

Atlantic Drubs Smyrna-III In First Round of Play-Offs

Atlantic Sluggers Score 21 Runs on Home Diamond

Atlantic opened its drive for the county baseball league play-off championship Sunday afternoon with a 21-11 victory over Smyrna-III. The slugfest was highlighted by a grand slam homer by Roy Cockerham in the first inning.

Laurie Willis started on the mound for Smyrna-III but gave way to Kenny Davis after five runs had scored in the first inning. It was off Davis that Cockerham poled his big blast.

Wilson Davis moved to the mound from right field in the second inning and gave up two runs. In the fourth inning he gave up five runs on four hits and two walks.

Atlantic scored once more in the sixth inning and four times in the eighth to rack up their total of 21.

Salter is Winner

Thomas Salter went the first eight innings for the winners, giving up 14 hits. Cockerham moved to the hill in the eighth. In the

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Thomas Salter went through the first seven innings, giving up 10 hits and six runs. In the eighth inning he weakened to allow three runs to score. Roy Cockerham moved to the hill from his position at short and finished the game. He allowed two runs in the final frame.

Snoball Gaskill was the leading batter for the losers. He hit a double and a single in three trips to the plate.

Crawford Pigott poled a triple and Jerry Guthrie and King Thomas hit doubles for the losers.

In addition to Cockerham's homer, Atlantic batters got seven extra-base hits. Buddy Willis hit two triples and a double. Johnny Willis got a triple and John Hamilton got a double and a triple. Al Vaughan poled a double to complete the extra-base parade.

Next Game at Smyrna

Atlantic will travel to Smyrna-III to complete the best two of three series Sunday. Should the visitors cop the first game the series will be over. If Smyrna-III wins the first game, a second game will be played to determine a winner.

The winner of this series will play the victor of the Salter Path-MTRG series. The first game, to have been played at Salter Path Sunday, was called off.

The Marines got a long weekend and so many of them left they could not field a team. Salter Path agreed to meet the Marines in a doubleheader at Salter Path next Sunday rather than forfeit the game and rob their fans of a home game.

Salter Path manager Ty Frost said he wanted to win the games, not sneak into the play-offs with a forfeited game.