

# Morehead Takes League Championship By Topping H.I. - Straits, 18-3, Saturday, Taking Forfeit Sunday

## By Topping Forfeit Sunday

Morehead City swept its double-header with Harkers Island-Straits over the weekend to become the 1948 Tidewater League champions as Swansboro failed to sweep its three-game weekend series and ended the season one half game behind Morehead. Morehead won 18-3 Saturday and took a 9-0 forfeit victory Sunday.

Jim Webb started for Morehead in Saturday's tilt and was relieved by Piggy Smith in the sixth inning in order to save Webb for the next day. Harry Salter did the catching.

Wilson Davis started for the losers and he was relieved by Pigott in the fifth. Fournier shared the catching duties with Gaskill.

Morehead scored two in the first. Francis Stoy got on base through an error, made second on Wayne Benton's single, took third on a passed ball, and came in on Jack Gardner's fly. Benton came in on an infield out.

Another run was added in the third. Gardner singled and stole second. Following an infield out, Gardner scored on a fielder's choice.

Harkers Island made it 3-1 with a run in the fourth. An error by Webb, a stolen base, and a single by Maraskin accounted for this tally.

Morehead countered with four runs in the lower half of the same frame, making it 7-1. Stoy doubled and Benton walked. A passed ball and a wild pitch brought in Stoy, and Benton stole second. A wild pitch brought Benton to third, and after Gardner walked, the two runners executed a delayed double steal. Benton scoring and Gardner taking second.

Gardner took third on a wild pitch, and following Smith's free pass, the runners pulled another delayed double steal. Charlie Freeman was hit by a pitched ball, and after Smith pilfered third, another double steal was worked.

Morehead made it 9-1 with two in the fifth. Webb walked and Benton connected for a home run over the rightfield wall, scoring Webb.

Harkers Island tallied one in the top of the sixth. Pigott walked, stole second, and came in on Gaskill's double.

Morehead continued the barrage with two in the lower half. Freeman opened the inning by homering over the rightfield wall. An error by the shortstop gave Roland Brinson a life, and double by Carl Sadler brought him in.

The final Straits run was scored on a hit batsman, a stolen base, and a hit by N. Hancock.

Three more Morehead runs were chalked up in the next stanza. Gardner and Smith opened with walks and a single by Brinson tallied Gardner and moved Smith to third. After Brinson stole second, both runners were brought in on Webb's hit.

The climax to the bombardment came in the eighth, when Morehead scored its final four runs.

Benton singled, and after moving around on some wild pitches, scored on an infield out. Smith got a free life on an error, stole second, and came in on a wild pitch. An error by the rightfielder enabled Freeman to reach first. An infield out and a hit by Sadler scored Freeman. Sadler scored following an error by the first baseman and a single by Joe Hill.

**Saturday's Game**  
H.I.-Straits 000 101 100—3 4 6  
M. City 201 422 34x—18 13 1

## Beaufort Takes 8th, 9th Straight Over Weekend

Beaufort stretched its victory streak to nine straight games over the weekend by topping Jacksonville twice, 16-2 and 7-0, in the final games of the regular 1948 Tidewater League season.

Stanley Johnson hurled Saturday's victory and fashioned a two-hitter while doing so. Johnson had, however, five Beaufort errors committed by the defense behind him, as did the Jacksonville tossers.

In winning, Johnson added nine more strikeouts to his already long list of victims. Butler called the signals behind the plate.

Dunray started for Jacksonville but was relieved by Williams in the second inning. William stayed on until the finish to absorb whatever punishment the Beaufort offense still had in store, which was plenty. Sagders did the receiving.

Leading the Beaufort attack was Penner Boyd, with a perfect 4-for-4 afternoon. Jack Wallace homered with one on in the seventh inning.

Leslie Sharpe pitched Sunday's victory for Beaufort, and while allowing seven Jacksonville safeties, spaced them so well that there was never any serious threat to his shutout. Leroy McIntosh was Sharpe's target.

Woods and Heath constituted the battery for Jacksonville.

Beaufort scored single runs in the second, third, and fifth innings, climaxing the attack with four in the sixth.

In the second, McIntosh reached first on an infield hit and was sacrificed to second by Ray Hassell. A single by Butler brought in McIntosh with the initial tally of the ball game.

A double by Tom Benton and another single by McIntosh accounted for Beaufort's marker in the third frame, making the score 2-0.

Benton, first man up in the Beaufort half of the fifth stanza, singled and pilfered second. Benton reached third on an infield out by McIntosh and scored when the shortstop unsuccessfully attempted to cut him off at the plate on Ray Hassell's grounder.

The crusher came in the last of the sixth. Woods issued consecutive free passes to Sharpe and Ben Hester, and when shortstop Messenheimer erred on Collier Hill's easy bouncer, Sharpe scored. Hester made second, and Hill was safe at first.

Benton then came through with a base hit, scoring Hester and moving Hill to third, and when the centerfielder's throw went through Williams at third for an error, Hill counted Benton took second on the throw-in, from whence he scored on McIntosh's third hit of the day.

**Saturday's Game**  
Jackville 000 000 011—2 2 5  
Beaufort 240 611 20x—16 13 5  
**Sunday's Game**  
Jackville 000 000 000—0 7 3  
Beaufort 011 014 00x—7 12 0

Miss Myrtle Holder, of Durham, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flowers last week.

## Swansboro Drops to 2nd After Split With Havelock; Marshallberg Wins, Ties

Swansboro split its double-header with Havelock Sunday, losing the first game, 6-5, and coming back to win the nightcap, 7-1. The loss of the opener knocked Swansboro into second place from a one-day tie for first with Morehead City. Morehead, which won Sunday from Harkers Island-Straits by forfeit, finished the season a half game ahead of Swansboro.

McNeil started the first game for Swansboro but was relieved by Manager Arthur (Pappy) Diem, who was responsible for Havelock's two winning runs.

Marshallberg, returning from a temporary self-imposed exile from the league, defeated Newport in the first game of its doubleheader, 11-3, and tied in the second, 1-1. The second game was called at the end of five innings because of the 6 p. m. curfew.

In the first game, Herb Pate was the winning pitcher and Melvin Aycock the loser. The totals were 11 runs, 10 hits and two errors for Marshallberg, and three runs, six hits and two errors for Newport.

Moe Willis of Marshallberg hurled against W. Hill of Newport in the second game. Willis pitched no-hit ball. The totals were one run, five hits, and one error for Marshallberg, and one run, no hits and no misuses for Newport.

Morehead City's yacht basin Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, while the smaller and faster craft departed at noon.

From Morehead, the flotilla proceeded up the Adams Creek canal, to the Neuse River, and on to New Bern.

At New Bern, the 32 yachts paraded along the waterfront, fixing the city a look at the largest number of yachts ever assembled at one time here.

The boats then entered the Trent River and moved up it three miles to the Trent Pines Club and the end of the cruise. Sunday night, the club was host at a banquet for the cruising Tar Heels.

Gav. Cherry was aboard the state-owned boat, "Cronston," captained by Tom Basnight. The other state boats, the "Hatteras" and "Cape Fear" also participated.

The largest boat on the cruise was the Coast Guard Cutter "Pamlico" of New Bern, an 85 footer.

Plans already are underway for next year's cruise, which probably will visit different North Carolina ports and waterfronts. Sponsoring the cruises will be the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club, and the chambers of commerce in New Bern and Morehead City.