

MTRG Takes 1-0 Victory After Losing Opener 9-5

Pete Catania and Butch Saunders hooked up in the tightest hurlers' duel of the county baseball league season Sunday afternoon. Catania shut out Atlantic for eight innings before his MTRG teammates were able to get to Saunders for a run in the bottom of the eighth. The extra-inning 1-0 decision followed a 9-5-victory by Atlantic.

Thomas Salter started the first game for Atlantic and was greeted by two quick doubles. He walked the third man to face him and gave way to Saunders, who went the rest of the way.

Salter had pitched Atlantic to a 12-2 victory over the Bears at New Bern the night before.

Dean Crewse was the starting and losing pitcher for the Marine team.

The second game featured fine pitching and tight fielding by both teams. Saunders, who had allowed five runs in the first game, seemed to get warmed up right in the second game and sailed through seven innings before giving up a double and a single to successive batters.

Catania, who won the game, allowed only three hits to Atlantic batters and was never in serious trouble. He got good support in the field and became the second pitcher in the league to hold a victory over Atlantic.

The Coast Guard's Charles Braxton pitched a two-hitter at Newport last month for a 3-1 decision.

Salter Path will visit Atlantic in the final doubleheader of the season next Sunday. MTRG will travel to Smyrna-HI for a twin bill and the Coast Guard will be idle.