

Morehead firmly entrenched itself in first place in the Tidewater League over the weekend by topping Newport twice, 9-8 and 8-6.

Clifton Sharpe started Saturday's game for Morehead, but had to be relieved by James Webb in the fifth, Webb taking credit for the win. Harry Salter did the catching.

Milton Meares started for Newport but got knocked out in the sixth in favor of Melvin Aycock. Cookie DiChiara handled the catching chores.

Sharpe tried again in Sunday's game but had just about the same luck, and Joe Hill relieved him in the fifth when Newport rallied for five runs. Salter caught in this one also.

Elbert Garner started for Newport Sunday but was relieved by Meares in the second. Meares was charged with the loss. DiChiara was the catcher.

Newport started off with a bang in Saturday's fray with two in the first. June Haskett slapped a home run over the right field wall with George Stillway, who had walked, on base.

Morehead came back with three in the lower half of the same frame. Francis (One-Pitch) Stoy

led off with a homer over the right field wall on Meares' first offering.

Wayne Benton then walked, stole second, and came in on Foolsy Palmer's single. Piggie Smith, who had a perfect 4-for-4 day, singled Palmer to second, and a double error by the centerfielder in retrieving the hit enabled Palmer to tally.

Newport went ahead, 4-3, with two runs in the third. Meares strolled, reached second on the first baseman's miscue, took third on an infield out, and came in on Cookie DiChiara's base hit. Haskett, who had also walked and who had pilfered second, likewise tallied on the hit.

Morehead tied it up in the lower half. Jack Gardner singled and stole second, taking third when the catcher's throw went into the outfield. Gardner then came in on Palmer's fly ball to center.

A three-run uprising by Newport in the fifth knocked out Sharpe and brought in Webb. Ernie Connor walked, Meares got a hard single, and Stillway strolled to load the sacks with no out.

Haskett hit into a force out at the plate, but DiChiara's hot grounder, which was labeled "double play," was muffed by Stoy, allowing two runs to score. An infield hit by Wallace Hill moved up the runners, but when Smith throw the ball wild in an attempt to catch Hill, Haskett scored.

Morehead made the score 7-6 with two in the same inning. Benton blasted along high line drive double into center, scoring on Pal-