

# Marshallberg Downs Beaufort to Take Laurels in 1948 Tidewater Playoffs

Marshallberg took one game and had another handed them on a silver platter by Beaufort for the necessary two out of three to win the Tidewater League crown and write final to summer baseball over the weekend.

Leading 5-1 in the first of the third Saturday, Beaufort went down on errors and generally poor fielding to yield a 7-6 decision to Marshallberg in the opener. Sunday's tally was 5-3 for Marshallberg.

The finals playoff between third place Marshallberg and fourth place Beaufort broke Beaufort's 13-straight winning streak. Near record crowds witnessed each game, Saturday's being at Marshallberg and Sunday's at Beaufort.

Paradox of Beaufort's defeat Saturday was the super pitching of Johnson who fanned 17 batters to tie the league record and still lost the game. Marshallberg connected for just 6 hits. The Beaufort boys recorded 13 errors, 5 of them in the 6th inning when 3 Marshallberg runners crossed home plate for pay dirt.

Superior all-round play won the 5-3 victory for Marshallberg Sunday.

Pitchers McKamey and Harris received credit for the Marshallberg wins, Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Pasquella caught for both games. Pate started Saturday's match but was relieved by McKamey in the third. Beaufort's combination was Johnson to McIntosh Saturday and Sharp to R. Hassell Sunday.

For the opening run Saturday, Beaufort's Hester went to first on a hit and to second on a passed ball; Wallace's hit sent him to third, and he came home on a first baseman's error.

Marshallberg retaliated with a trip around the bases by Holloway. Walked to first, Holloway stole second and third, and went

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to home on an error at second base.

Beaufort continued their march in the second and third stanzas, scoring two runs each inning. Johnson travelled to first on a hit, moved to second on Hester's hit, to third on a passed ball, and in home on a hit by Ray Hassell. Hassell's 2-bagger also brought Hester in for a score, after the latter had made first on his own hit and second on a passed ball. Hassell died on second when Verbanic flied out to right field.

Marshallberg recorded 3 up, 3 down on their second try, and Beaufort returned for scores by Wallace and Boyd. Wallace, first to bat, went to first on a hit, second on an error in center field, and home on a double by Boyd. Johnson brought Boyd in with a hit, but McIntosh, who had taken a base on balls, was picked off attempting to come home on Johnson's hit. This made 3 outs for Beaufort.

Three markers put Marshallberg into the ball game in the third inning, when Hansil, E. Davis, and Hawkins came in to score. Hansil made first on a hit, stole second, and was knocked in home by Hawkins. A hit by the pitcher gave E. Davis a walk, and he also travelled home on Hawkins' double. Pasquella connected with a single to bring Hawkins in but died on second when Harris went down for the count.

Marshallberg trailed Beaufort, 5-4, through the next three sessions, then made good use of Beaufort's fumbling in the seventh to score 3 runs.

Starting in the seventh, B. Davis was walked to first, came home on a single by Hansil. Errors by Johnson and Hester allowed Hansil to score. E. Davis struck out but beat it out to first on a catcher's error, went to third on a error by the shortstop, and was hit home by Hawkins. Pasquella struck out, leaving Hawkins on base.

Beaufort made a lone marker in the ninth stanza, when Hooper went the rounds on hits by Hooper, Boyd, and McIntosh, but yielded to Marshallberg, 7-6.

Meeting on the Beaufort diamond Sunday, Marshallberg took an early lead when three runners waltzed around the trail on 4 hits. Hansil, first to bat, knocked a beaut just across the edge of the park in left field, and rounded to third. A wild pitch by Sharp immediately brought him home.

Hawkins, number 4 to bat, hit his way to first, ran to third on a hit by Pasquella, and continued to home when Johnson in right field threw the ball wide of third baseman Hester's glove. Pasquella went to first on his hit and continued to second on Johnson's er-