

Smyrna Slaughters Pirates, 33-11 Thursday Afternoon at Home Field

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Surveying the Scene

with Hal Shapiro

• Wayne Cheek, elongated star of the Morehead City Eagles basketball squad for the past two years, has been awarded a full four-year athletic scholarship at the University of Richmond.

Wayne, 6-7 center of the Eagles, led his team in scoring for the 1955-56 season with 632 points in 22 games, and then tossed in 81 more points during the Seashore Conference Tourney won by the Eagles.

He was especially strong on rebounding, averaging 18 per game and made an average of four tap-ins per game.

Named unanimously to the All-Seashore Conference first team in 1956, it marked his second straight election by the coaches to the select team.

Wayne is a tremendous basketball player with an unerring eye at the free throw line. During the course of the past season he made good on 114 out of 144 charity attempts, a phenomenal 79 per cent, which is exceptional for a high school athlete.

Wayne was the big man in the Eagles attack, and the boy around whom Coach Gannon Talbert set up his offense. He will do a fine job at Richmond and should make all of the hoop fans of the county very proud of him.

According to the letter sent to Wayne from Coach H. Lester Hooker Jr. of the Richmond Spiders, Wayne's scholarship award is for room, board, tuition, fees and books, and was labeled by the coach as the best scholarship available at the school.

The scholarship is for the full four years, and can only be lost by Wayne's having a bad attitude, violation of training rules or by failure to pass and becoming academically ineligible.

The Spiders play a rugged schedule and freshmen can play on varsity teams, so we wouldn't at all be surprised to see Wayne's name well up among the scorers for the Virginia institution come next fall.

Smyrna-HI Ties Salter Path, 3-3

Salter Path played host to the Smyrna-Harkers Island nine Sunday afternoon in an exhibition tilt and after seven torrid innings of play the teams halted hostilities with the score tied at 3 all.

Cold weather and heavy winds prevailed throughout most of the afternoon and they were the cause of the curtailing of the game.

Jamie Lewis hurled the first two innings for Smyrna-HI, Ralph Lawrence hurled a pair, Don Coates pitched one frame and Wilson Davis pitched the final two innings.

Bobby Bass and Mel Adcox shared the hurling duties for Salter Path.

Salter Path scored its three tallies in the fifth, with Smyrna-HI scoring a single tally in the sixth and a pair of runs in the seventh.

Smyrna exploded Thursday afternoon at the home field as they trampled the Atlantic Pirates 33-11.

The victory gave the Smyrna team a 2-1 record and was the season opener for the Pirates.

Smyrna tallied their runs on 19 hits plus 20 walks, and made seven miscues afield. The Pirates scored their 11 tallies on six hits, 14 walks and they committed nine errors.

There were no home runs in the contest with Smyrna batters making six doubles.

Crawford Willis started on the mound for Smyrna and was relieved in the fourth frame by Ray Willis. Kenny Davis took over in the sixth and finished up.

Brown was the hurler for the Pirates and he was relieved in the sixth by Phillip Morris.

Smyrna started the scoring parade in the bottom of the first as they scored nine runs. They added seven in the second, five in the third, two in the fourth, eight in the fifth and finished off with two in the sixth.

Atlantic tallied four in the second, four in the fourth, two in the fifth and a single run in the sixth.

Ronald Styron was the leading hitter for the victors with 45, with George Golden leading hitter for Atlantic with 24.

The score by innings: R. H. E.
Atlantic . . . 040 421 0-11-6-9
Smyrna . . . 975 282 x-33-20-7