

County Baseball Loop Playoffs Begin Sunday

The County Baseball League playoffs will commence Sunday with two nine-inning games beginning at 2:30 p.m. Smyrna-Harkers Island, fourth place team, will travel to Atlantic, first place club. Beaufort, third place winner, will go to Salter Path which is resting in second place.

Aug. 15 Atlantic will go to Smyrna Harkers Island and Salter Path to Beaufort for two seven-inning games if necessary. Game time will be 1:30 p.m.

The semi-finals are a two out of three game series. The finals will be the best out of five game series, which will start immediately upon completion of the semi-finals.

Atlantic Seeks to Repeat

Seeking to repeat again this year will be Atlantic, last year's champions in three straight over Newport, which finished last this year.

Only one other team has had the honor of being champs in the three-year existence of the league. That team is Salter Path, which finished second this year. Last year Beaufort gained the semi-finals only to be surprised by Newport. Smyrna-HI was also in the '52 playoffs.

Final details of the playoffs were approved by league managers and officials at a meeting Wednesday in Beaufort.

League to Meet Again

The league will have one more meeting this year, date to be announced later, to distribute unused funds remaining in the league treasury, said Ray Cummins, league president and treasurer.

Attending Wednesday's meeting were Clyde Owens, Ottis Jefferson, William Gillikin, and Frank Langdale, all representing Beaufort; Ty Frost and Jake Guthrie of Salter Path; T. E. Roberts, chief umpire of Cherry Point Umpires Association; and Cummins.

Swansboro Tops Agassiz, 12-0

Swansboro crushed the Coast Guard Cutter Agassiz baseball team 12-0 Wednesday behind the three-hit twirling of Carter at Swansboro.

Agassiz Manager Earl Sells got two of the three hits given up by Carter. Lloyd Culpepper nicked Carter for the other.

Losing hurler was Sells, who was relieved by Culpepper in the fifth. Culpepper held the home team to two hits.

Swansboro opened the game with a six-run outburst in the first, adding another in the second, and scoring five tallies in the fourth. Swansboro clubbed Sells for 11 safeties, two of them triples and one double.

Pacing Swansboro was Parker with two for three, both triples.

Score by innings: **R. H. E.**
Swansboro ... 6 10 5 0 0 x—12 13 1
Agassiz ... 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 2

Mordecia (Three-Fingered) Brown was the first pitcher in the major leagues to hurl four consecutive shutouts. He got them in 1908.

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