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# Newport Loses in First-Round Of Single-A Playoffs at Bath

First-inning difficulties cost Newport a 1-0 loss at Bath Monday, a single elimination game in the complicated state single-A playoffs.

W. Biggs, Bath's lead-off man, reached first on a throwing error, and moved on to second. The next three batters drew walks, scoring Biggs, the winning run for Bath.

Coach Eugene Edwards, Newport, says the mound was a good bit higher than most and that pitcher Leo Winberry had a diffi-

cult time adjusting. Bath was unable to get a runner beyond second after the first inning.

After a costly first inning, Winberry went the distance, striking out 5, walking one more and allowing only one hit. The winning pitcher was J. Everett, who also went the distance. He struck out 17, walked none and gave up one hit.

The Hawks committed three errors in all, while Bath made none. The home team did, however, allow five balls to get past the catcher. "We hate to lose it, but we feel we played a good ball game."

Newport had only two base run-

ners during the entire contest. Skip Johnson singled in the second inning, the Hawks' only hit, then moved to second and third on passed balls. But he died there.

In the seventh inning, Jimmy Aycock was hit by a pitch. He advanced to second on a passed ball, but his teammates couldn't bring him home.

H. Harris got Bath's only hit of the afternoon, a single in the third inning. But he was picked off while trying to steal second. The winners will play Topsail now. The eventual single-A champions must win seven games in all to claim the title.