

Morehead Tops Newport Twice Webb and Price Star On Hill

Morehead City protected its two-game margin over second place Beaufort with two hard earned victories over Newport last weekend, and can now clinch the Carteret League title by taking two out of three games to be played with hapless Marshallberg next Saturday and Sunday.

Morehead came from behind to score a 5-2 win in Saturday's tilt at Newport, but it took a sensational relief job by shortstop Charlie Price to give Morehead a 5-4 decision at Wade Bros. park Sunday. Starting hurler Tom Woody had pitched a no-hitter through the first six innings, but in

the seventh frame he couldn't get anybody out of there except himself. An error, three singles, two walks and a hit batsman gave Newport four runs and left the bases loaded with none one. The youthful Price then came in from his shortstop position to protect a 5-4 lead, and he did just that with the help of an atrocious decision by the plate umpire. Donhue, first batter to face Price, went down swinging on a pitch that was in the dirt. Wayne Benton, Newport first sacker, then was called out on a 3-2 pitch that broke down around his ankles. Benton rightfully blew up, but of course it didn't do him any good. Price then struck out the dangerous Stanley and the Newport team was finished.

Priceless Pitching

They did manage a single to open the eighth, but Price turned Lockey's attempted sacrifice into a double play—again getting a break from the umpire who missed the call at first by a step and a half.

Price then retired the last four men in order, striking out three of them. In all Price struck out six men in his three innings on the mound, and didn't walk any one.

It was a brilliant job, and a highly necessary one. Ol' Pappy Diem, after being rocked for five runs in the first two innings was untouchable on the Newport mound. He allowed only one hit over the last six innings, none in the last five, and had Newport managed to grab the lead in that wild seventh it was extremely doubtful that Pappy would have lost it.

Pappy Pelted Pronto

Morehead, however, landed on Pappy before he was really warm, scoring twice in the first inning and three times in the second. With one down in the first Connor's grounder was fumbled by

Barrington. Woody Kelly then blasted a drive to center that caromed off the roof for a two-bagger, scoring Connor. Benton's sharp single to right scored Kelly and it was 2-0 at the end of one. Mitch Burge started the Morehead second with a line drive that center fielder Lockey played into a double. Woody popped out but Holt singled to right, Burge stopping at third. With Connor at the plate Diem started to throw to first, then hesitated for a balk. That scored Burge and moved Holt to second whence he scored on Connor's single. Kelly then slammed his second straight double, a smack that hit the base of the right field wall. The blow scored Connor with the fifth and final Newport run as Diem suddenly found his stuff. From that point until the finish, in six and two-third innings, Diem allowed just one hit.

Morehead hurler Tom Woody, meanwhile, was mowing down the Newport batters with the greatest of ease. Only one man reached base off him in the first four innings—Barrington coaxing a walk in the second. Woody walked two in the fifth, but struck out Widgon to end the threat. With two gone in the sixth center fielder Connor saved Woody's no-hitter when he went up against the center field wall to make a one-hand grab of Wayne Benton's smash. But that belt augered ill for Woody, and sure enough, he fell apart completely in the seventh.

Woody Walks Out.

Stanley opened up with a bouncer that second baseman Tom Benton messed up. Barrington then broke the no-hit spell with a wicked liner that hit the right field wall. It went for a single, moving Stanley to second. Lockey then stepped in and belted another one off the wall. This too went only for a single as the runners held up to make certain the ball would not be caught. Woody then lost his control. He hit Diem on his bald noggin to force in one run, and then walked pinch-hitter Justice to force in another marker. Widgon popped a Texas leaguer into short left and it was 5-3, with still no one out. When Woody forced in a fourth run by walking Kenny, he was yanked in favor of Price. Price, who had been playing at short, had very little time to warm up, but he looked like a 1941 Hugh Casey as soon as he started to fire them in.

Unearned Victory

Three unearned runs in the ton of the sixth gave Morehead its Saturday win over Newport. Morehead had tallied in the opening inning on doubles by Holt and Tom Benton, but Newport came right back to take a 2-1 lead. Justice singled, and came all the way around on Wayne Benton's double. Benton then raced home on Stanley's single. Morehead hurler Webb struck out Barrington and Lockey to end the first, and pitched shutout ball the rest of the way.

Morehead tied it in the fourth when Newport pitcher Donhue walked Benton and Tuttle and gave up a single to Price. Then came the big sixth and the ball game.

Kelly opened with a single but was tossed out trying to stretch it

SCHEDULE

Morehead Recreation

Tuesday

9-12 Field Day, Beaufort and Morehead Boys and Girls at Morehead U.S.O. Bldg.

Wednesday

9 a.m. Midget baseball practice. R.A.s., Eagles, Methodists, and all gnomes under three ft.

Thursday

10 a.m. Swimming
11 a.m. Intermediate baseball practice.
1 p.m. Girls' basketball.
2 p.m. Football and volleyball.

Friday

9 a.m. Midget baseball practice.
10 a.m. Intermediate baseball.
1 p.m. Swimming.
2:30 p.m. Basketball.

Saturday

9 a.m. Hike.

Play-offs and Protests Concern Softball Heads

Two protested games and play-off plans will be discussed Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. when local softball managers and/or representatives meet at the Civic Center.

The two games under protest have a vital bearing on the tight race for first place as they involve both the first place American Legion and the second place Morehead City Marines.

The Beaufort Odd Fellows have protested the Marines' victory of July 23; while the Marines have lodged a protest against the Legion's victory of July 16. Should the latter protest be decided in favor of the plaintiff it would put the Marines in first place by one game.

into a two-bagger. Benton popped out, but Tuttle walked and Woody singled. Price grounded to third and Justice fumbled the ball and then threw wildly to first. That brought in Tuttle with the tie-breaking run, and Burge's two-run single iced it.

Notes

Holt and Burge paced Morehead's attack Saturday with two hits each, while Justice picked up three of Newport's eight hits off southpaw Webb. Short stop Charlie Price had been hitting like a pitcher all day Sunday, so it was poetic justice that he be called on to hurl. Price had gone down swinging three straight times for Diem. Tom Benton went two for five over the weekend, and maintained his team leading batting average of .382. Woody Kelly is number two for Morehead with a lusty .370 average. Kelly is as smooth a fielding first baseman as we have seen, and that goes for the majors. Four of Price's six strike-outs Sunday were on bad pitches. One was a called strike, but the batters swung on the others. But for the over-anxiousness of Newport batters Price would have had a rough time. Morehead plays a single game at Marshallberg Saturday and will play a double-header against the same team at Wade Bros. park next Sunday beginning at 1:30.

Saturday Game

Morehead City 100 103 000—5 7 2
Newport 200 000 000—2 7 2
Webb and Burge; Donhue and Stanley.

Sunday Game

Newport 000 000 400—4 4 2
Morehead 230 000 000—5 7 1
Diem and Stanley; Woody, Price (7), and Burge.