



## Viewing Sports

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### Pony League Needs Players

Registration for the county Pony League was held Saturday in four communities and, with the exception of Beaufort, was disappointing to league officials.

In Morehead City only 19 boys signed up to play baseball this summer. Because of the small number, league officials have decided to hold another registration period this Saturday. It will be held at the recreation center again from 9-12 and 1-3.

William Roy Hamilton, secretary of the league, said that a lot of boys eligible might have thought they wouldn't have the time to play since they work during the summer.

The league will play all of its games at night on the Beaufort high school diamond which means that boys will be able to have their jobs and still play. Sponsors are being sought for the proposed six-team league and all uniforms and equipment will be furnished. The six teams in the league will be from Smyrna and Newport and two each from Morehead City and Beaufort.

Players between 13 and 15 years of age who have not registered are urged to do so as soon as possible. In Smyrna Jim Parkin is handling the signing up and Newport players are asked to contact Thomas Dickinson. Players who aren't able to register Saturday in Morehead City can make arrangements to do so by contacting league president Frank Cassiano.

### Boots and Bingles

One coach who might admit he was happy to see a game rained out is Smyrna baseball coach Jim Parkin. Monday Jim's Blue Devils were scheduled to meet Vanceboro in the first game of the state playoffs at New Bern but wet grounds prevented the two teams from playing there.

It had rained the day before here, too, but the well-drained diamond at Smyrna was in good condition so the game was moved there and the Blue Devils came through with a 3-1 win over Vanceboro on their home field.

A lot of work was done last winter on the field, laying underground tile for the purpose of drainage, and the results were seen Monday afternoon. The rest of the field is in excellent shape too. The new infield, dugouts, and fence make it a real attractive facility.

The field will be the scene of the county's biggest summer sports attraction Sunday, July 3. The event is the County League All-Star game and plans now under way promise to make it an event well worth the money. Besides the baseball game, which will be the big attraction, a beauty contest will be held to select a county baseball queen. Mark that Sunday on your calendar and plan to attend the baseball game and have a good time.

That's 30 for now.

## Butch Hassell Selected For East-West Tilt

Beaufort basketball ace, Butch Hassell, received word Wednesday that he had been selected to play in the annual East-West All-Star basketball classic to be played in August at Greensboro.

The game is the annual clash between the best in the high school ranks of the western part of the state against the best from the eastern part of the state.

The coach of the eastern team this year, the squad that Butch was named to, is Tunney Brooks, successful cage mentor of Lumberton high school.

Coach Tom McQuaid of Beaufort high school said that official notice of the playing date of the All-Star game hasn't been received as yet but added that it would be released as soon as it becomes known.

Butch this year led Beaufort to its second consecutive state championship and was named to All-County and All-State teams during the year. He was also named the most valuable player in the Class A state tournament at High Point.