

Atlantic Pounds 18-11 Victory Over New Bern

Atlantic pounded out an 18-11 victory over the New Bern Bears at Smyrna Sunday afternoon. The game closed the season for both teams. The win gave Atlantic the unofficial coastal North Carolina semi-pro title.

After New Bern jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, the game settled down into a pitchers' duel between Sidney Manning of the Bears and Butch Saunders of Atlantic.

Manning weakened in the fourth inning to walk the bases full. A second New Bern pitcher walked two runs in before manager Billy Price called in his third hurler. He got Atlantic out with only one more run scoring.

Bears Score

From that point, both teams unlimbered their lumber and started belting the ball all over the park. The Bears scored one run in the fifth, five in the sixth and four in the ninth.

Atlantic scored one in the fifth, three in the sixth, four in the seventh and seven in the eighth. Johnny Willis unloaded a homerun for Atlantic and Manning hit one for the Bears.

Hit Triples

Saunders and Roy Cockerham, Atlantic manager, hit triples for the winners. Saunders hit his blast with the bases loaded. Cockerham also hit a double and two singles in six trips to bat.

Price and Eugene Haskett hit doubles for New Bern. The Bears chased Saunders in the sixth inning and Cockerham went in to put out the fire and pitch the rest of the game.

This has been one of the most successful baseball seasons enjoyed by Atlantic. Manager Cockerham says that fans and players have been cooperative and willing to work. Two pie sales during the season gave the team enough money to end the season a few dollars ahead.