

Not Even the Weather Can Dampen Spirit of Those Tidewater All-Stars

Not even the weather could dampen the spirit of the Tidewater League all-stars who played Wednesday afternoon at the Beaufort ball park. And the all-stars had to buck more than the weather to play ball that day.

First of all came the news early Wednesday morning that there had been several shifts in the rosters of the all-star teams. Fred Lockey of Havelock was reported in a hospital, and he was replaced by teammate Ray Robinson. Another change on the West team took place when Bob Huffine of Swansboro substituted for Newport's Joe Lashley, who was unable to get away from his job to play ball.

Joe Hill, former manager and infielder for Newport, was scheduled to manage and play for the West team, but he resigned from the Newport roster recently and this affected his status on the all-star team. Pappy Diem of Swansboro, already on the west squad as a pitcher, was called upon to manage the team.

There was only one change in the lineup of the Eastern squad. Stanley Johnson of Beaufort replaced teammate Banjo Ricks, who was unable to attend.

The all-stars were scheduled to parade down Front street in Beaufort promptly at 12:30 p.m., but parade time found the skies covering Beaufort with rain.

This held up the all-stars for 45 minutes, and when D. H. Lashley, president of the league, decided to get the parade under way, he found that the representatives of all the teams were there except Beaufort!

Mr. Lashley figured he couldn't wait any longer, however, and the cavalcade of automobiles began in a light shower.

The league had been unable to obtain a band for the occasion, so the procession found a suitable substitute in the honking of horns. The more robust of the group kept the tops of their convertibles down while an equally robust crowd began to gather as the procession moved along.

Leading the group was a Beaufort police department vehicle, then an automobile carrying Mr. Lashley and chief of police L. B. Willis. The representatives of each team had a car of their own, properly labeled.

The players' route was along Front street and down Live Oak street direct to the ball park.

It was still raining while the two teams took batting practice, but before the opening ceremonies began, the might of the skies gave way to the determination of the

all-stars to play ball no matter what.

Vida Lee Mason, queen of the Tidewater League, was to have thrown out the first ball, but when she was unable to appear, L. W. Hassell, mayor of Beaufort, obliged by showing some of the form of his younger days.

Before doing so, Mayor Hassell welcomed the fans, many of whom were visitors, and ended his short address with the hope, "May the best team win!"

The sun finally came out and the grandstand was packed. What first seemed doomed to be a postponed game turned out to a well-played, action-packed battle that most of the fans will never forget from the first pitch of the game to the great catch by shortstop Billy Davis of a pop fly in the last play of the contest.

It was one time the weatherman had met his master.

Palmer's 2-Hitter Stops Jacksonville

In Saturday's Tidewater League affair between Jacksonville and Harkers Island Straits at Harkers Island, the home team came through with an 8-2 victory behind the two-hit pitching of Palmer.

In turning in this performance, Palmer struck out 13 and walked four. He also hit one batter with a pitched ball.

Palmer's pitching opponent was Al Kubiski, who was relieved by Smith in the sixth. Kubiski fanned five and walked five. Eight of the winners' hits were garnered off Kubiski while the other four were with the compliments of Smith. Kubiski was charged with the loss.

Moe Willis led the Harkers Island attack with three hits in four times at bat. Pigott, with 2-for-3, also starred.

The two Jacksonville hits were by Williams and manager Buddy Phillips.

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