

Charles Braxton Throws Four-Hitter in Opener

Charles Braxton pitched the Coast Guard to a 9-1 victory over Atlantic Sunday afternoon. He turned in a neat four-hitter against the league leaders to hang their first defeat of the season on them. Atlantic bounced back to take the second game in the doubleheader at Newport by an 8-3 margin.

Braxton had a no-hitter going until the fourth inning when Buddy Willis singled. Willis went to third on two ground balls and scored on a squeeze bunt by Carol Willis.

John Willis and Buddy Willis got singles in the sixth inning, and Lionel Gilgo connected for a hit in the seventh inning.

Saunders Starts

Butch Saunders, who started for Atlantic, was charged with the loss. He allowed single runs in the first, third and fifth innings. In the sixth inning he was relieved by Joe Willis during a six-run rally by the winners.

The Coast Guard collected 11 hits, including a triple by Earl Taylor and a double by Harker. Taylor and Clinton had two for three and Harker and Nick Culpepper had two for four.

Atlantic started their no-hit ace, Thomas Salter, in the second game. Salter set the Coast Guard down without a hit the last time the two teams met at Atlantic.

Salter Wins Seventh

The Coast Guard touched him for eight hits and three runs, but his teammates got to Lloyd Culpepper for 15 hits and eight runs to give Salter his seventh victory without a loss. Nick Culpepper was the only man to get to Salter for more than one hit.

He got a triple to drive in the first Coast Guard run and a single in four times at bat. His triple came in the third inning after Salter had walked Earl Sells.

Willis Blasts Homer

Buddy Willis blasted a two-run homer and a single in five trips to the plate. Joe Willis and Roy Cockerham had four times at bat for the winners. Each got two doubles and a single.

Elmo Gaskill, who went into centerfield for John Hamilton in the fifth inning, drove in a run with a single in his only trip to the plate. Carol Willis poled a double and a single in four trips to the plate.

Salter helped his cause with two hits in his four turns at bat. Hamilton hit safely once in three trips. John Willis got one for four.

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