

# Atlantic Powers Way To Opening Day Wins

Atlantic made a big splash in opening day activities around the county circuit. They piled up 12 hits in their first game of the season to whip Smyrna-Harkers Island 15-1.

In the second game they racked up 9 hits and 5 runs for a 5-1 decision. The winners, known for good fielding and power hitting, showed that they had the pitching to go along with it this year.

Jamie Lewis started the first game for Smyrna-HI, but he was promptly shelved from the mound by the heavy timber on the Atlantic line-up. Crawford Pigott went into the game in the third inning, but he lasted only until the fourth when Wilson Davis relieved him. Davis finished the game.

Thomas Salter went the distance for the winners, allowing six hits. He struck out eight batters in gaining the victory.

Davis was top batter for the losers with two hits in three trips to the plate. Atlantic Manager Roy Cockerham got two for three with one of his hits being a three-run double. Smith, J. Willis and C. Willis also got two hits for the winners.

In the second game Butch Saunders pitched a three-hitter for Atlantic. He struck out seven visitors and the one run scored against him was unearned.

Laurie Willis pitched the game for the losers, allowing 9 hits and striking out three Atlantic batters.

## County League Has Good Umps

The county baseball league has joined the National Baseball Congress and is thus guaranteed fully-trained officials for every game.

The ump's wear regulation uniforms and act like the real officials they are. Not even the hot rivalry between Coast Guard and Salter Path shook Bob Kinsman or Wayne Howe Sunday afternoon. They called both games without the first complaint.

They took charge of the game from the minute they called "play ball" and never let it get out of hand. Managers Ty Frost of Salter Path and James Hunnings of the Coast Guard said they were well pleased with the new league set-up.

At Atlantic the story was the same. It takes good officials to take charge of a baseball game, but it also requires the cooperation of both teams.