

Newport Semi-Pros Down Morehead B

Rain Halts First Contest in Ninth With Score Tied

Ex-Major Leaguer Allows Three Hits as Mates Hop On Webb for 12 Bingles

By Fred Miller

Behind the superb chucking of ex-major leaguer Jake Wade, Newport racked up a 6-3 win over visiting Morehead City Sunday afternoon in the second game of the hard-fought Tidewater weekend series. Saturday's contest at Wade Bros. park was called off in the bottom of the ninth, due to rain, with the score standing 1-1, nobody out, and Jack Wallace on first. The game will be continued the next time the two teams clash at Morehead City.

In both games Newport proved superior in hitting and pitching departments. Sunday, while Wade scattered three base hits before some 450 jubilant Newport fans, his mates hopped off loser Jimmy Webb for 12 bingles, including three doubles. And while Manager Bill Tuttle's nine garnered but five hits of righthander Joe Hill Saturday, Newport, led by young Harold McCabe's round-tripper, found Tom Woody for seven safeties.

Enough can't be said about youthful shortstop McCabe—star of the series. The loose, right-handed batter banged a total of six hits in eight trips to the plate, knocking in two runs and scoring twice. On the field, he handled eight chances at short flawlessly.

But McCabe wasn't the only big sticker Sunday as Manager Wayne Benton's boys tore into the south-paw slants of Webb. Hefty left-fielder Steve Olkowski collected 3-5, including a double in the first inning which drove in a run, and Henry Sermons followed with two timely hits, driving in three big tallies.

Wade Wild

Backed up by the Newport hit parade, long lefthander Wade showed fans just what it takes to make Class AAA. Though wild, (he walked eight) the former Washington and Chicago White Sox ace never was in trouble after the first two innings.

Continually working the outside corners, Jake had the opposition skying infield pop-ups or rolling easy grounders all afternoon. He managed to strike out seven despite holding his fastball in check most of the game. In the first two innings catcher Bill McKinney had trouble holding onto Jake's breaking and dipping deliveries, but both worked together better as the innings progressed.

Webb, in going the route for the losers, was knocked for at least one hit in every inning except the seventh when Newport went down in order. The lean lefthander oft-times was in trouble but managed to pitch his way out with men on the base paths. Eight strikeouts, however, helped to strand 10 Newport baserunners.

The opening innings were nip and tuck with each team scoring a run in the first and two in the second. Bill Holt opened the game with a ground single between first and second, went all the way to third when Wade threw wildly past first on Skinny Ellis' sacrifice, and scored on Haywood Kelly's trickler just in front of the plate.

Olkowski Doubles

But Newport came right back on a walk to peppery little leadoff man George Stillway, Hill's bounder to second, and Olkowski's long two base smash to the rightfield fence.

The following inning Morehead again spurred to the front on walks to Harold Bass and Holt, and some of the fanciest base running seen by fans this year. Ellis then forced Bass at third, and at this point, Holt and Ellis worked two successive double steals, with Holt racing into home safely before startled Wade could fire the ball to McKinney. Wade, obviously disgruntled, then let fly a wild sinker and Ellis tallied from third.

Tidewater Results

SATURDAY
New Bern-Midway Park, rained out.
Havelock-Beaufort, rained out.
Newport 1, Morehead City 1 (called in 9th, rain).
SUNDAY
Havelock 9, Beaufort 7.
Morehead City 3, Newport 6.

grunted, then let fly a wild sinker and Ellis tallied from third. But that was the last run for Morehead as Wade, working faster by the inning, threw shutout ball the rest of the way, giving up a 325-foot double to Woody against the left-center fence in the third, and a single to Kelly in the seventh.

Newport meanwhile tied the game in their half of the second by combining two walks with McCabe's double and successive singles by Benton and Sermons. Two more tallies in the third and one in the sixth iced the contest — the big bats of Buckshot Haskett, McCabe, Sermons, Stillway, and Olkowski booming.

Haskett started the game-winning rally by doubling a curving liner to the leftfield fence. McCabe followed with a short single over second, Benton walked and stole second. Sermons then drove in the third run of the game on a broken bat hopper to short which Wallace booted. And after Wade fanned, Stillway came through with a line drive into right plating Benton.

McCabe Blasts

In the sixth Olkowski, who had drilled a single over second and stolen second, rode in on McCabe's blast into leftfield for the final tally.

Saturday's game, however, was much more dramatic—Woody and Hill hooking up in a fancy total 12-hit pitchers' battle. Fastballer Woody allowed seven hits while Hill gave up five hits, struck out six, and walked five.

So effective did both hurlers prove, that it wasn't until the fifth inning that Newport finally broke up the double washwash job by scoring on McCabe's terrific wallop atop the gym. The youthful slugger stepped into the first Woody offering, a high fastball, and sent it on a line way over Ellis' head to the gym roof. The fast-traveling ball then shot out over the centerfield wall as smiling McCabe jogged around the bases.

Woody Wallops

Woody personally evened it up in the eighth, however, when he connected for a long double over

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Jim Piner Picked 'Athlete of Week'

Former Beaufort Diamond Star Sports 4-1 Record Against College Foes

Beaufort's 19-year-old Jimmy Piner was chosen "Athlete of the Week" by East Carolina Teachers college student newspaper last week, climaxing a fine high school and college sports career.

While attending Beaufort High school he participated in both baseball and basketball, performing his first two years on the diamond at shortstop, then being switched to the outfield.

It was during his stay in the outfield that Piner was called on to pitch after all Sea Dog hurlers were blasted from the mound by a rampaging visiting nine. Stiffing the bats of the enemy, he was converted on the spot to a hurler and has been on the hill ever since.

4-1 Record

His record as a first year member of the ECTC ball club has been, indeed, auspicious. With a record of four wins and one defeat, he has handed out lickings to Montclair, N. J., Western Carolina Teachers college, Catawba, and arch rival Atlantic Christian. The lone setback came in a relief role against Elon.

So far his best game has been a two-hit effort against the Catawbas of Western Carolina.

Piner's pitching prowess has not come without hard work. Throughout the past summer he hurled with Beaufort in the fast Tidewater semi-pro league.

And the only obstacle at present in his baseball future is the possibility of a call into the armed services.

Salter Path Wallops Bogue 8-1 Behind Frost's 2-Hitter

Henry Frost threw two-hit ball and struck out 15 as Salter Path punted Bogue 8-1 in a seven inning independent contest Sunday at Salter Path. Marine hurler Bill Erickson took the loss, giving up five hits while setting seven down on strikes.

A four-run fifth and two-run sixth, in which Salter Path bunched four singles with three costly walks, provided the margin of victory.

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