

#40 1948 July 13 - Jacksonville Splits with Morehead

Sharpe Hurls 3-Hitter to Stop Jacksonville Saturday; Webb Loss Sunday

Morehead City split its twin bill with Jacksonville over the week end to lose its position as leader of the Tidewater League, as Swansboro swept its two games with Newport. Morehead took Saturday's game at Jacksonville, 4-3, and then came home Sunday to lose, 6-3.

Clifton Sharpe pitched Saturday's game for Morehead and twirled a neat three-hitter. Allen was Sharpe's opponent on the mound and was charged with the loss.

Morehead pushed the two winning runs across in the sixth inning to come from behind a 3-2 deficit. Gordon Watson and Jack Gardner each had 2 for 4.

In Sunday's contest, Louie started for Morehead but was replaced by Jim Webb in the third inning. Webb was charged with the loss. Johnson started and went the route for Jacksonville to clinch the win.

In Sunday's game, Morehead tied up the score twice, but was unable to go into the lead.

Jacksonville started the fireworks with two in the first inning. Gill reached first on Francis Stoy's miscue and went to second when Woods walked. Heath forced Woods at second, moving Gill to third, and when Allen grounded out third to first, Gill scored and Heath moved to second. Heath tallied on Ralph Byrd's base hit.

Morehead retaliated with two in the second. Roland Brinson walked and stole second. Harry Salter also walked, and both runners tallied on Louie's double.

Jacksonville went ahead again with a run in the third frame. Heath doubled but was caught at third on Allen's fielder's choice grounder back to the mound. Allen stole second, and two passed balls later, Allen scored.

Once more Morehead tied it up, scoring a run in the lower half of the third. Stoy and Gordon Watson singled, and when Jack Gardner sacrificed himself to move the two runners, the Jacksonville defense got confused as to who was going to cover first base, allowing Gardner to reach first safely.

On the play, however, Stoy tried to score from second but was cut down at the plate. Joe Hill then brought in Watson from second with a base hit.

Things stayed 4-3 until the seventh inning when Jacksonville pushed another run across. Heath singled but was caught stealing. Allen got a life through George Stillway's error at third base and then pilfered the second base bag. Huffman's hit brought him in.

Jacksonville's final run of the game was tallied in the eighth session. Vincent doubled, took third on a passed ball, and came home on Gill's long fly to centerfield.

Jacksonville threatened again in the ninth by loading the bases after two were out, but were unable to score.

It looked for a few seconds that Morehead might pull another one of those last-minute rallies in the ninth, but the attempt fizzled. An error by the shortstop, Vincent, and a base hit by pinch-hitter Cagle sandwiched a pop out by Stillway. Pinch-hitter Sadler and pitcher Webb ended the threat by striking out and popping up, respectively.

Saturday's Game

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Sunday's Game

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