

Newsome Loses Seven-Hit Opener, Jim Piner Routed

Elvin Davis Stars at Plate For Losers in Both Games, Ray Robinson Homers

By Fred Miller

Morehead City snapped out of a first place tie with a bang over the weekend, ringing up 4-2 and 13-4 victories over Beaufort, behind the sterling twirling of righthanders Fred Taylor and Tom Woody.

The twin wins' shot Morehead City two games ahead of second place Beaufort in Carteret County league play, and left Manager Charles Hassell's nine feeling as low as cellar-dwellers Marshallberg.

Before being rudely stopped by the two Morehead moundsmen, the hit-hungry Beaufort nine were playing their best ball of the season. Taylor and Woody, however, proved just as hot as the torrid weather, cooling Beaufort batsmen with a two game total of but eight bingles.

Taylor, in besting young fastballer Leonard Newsome Saturday night in a pitcher's duel, hurled his best game of the season for Manager Bill Tuttle. Hot as a firecracker, his curves and fastballs were banging with regularity past all but three Beaufort hitters — George Graybill and Lee Handley connecting for singles, and Elvin Davis driving in the only two Beaufort runs in the third with a long triple to rightfield.

Fireball Fred struck out seven and walked seven in throwing his three-hitter. Newsome, not so cool himself, gave up seven scattered singles, whiffed six, and walked five. Three free passes in the early innings, combined with a hit batsman, two wild pitches, three base hits, and four costly errors, provided his downfall, however, as Morehead pushed across one run in the second, two in the third, and one insurance marker in the fifth.

Taylor himself chased across the first tally in the second, singling in Ray Robinson who had forced Conner at second and advanced on a miscue by second-sacker Ray Hassell. Morehead added two more game-winning markers the following inning when Newsome hit Conner Boyd, following a walk to Tom Benton, a wild pitch, centerfielder Graybill's first error, and Ernie Conner's liner to left. The final run, strictly unearned, came on Haywood Kelly's bingle, his stolen base, another error by Graybill, and another wild delivery by Newsome.

By the time Davis delivered his three-bagger in the third, plating Hassell who reached first on Boyd's bobbie, and Billy Price who walked, the ball game had been won. Both chuckers thereafter duelled in earnest — Taylor blanking Beaufort with two hits, and Newsome allowing one run on four singles.

Sidearm specialist Woody took over Sunday where Taylor left off, allowing only five hits in coasting to an easy 13-4 victory. Mixing sidearm fastballs with sweeping curves and change-of-pace offerings, Woody struck out 10 and issued only two free tickets.

Jimmy Piner and Clyde Owens, however, definitely proved no Newsome as the Moreheaders pounced on their combined offerings for 13 safeties. Featuring Conner's three straight singles, Skinny Ellis' two singles, a single and a double by Bill Holt, and Ray Robinson's single and three-run homer, the Morehead men were never headed.

Starter Piner lasted less than an inning as Tuttle's boys batted around in the first inning, scoring six times on five hits. Six Moreheaders paraded to the plate before catcher Reggie Bay picked off Conner at first for the first out.

Overhand fastballer Owens finished out the opening inning with no additional damage and proceeded.

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ed along nicely until the sixth when a wild streak, plus a single by Ellis accounted for five more runs. Six batters strolled to first in the hectic inning—cleanup man Benton jogging down the line twice.

That was it for Owens—Handley hurling the remaining 2 1/3 innings in very creditable no-run fashion. The cool, blond-haired righthander didn't permit a hit while striking out one and walking two.

Davis again paced the Beaufort crew at the plate, banging out a double and a single in four trips. His fourth inning double was golfed on a rise over the rightfield wall to the right of the telephone pole.

Other long drives of the game were Woody's towering line drive over the rightfield wall in the fifth, Holt's long double off the gym in center in the fourth, a triple off the same roof in the first by Kelly, and Robinson's mighty blast over the right-center field wall in the first. Woody's prodigious double, however, was the longest drive of the game—the ball landing against a tree across the street some 385 feet away.

Diamond Sidelights

You can call it luck if you will, but Conner had a perfect day at the plate Sunday. In the first inning with runners on first and second, and Piner looking for a short sacrifice, Conner crossed 'em up with a long bunt halfway to short for a clean single. He beat out his second hit in the third on a very close race to first base with Russell, and the following inning dumped a Texas league single over second in trying to get away from an inside Owens fastball. He walked his last trip.

Tom Benton had little opportunity to display his batting wares, walking three consecutive times—once in the fourth and twice in the big sixth. The lithe left-handed cleanup man did, however, manage to poke a first inning single out over second to drive in a run. Usually dependable Boyd was the only starting Morehead swinger unable to connect safely during the hit, run, and walk marathon.

Saturday's box score:

Morehead, 4	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Holt, 3b	5	0	1	3	2	3
Gaskins, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Kelly, 1b	4	1	1	6	1	0
Benton, ss	4	1	0	3	5	0
Boyd, 2b	1	1	0	6	3	1
Conner, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Robinson, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Anderson, c	3	0	1	7	2	0
Taylor, p	4	0	1	1	1	0

Totals

Totals	32	4	7	27	14	4
Beaufort, 2	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Hassell, 2b	5	1	0	0	2	2
Price, ss	3	1	0	5	0	0
Davis, rf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Bay, c	3	0	0	6	1	0
Graybill, cf	3	0	1	0	0	2
Russell, 1b	3	0	0	7	1	0

Handley, 3b	4	0	1	6	2	0
Sadler, lf	2	0	0	1	0	1
Newsome, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Lynch	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fodrig	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals

Totals	30	2	3	27	8	5
Morehead	012	010	000	—4		
Beaufort	002	000	000	—1		

Struck out for Sadler in ninth. Grounded to third for Newsome in ninth.

RBI: Taylor, Conner, Davis 2; 2B: Davis; SB: Gaskins, Kelly, Boyd, Hassell, Russell; DP: Benton-Boyd-Anderson, Holt-Boyd, Russell-Price; LOB: Morehead 9, Beaufort 9; hits off Taylor 1, Newsome 7; SO: Taylor 7, Newsome 6; BOB: Taylor 7, Newsome 5; WP: Newsome 2, hit by Newsome (Boyd); winner: Taylor; loser: Newsome; umpires: Woodward, Brown.

Sunday's box score:

Beaufort, 4	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Fodrie, lf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Bay, c-lf-2b	3	1	1	2	2	2
Hassell, c	1	0	0	1	0	0
Davis, rf-lf	4	1	2	0	0	1
Russell, 1b	4	0	1	11	0	0
Graybill, cf	3	1	0	1	0	0
Lynch, 3b	4	1	0	1	1	0
Handley, 2b-p	4	0	1	2	3	0
Price, ss	4	0	0	2	1	0
Piner, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Owens, p-rf	3	0	0	2	3	0

Totals

Totals	33	4	5	24	10	4
Morehead, 13	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Holt, 3b	5	2	2	2	2	0
Anderson, c	4	2	1	10	0	0
Kelly, 1b	3	1	1	5	0	0
Webb, 1b	0	0	1	0	0	0
Benton, ss	3	2	1	1	1	0
Boyd, 2b	4	1	0	1	0	1
Conner, lf	3	1	3	0	0	0
Tuttle, lf	0	0	0	1	0	0
Robinson, cf	4	2	5	0	0	0
Ellis, rf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Woody, p	4	1	1	0	3	0

Totals

Totals	34	13	13	27	6	1
Beaufort	000	400	000	—4		
Morehead	600	205	00x	—13		

RBI: Robinson 3, Kelly 2, Ellis 2, Benton, Holt, Lynch, Handley, Price; 2B: Holt, Woody, Davis, Handley; 3B: Kelly; HR: Robinson; SB: Kelly 2, Anderson, Benton, Conner, Tuttle, Russell, Bay; DP: Handley-Price; LOB: Morehead 13, Beaufort 4; hits off Woody 5, Piner 5, Owens 8; SO: Woody 10, Owens 1, Handley 1; BOB: Woody 2, Piner 1, Owens 9, Handley 2; WP: Piner, Owens; hit by: Handley (Kelly); PB: Bay; winner: Woody; loser: Piner; umpires: Brown, Woodward; time: 2:36.