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Greenville, N. C. The magic number is now one for the Kinston Red Devils in their bid to repeat as baseball champions of the Northeastern Conference. Although the Devils only split their two games this past week, their nearest competitors, the Rose High Phantoms lost a ten inning thriller to Roanoke Rapids on Tuesday and thereby dimmed their championship ambitions almost to a blackout status.

Last Friday, Rose gave Kinston their first loss of the year in another ten inning thriller as second baseman Stuart Jones tripled to score Alan Pate with the winning run. Ken Beamon had pitched one hit ball for six and one third innings and received credit for the win while Harvey Hill in relief, suffered his first loss. However, Hill came right back on Tuesday to defeat West Carteret 4-3 to give the Devils their 14th win of the season.

Rose won two out of three this week but that one loss could be the big one. Last Monday, Lee Gault won his fifth game of the year shutting out East Carteret 3-0 in a make up game handing Gary Lewis the loss. However, on Tuesday the Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets rose up and gave the Phants their 4th loss winning 5-4 in ten innings as Draughan got the win and Russ Smith suffered his first loss.

The Tarboro Tigers won two this week for a four game winning streak as Bob Robinson and Caldwell defeated New Bern 4-1 and Elizabeth City 8-6 respectively. Robinson won his third straight and seventh game of the year while Caldwell won his first of the campaign.

The New Bern Bears lost two tough ones to stretch their losing streak to three in a row. After the Tarboro loss on Friday, the Havelock