped Salter Path 8-3 in the first game.

The second game was tied 2-2 at the end of seven frames. The game was halted at that point because of the 6 o'clock curfew.

Frost is protesting the decision change of the base umpire in the fifth inning in which Morehead scored six runs. Brad McIntosh, second man up, drew a walk and went to second on Mitch Guthrie's infield hopper.

Rhubarb Develops

Harold Bass retrieved the ball and heaved to Charlie Callahan covering second. The base umpire called McIntosh out in a close play. A rhubarb developed.

Morehead Coach Bob Butler claimed Callahan pulled his foot off the bag. After conferring with the umpire-in-chief, the base umpire changed his decision to safe. The chief umpire ruled that Callahan pulled his foot off the bag.

Frost claims Morehead players threatened the base umpire, causing him to change his decision. Wade Bell, Morehead City, had to be taken off the field, during the rhubarb, by Morehead players.

That was the second of the game's two rhubarbs. The first arose in the fourth when Morehead's Hall was called out coming from third. Jim Willis poked a grounder into short left and Guthrie threw home to nip the attempted run.

Ump Calls Hall Out

The throw, low and short, was taken by Walt Thomas. As the ball arrived so did Hall. Hall bumped into Thomas kneeling on the base path. The umpire called Hall out. Morehead claimed Thomas failed to tag Hall. Thomas did not drop the ball when Hall ran into him.

Morehead City grabbed a one-run lead in the third frame of the first game when McIntosh singled, made second, and went to third on Jerry Pittman's bad throw at second. He scored on Bobby Willis' deep fly to right.

Successive singles by Callahan and Bass put runners on first and third. Bass stole second. Both men scored when Hall dropped Guthrie's fly in left in the fourth.

Guthrie advanced to second and went to third on an infield out. He scored on George Lewis' line single to right. The rally ended when Lloyd Frost and Walt Thomas failed to hit.

Behind 3-1, Morehead sent six

runs across in the fifth to wrap up the triumph. A single, a walk, and a fielder's choice loaded the sacks. Culpepper's fielder's choice and Kemp Wickizer's fly accounted for two runs.

Jim Willis tripled driving in Culpepper and Hall, who had singled, driving in Bobby Willis. Norm Larkee singled Jim Willis home.

Morehead's final tally came in the sixth on Callahan's error at second allowing Bobby Willis to score, who singled to open the inning.

Culpepper gave up only three hits in notching his second straight win. He fanned nine. Thomas was charged with the loss. He gave up 10 hits and fanned seven.

Martin Pitches

Bobby Martin, making his first appearance on the rubber for Morehead City, yielded three hits as Morehead and Salter Path tied the second game at 2-2 in seven frames.

Salter Path racked up two runs in the first on two walks, a single and an error. Martin bore down and whiffed the next three batsmen.

A pitchers' duel developed between Martin and Salter Path's Harold Deibert until the fourth frame. Morehead pushed across a run when Larkee drew a free pass, stole second, and came home on Culpepper's single.

Martin continued his effective twirling until the final frame. He gave up two hits in the fourth, but came out unscathed. His teammates tied it up in the last of the seventh when Larkee's sacrifice single scored Bobby Willis from third. Willis opened with a walk, took second on a sacrifice, and went to third on a wild pitch.

Deibert Fans 12

Deibert fanned 12 Morehead batters, giving up only three hits. Martin fanned nine.

The game will be replayed at a later date.

Morehead's record is now 5-4. Salter Path's is 5-3.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Morehead City 001 061 x—8 10 2
Salter Path 000 300 0—3 3 5

Morehead City 000 100 1—2 3 2
Salter Path 200 000 0—2 3 1