

Atlantic Wins 15-3 Decision Over Smyrna-HI

Atlantic rolled over Smyrna-HI by a 15-3 margin Sunday afternoon to gain the final round of the county baseball league play-offs. The team from Down East will meet the winner of the Salter Path-Marine series.

Thomas Salter and Butch Saunders combined to pitch a five-hitter for Atlantic. Crawford and Mack Pigott hit triples and Snoball Gaskill, Jamie Lewis and Crawford Pigott hit singles.

Atlantic got to starting hurler Lewis for three runs in the first inning. He gave up four more in the third and the roof fell in in the fourth inning.

Atlantic had scored seven times before Smyrna-HI could get Laurie Willis into the game to put out the fire. Willis pitched good ball the rest of the way, giving up a single run in the sixth inning.

Smyrna-HI scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh. After Salter left the game in the sixth, Saunders had a wild streak that ruined Atlantic's shut-out.

Buddy Willis poled a homerun and a single in three trips to the plate. John Hamilton drove out two doubles and two singles in five at bats, and Carroll Willis hit two triples in four turns at the plate.

Johnny Willis and Roy Cockerham hit two for three with a double being credited to each player.

Rain Halts Game At Salter Path

Rain cut short the first game of a doubleheader scheduled for Salter Path Sunday. With Salter Path leading 3-1 in the fifth inning the officials called the ball game and awarded the decision to the home team.

That leaves one or two games left in the best two-of-three series in the county league play-offs. The winner of the series will meet Atlantic for the league championship.

Jarvis Guthrie was the winning hurler for Salter Path. Dean Crewse took the loss for the Marines.

After the game was halted by rain, the Marines complained that one of Salter Path's outfielders had been playing in sneakers. This gave him an unfair advantage over players using regular baseball shoes, they said.

League president Bob Seymour has called a meeting of the board of directors for Wednesday night to iron out the difficulty and schedule the two games remaining in the series.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Fort Macon Coast Guard station.