

Atlantic Gains 19-1 Record In County Baseball League

Atlantic stretched its amazing record to 19-1 Sunday with a pair of victories over the Coast Guard at Atlantic. Atlantic hurler Thomas Salter and Charles Braxton hooked up in a tight duel in the first game, won by Atlantic 3-2. Braxton started the second game against Butch Saunders. Saunders held the Coast Guard to four hits and took an 8-1 decision.

There was not an earned run in the first game. Braxton gave up three hits and Salter surrendered four safeties. The Coast Guard struck in the first inning for their two runs.

Nick Culpepper led off by getting safe on an error. Earl Taylor struck out, but Julius Taylor walked. Ted Harker drove out a double to score two runs.

In the fifth inning Atlantic scored three runs on a pair of singles, two walks and an error. Al Vaughan led off with a single. Buddy Willis was safe on an error after Rodney Smith struck out. Johnny Willis walked to load the bases and John Hamilton drew a free pass to force in a run. Carroll Willis unloaded a single to drive in two runs and wrap up the victory for Salter.

Braxton began to tire in the second game. He allowed three runs in the first inning, four in the

fourth and one in the fifth. He was relieved by Earl Sells in the sixth inning.

Saunders gave up one run in the second inning. Harker walked, Hunnings connected for a double and Small singled to drive in the score. Julius Taylor and Culpepper were the only other Guardsmen to get hits off Saunders.

Al Vaughan and Buddy Willis were leading batters for the winners. Each had two for three. Rodney Smith got two for four. Other batters to get hits were Carroll Willis, Gary Morris and Lionel Gilgo.

Smyrna-III Shows Muscle in 12-9 Victory Sunday

Smyrna-III took a 12-9 slugfest from the New Bern Bears at Smyrna Sunday afternoon. The visiting Bears arrived fresh from taking a 9-6 decision from the combined teams of Atlantic and Smyrna-III the night before at New Bern.

Kenny Davis went the distance for the winners. It was his first mound assignment of the season. New Bern used a pair of pitchers in the contest, but neither was able to stop the power attack put on by the home team.

It was the best demonstration of batting shown by Smyrna-III in several weeks.

Charles Braxton, workhorse of the Coast Guard mound staff, lost his second three-hitter in as many Sundays to Atlantic. Both games were 3-2 decisions.

Team Raises \$50

The Atlantic baseball team raised \$50 Saturday afternoon — without throwing a ball. Wives and girl friends of team members called everyone they thought would buy a pie. Then they called everyone who wasn't asked to buy a pie and asked them to make one. The sale went over big.

Nick Culpepper has been the hottest batter in the county baseball league for the past two Sundays. He got five for seven Sunday before last and three for seven Sunday for a torrid .571 average. He is batting .259 for the season.

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