

East Draws Blood

The East jumped on Lloyd Culpepper, West, starting hurler for a three-run lead in the first. Parkins was safe on Fred McIntosh's, Morehead City, low throw to first.

Elvin Davis of Beaufort and John Willis skied out, but Hamilton came through with a single to left, scoring Parkins.

Buddy Willis, Atlantic, followed with an automatic double over the right field wall to put runners on second and third.

Jim Willis, Morehead City, let Curvis Hamilton, Smyrna-Harkers Island, lift a fly over his head in center field that scored both Hamilton and Willis.

J. D. Lewis, also of Smyrna-Harkers Island, ended the frame by striking out. Goose eggs were posted by both teams in the second with the West breaking into the scoring column in the third.

Morris Rallies

George Lewis poled his homer for this score after two outs. Morris became rattled and walked Lloyd Culpepper after Harold Bass, Salter Path, was safe on Parkins' error, but got McIntosh to strike out.

The East scored in the fourth on a walk, a sacrifice, and an error. The West came back with two tallies in the fifth off Cal Hodges.

Nick Culpepper led off with a single to left. Lockett fanned, but George Lewis was safe on Frank Langdale's, Beaufort, error at second, as was Culpepper. Bass walked to load the bases.

Lloyd Culpepper crossed up the defense by singling to left field (he bats left-handed), scoring Nick Culpepper. Manager Willis waved Hodges to the showers and called in Don Willis.

Pitching to Buckshot Haskett, batting for Brad McIntosh, Willis got Haskett to force Lloyd at second with Lewis scoring on the play.

John Willis Homers

John Willis made it 5-3 with his fifth inning round tripper. Lockett whittled the lead to one run in the seventh with his circuit clout.

The West forged into the lead

for the first time in the eighth at the expense of Wilson Davis, Smyrna-Harkers Island.

Billy Widgeon, Newport, led off with a single, was sacrificed to second by Wade Willis of Salter Path, took third on Buddy's Willis's throwing error and scored on Larkee's deep fly to right field.

Sermons also scored on the fly. He had worked Davis for a walk and went to third on two passed balls by Don Willis, catching.

That was all for Davis. Manager Willis called for Parkins. Parkins walked Gehrmann Guthrie, Salter Path, and gave up the fly ball pitch that scored the two runs. He got Freeman to fan, ending the inning.

Haskett Scores

The West added another in the top of the ninth when Haskett led off with an automatic double, was wild pitched to third, and scored on Widgeon's single.

The climax came in the bottom of the ninth after two outs. The fans started leaving when Carl Sadler, Beaufort, approached the plate.

He spanked a single to left center off Sermons. John Willis was hit by a pitched ball, and John Hamilton strode to the plate. The remaining fans started screaming for John to plant one, and the fans began to pour back into the stadium.

John was up to the moment, hitting a double to center to tie the game up. But Sermons, cool as ice, now had to face Buddy Willis, one for four, but plenty dangerous.

Buddy Strikes Out

Buddy struck out, to the mixed joy and disappointment of the partisan crowd.

Sermons opened the 10th, grounding out from catcher to first. Guthrie hung around for a free ticket, but was forced at second by Larkee.

It seemed all over but the shouting. Freeman was up and he was 0-2 so far. He promptly belted the first pitch up against the wall in left field to score Larkee. He died on second when Bass popped to Parkins.

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