

Atlantic High Ball Club Wins Group 2 Class B Championship

By virtue of a neat 19-0 shut-out pitching feat by Jack Rose over Hobucken high school of Pamlico county, Atlantic high school has won the championship of district II, group 2, and the right to meet the winner of group 3 in the annual North Carolina Class B high school baseball championship tournament.

The winner of district II, which is composed of all the 14 most eastern counties, will meet the winner of district IV, which is composed of the 17 westernmost counties.

Atlantic high school holds victories over Smyrna, Hobucken, Morehead City, and over Harkers Island independent team, and over Newport and Marshallberg of the Tidewater league.

John Hamilton and Jack Rose are sparking the Atlantic attack. Hamilton's hitting and catching is outstanding. Rose in the last four starts as pitcher has won four, three of which have been shut-out victories, one being a 2-0 win over Morehead City, a class A school. In addition to his pitching, Rose is batting at a fast clip, being a distant hitter, this has added power to the scoring punch.

Rodney Smith, shortstop, and Roscoe Salter, first base, have been fielding flawlessly, as has Milton Smith, a converted catcher, now holding down second very capably.

In the outfield Bernard Nelson and Roy Willis have been causing many favorable comments by their uncanny ability to judge long hard fly balls.

This year's baseball team is proving a capable successor of the now legendary and famous Atlantic Team of 1947 that won 22 straight games. Fans will remember such names as Johnny Willis, Roland Lupton, Harry Gerock, David Willett, and others. The '49 team carries also the star of the '47 team, John Caswell Hamilton, who along with Johnny Willis are considered the two athletic greats of Atlantic high school.

Both of these names will be remembered for decades to come for their prowess as athletes in the school and county. Jack Rose is proving a successor to both and is following in their footsteps admirably.

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