

Playoffs Start Sunday At Atlantic, Smyrna-III

After being washed out by heavy rains Sunday, the best two of three playoffs in the Carteret County Baseball League will get underway this Sunday afternoon with Atlantic playing host to Newport and Smyrna-Harkers Island playing host to Salter Path.

Smyrna-Harkers Island and Salter Path wound up the season with identical records to tie for second place, and Smyrna-III has the first game at their diamond because they won the flip of a coin.

Each of the games this Sunday will be nine-inning contests, and the second contests, and third if needed, will be played at the Newport and Salter Path diamonds, and will be seven-inning games.

Manager Tye Frost of Salter Path is expected to use either Bobby Bass or Jerry Pittman against the Smyrna-Harkers Island team with Manager Wilson Davis expected to counter with either himself, Don Coates or Jamie Lewis.

At Atlantic, Manager John Hamilton will probably use Joe Willis on the mound for the All-Stars and Manager Eugene Haskett, hitting hero against Beaufort several weeks ago with a pair of homeruns, is expected to start either Lloyd Culpepper or Mel Adcox.

Newport has been the hottest club in the loop over the second half of the campaign, after it was feared that the team would have to drop out of the league. It is believed by many of the baseball experts in the county that they'll be the team to beat in the playoffs.