

## Salter Path Begins Defense Of Title with Twin Victories

Salter Path, defending champions of the county baseball league, opened the season at home Sunday with a pair of wins over the Coast Guard. They took the opener 6-0 as Mel Adcox pitched a six-hit shutout.

In the second game the Coast Guard was leading 5-3 going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Salter Path loaded the bases and Lloyd Culpepper walked in a run. With the score 5-4, big Purcell Jones put a line shot by third base that was good for a double and two runs — and a 6-4 victory.

In the first game Salter Path jumped on Coast Guard pitcher Braxton for 11 hits and six runs. Coast Guard shortstop Harker committed the only two errors of the ball game. The winners scored one run in the third and fourth innings and two in the fifth and sixth innings.

Adcox gained credit for his second victory of the day when he pitched his way out of a rough spot in the fifth inning. Starting pitcher Jarvis Guthrie had the bases loaded and was behind 4-3 when Adcox relieved him.

Adcox got out of the inning with only one more run being scored. He handcuffed the Coast Guard batters through the remaining two innings, and his teammates rallied for the three runs to win the game in the last inning.

Batting hero for the day was Jones who collected three hits in seven trips to the plate. All three were for extra bases — two triples and a double. He had three runs batted in.

James Hunnings, playing manager of the Coast Guard, showed fine form behind the plate. He demonstrated a good peg to the bases and handled his pitchers well. In the Coast Guard's five-run rally, he drove in two runs with a double.

Salter Path played errorless ball in both games. The Coast Guard was charged with two in each game.