

BASEBALL PRESSBOX

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The Wilmington Pirates administered the first defeat of the year to Beaufort here last Sunday in a wild and wooly battle 17 to 11. The locals won from Straits here Wednesday the 7th, 5 to 3 and at present the standings read 7 won and 1 lost.

Wilmington had too much power in their stick-work for Beaufort to cope with and the latter team took that particular game to get a big bunch of errors out of its system. Combine sixteen hits with nine miscues and the result is inevitable. Every member of the starting visiting team hit safely with the exception of McKenzie, catcher and every member of the locals erred with the single exception of R. Hassell, catcher.

Skipper, starting on the hill for the Pirates, held Beaufort to four runs and five hits during his seven inning sojourn. The losers hopped on Cheshire, his successor, for one tally in the eighth and for six runs off four hits and three walks in the ninth. This last ditch rally had the fans on their feet and in an uproar for the first time all day, but Wilmington's early lead was too much to overcome.

The visitors started early. Braswell, first up in the first, hit, Alford sacrificed and was safe on an error, then followed safeties by Allen, McKeithan and the first of Hines' five hits. Results: four runs. A brace was made in each of the third and fifth, the first two on two hits, two bobbles and base on balls and the next two on two hits and an error. One

came in the sixth on two hits. Two were manufactured in each of the seventh and eighth. Two doubles and an error accounted for the first duo and a walk and two base blows for the next pair. Wilmington finished off its scoring parade in the ninth, having tallied in every frame with the exception of the second and third. Two hits, a walk and two errors permitted four runs to cross the rubber.

Beaufort eased one over in the third. C. Rice was safe on an error at second, stole that bag, advanced on a fielder's choice and counted on C. Hassell's outfield fly. A hit by Clark and an error in right (the second and only errors the visitors committed) produced three markers in the seventh. A singleton was added the following verse on Vanhorn's triple and an infield out. Beaufort's ninth started off tamely enough. R. Longest walked and G. Hassell filed out. Then Clark and C. Hassell hit safely to fill the bags. F. Longest and Vanhorn were passed to each force in a run and R. Hassell and Hatsell singled to end the run-making and the nerve-wracking comedy of errors was over. Vanhorn pitched for Beaufort and R. Hassell caught him.

R. Hassell and R. Longest hurled the locals to a two hit win over Straits in the 5 to 3 encounter, the former allowing one in his six inning duty and the latter one in the final three. Beaufort got seven safeties off Roland Willis, two by R. Hassell and a double by N. Skarren.