

## Beaufort Forfeits Last Game Of Twin Bill at Cherry Point

### Manager Bobby Martin Leaves Team in Lurch

Tempers flew at the Beaufort-Marine Training and Replacement Group 20 game at Cherry Point Sunday afternoon. Beaufort manager Bobby Martin pitched his team from the field in the fourth inning of the second game and refused to finish the game. The Marines were leading 5-1 after taking the first game by a 6-1 margin. They won the second game by forfeit.

The officials, who guaranteed the league that they would keep all games under control, found that there is no way to make a team play if it wants to go home. But while there was a game going on they called it.

They cracked down on the Beaufort first base coach for harassing the players from the coaching box and threatened to throw Martin out of the game for disputing calls of balls and strikes.

Martin told league president Bob Seymour yesterday that he didn't think the umpires should have talked to him the way they did. He was reminded that the league has a provision for protesting games and that there was never an excuse for leaving the field.

Martin said that he had quit the team and that if they wanted to play ball they would have to find another manager. Seymour said that he would contact the players and try to organize another team to complete the season.

The Beaufort team failed to make arrangements to re-set the bleachers at the Beaufort field as had been agreed, so the league contacted the board of education and the school, getting their permission. Martin had agreed to see the Jaycees for final arrangements, but he said yesterday that he had not done so.

The only hope for Beaufort is that someone will show enough interest to take over as manager and see that the field is ready for Sunday's game with Atlantic.

Other managers in the league contacted the president and expressed disapproval of the Beaufort team's action. "This was to have been the year when everything went right," one of them said, "and maybe it is good that we can get this straight before the season gets any farther along."

Every manager in the league, except Martin, said that they had the best officiating they had seen

in the league for several years. A \$50 fine against the team for leaving the field has been temporarily suspended since Martin quit.

The fine will not be collected if the team elects a new manager, gets its field squared away and plays ball.