

16 Hits Overwhelm Beaufort; Hooper Backs Johnson With Homer Sunday

Beaufort and Harkers Island-Straits divided their twin bill over the weekend. Harkers Island took Saturday's game at Beaufort, 13-5, but dropped Sunday's tilt at Harkers Island, 5-2.

Footsey Palmer of football fame started and went the route for Harkers Island, and just about won the whole game by himself. Roger Thrift started for Beaufort and was the loser. He was relieved by Charles Pinnochio in the second.

In Sunday's affair at Harkers Island, Stanley Johnson notched his first victory in a Beaufort uniform by three-hitting the big bats of the foe. His opponent on the mound was Carl Anderson.

Tracy Hooper highlighted the Beaufort offense with a home run with no one on base.

Saturday's slugfest saw Palmer win the game for Harkers Island-Straits almost single-handedly. Besides holding Beaufort at bay with his pitching, Palmer singled, doubled, tripled and homered in five times at bat. The home run came with the bases loaded.

Palmer also scored four times and batted in seven runs.

Harkers Island scored first with a tally in the initial frame. Palmer singled and came in on Lee Hawkins' double.

Beaufort tied it up in the lower half of the inning, which was the only time Beaufort was on even terms with Harkers Island during the whole game. Three consecutive singles, all off Palmer's first serves, by Ben Hester, Ray Hassell and Verbanic accounted for this run.

Harkers Island scored five times in the second. Gaskins singled and reached second when Mack Pigott got a life on Collier Hill's error. Thrift then balked and gave a base on balls to catcher Wilson Davis. A single by Carl Anderson brought in one run, but left the bases loaded. Palmer then belted one out of the park in left.

Beaufort made the score 6-3 with two runs in the same inning. Joe Pasquale walked, but was forced by Tracy Hooper at second. Hooper was trapped between second and third on Hill's fielder's choice, but evaded the third baseman's tag, putting runners on second and third. Both came in on Bill Gillikin's hit.

Beaufort pushed across another tally in the third inning. Tom Benton reached first on the second baseman's error and then stole

second base. He rode in on Hooper's two-base hit.

Harkers Island made it 9-4 with three in the sixth session. Pigott singled and was safe at second when Verbanic erred on Davis' grounder. Anderson's hit loaded the bases, and another single by Dave Yeomans brought a run in to score. With the bases still full, Palmer walked, forcing in a run, and when Hawkins bunted, the third run of the inning came across the dish.

Beaufort retaliated feebly with a run in the lower half of the same frame. Hester reached first via shortstop Pigott's boot and got to the keystone sack by pilfering it. Hassell's single brought in Hester.

Harkers Island really piled it on with two in the eighth and two more in the ninth to complete the bombardment. In the eighth, Yeomans reached first on an error and came in on Palmer's triple. Hawkins' single a few seconds later, scoring Palmer, accounted for the other run in the inning.

Davis started the ninth by strolling and scored on Palmer's double. Palmer could get only as far as third on Hawkins' single, but with Hawkins trapped between first and second, Palmer broke for home. Verbanic's throw was high and allowed Palmer to come in with Harkers Island's 13th run.

Saturday's Game

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| Harkers Island | 13 | 16 | 5 |
| Straits | 5 | 8 | 6 |

Morehead Boat Standings

| POINT SCORES | |
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| Comets | Points |
| Pou | 5 |
| Moore | 4 |
| Pate | 3 |
| Cunningham | 2 |
| McClamrock | 1 |
| Handicap | Points |
| Whealon | 3 |
| D. G. Bell | 2 |
| E. Davis | 1 |
| 18 Foot Division | Points |
| Bright | 2 |
| Wade | 1 |