

Atlantic Takes Big Advantage In County League Standings

Leaders Drop Salter Path In Sunday Doubleheader

Atlantic, after taking a close 7-6 decision in the first game of a twin bill at Salter Path Sunday, broke loose for 12 runs in the first inning of the second game and coasted to an 18-2 victory. The twin victories gave Atlantic a commanding four-game advantage in league standings.

Atlantic has a 15-1 record to 11-5 for Salter Path. Smyrna-III moved into third place in the standings with a pair of wins over MTRG at Smyrna.

Salter Path threatened to tighten the race in the first game as the outer banksmen jumped on Atlantic starter Thomas Salter for six runs in the first two innings.

Pitcher Rallies

Salter rallied after the second inning and pitched scoreless ball for the rest of the game. His teammates pecked away at the Salter Path lead with single runs in the third and fourth innings. Atlantic got back in the ball game in the sixth inning when they scored three runs to make the score stand 6-5 in favor of Salter Path.

The winners rallied for two runs to win the game in the top of the seventh. Gary Morris singled and moved to second on an out by Salter. Rodney Smith walked and then they pulled a double steal with Morris moving to third and Smith going to second.

A wild throw to third allowed Morris to score with the winning run. The loss was charged to Don Harkey, second Salter Path hurler.

Doubles Walloped

Buddy Willis, John Hamilton and Joe Willis hit doubles for Atlantic and Eugene Haskett and George Lewis poled two-base hits for Salter Path. Al Vaughan connected for a triple for Atlantic.

Mel Adcox started the second game for Salter Path and was knocked from the box in the first inning. He left the game after five runs had scored. Five Salter Path hurlers followed in the five-inning contest with Lloyd Frost pitching the last two innings.

Atlantic manager Roy Cockerham, who is going to Winston-Salem for five weeks, gave his team a going-away present. He knocked one into dead centerfield that was 10 feet over the fielder's head. He was on third base before the ball was recovered and he raced home before the long throw.

Cockerham and Johnny Willis hit doubles for Atlantic and Raymond Willis hit one for Salter Path. Batch Saunders, winning pitcher, allowed only four hits in the five innings.

His teammates got only 10 hits, but they had 15 walks and took advantage of two Salter Path errors.