

Beaufort Takes Two of Three Weekend Diamond Contests

Beaufort upped its average in the Tidewater League in three games with New Bern over the weekend, winning two games Sunday and losing one Saturday to boast a .667 mark for weekend play.

Saturday Beaufort lost a close one, 5-4, and Sunday the first win came easy, 12-6, while the second contest had to go into an extra stanza before the home team won out, 3-2, behind the three-hit pitching of Jimmy Piner.

Denny Gaskins, former Coastal Plains league star, was winning pitcher for New Bern Saturday with Don Koontz the losing moundsman. All of New Bern's seven hits were scattered with a triple by Connor in the fourth with two on doing the most damage.

Elvin Davis, with two for three led Beaufort at bat. Carl Sadler, three for five, Russell and Stewart, two for five each, were other Beaufort batters.

Score by innings:

	R	H	E	
Beaufort	2	10	0	4-11-3
New Bern	0	00	02x	-5-7-2

Carl Sadler literally stole the show in the first game of Sunday's double-header, stealing second, third and home after reaching first on the first baseman's error in the eighth inning. Sadler was past home plate on the final steal before pitcher Oakley's ball reached the catcher.

Sadler, Russell and Davis led Beaufort at the home plate with two for four each. Gaskins with two for five, including one of the cleanest-hit homers of the season, Connor with two for four and R. Jones with three for five were best New Bern batters.

Fred Taylor went the route for Beaufort in pitching the win. Watson started for New Bern and was relieved by Oakley in the third with the bases loaded and none out. Watson was losing pitcher.

Score by innings:

	R	H	E	
New Bern	0	10	002	-6-10-4
Beaufort	5	04	001	02x-12-9-4

Jimmy Piner held New Bern to three hits, two of them by Watson, as his teammates batted in seven counters to win against New Bern, 3-2, in an extra-inning contest in the final game Sunday.

The game was scheduled to run for seven innings but at the end of seven the score was knotted, two-all. New Bern failed to score in the top of the eighth and in the bottom frame Russell advanced to first for Beaufort after being struck by a pitched ball.

Next man up was Elvin Davis who singled, sending Russell to third. Finally Carl Sadler advanced to first on an error and Russell managed to cross home plate with the winning run.

Stewart and Koontz with two for three each led Beaufort's hitting. Watson was the only New Bern batter with more than one hit. Oakley was credited with the loss.

	R	H	E	
New Bern	0	10	001	00-2-3-2
Beaufort	0	10	001	01-3-7-3