

# VFW Nine Scores 42 Runs In Two Little League Tilts

The VFW nine racked up 42 runs in scoring two easy victories in Beaufort Little League play this week. The VFW rolled to a 20-5 win over the Moose Tuesday and to a 22-13 victory over the Little Fry Wednesday.

The Elks won Monday's game, running up an 18-9 verdict over the Little Fry.

Elks vs. Little Fry  
Four Elks batters got three hits each in paving the way to an 18-9 win over the Little Fry.

VFW vs. Moose  
The VFW scored 20 runs on nine hits, 12 walks and eight Moose errors to rack up a 20-5 victory.

VFW vs. Little Fry  
The hapless Little Fry, still looking for their first victory, absorbed a 22-13 licking at the hands of the VFW Wednesday.

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## Vacation Bible School To Start at Ann Street

Vacation Bible School at Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort, will start Monday and continue through Friday, June 20. Commencement will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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# Captain Bedsworth Leads Morehead City Marlin Derby

By BOB SEYMOUR

Current leader in the Morehead City Marlin Derby is Capt. George Bedsworth. In a 16-day period sportsmen pulled four blue marlin aboard the Dolphin, one of Capt. Otis' Lucky Seven Fishing Fleet.

This phenomenal record began on May 25 when Johnny Gray of Richmond, Va., latched onto a 317-pound blue marlin and landed him after an hour-long fight.

Captain Bedsworth's catch started a craze of blue marlin fishing that resulted in eight blue marlin landed in nine days.

First One Gets Away  
That first one got away, but 20 minutes later the 317-pounder was hung for keeps by Gray.

"I knew they were out there," he says, "but somehow we just never got around to fishing for them.

"We decided to go out and try for a marlin since the party was already here and wanted to go fishing. It turned out to be a good decision, because everybody had a good time," Captain Bedsworth continued.

After this first big marlin, Captain Bedsworth broke the record with a 381-pound giant that taped in at 10 feet 10 inches.

Gives Mate Credit  
Captain Bedsworth says that a great deal of credit for the Dolphin's marlin record should go to mate Ed Purifoy.

"We don't have any secret formula for catching blues," Captain Bedsworth says. "We have caught only four and we don't know too much about them.

"Ed and I prefer to use a two-and-a-half pound speckled trout for bait. Other captains have used Spanish mackerel and dolphin, too.

"We rig the gear so that the bait skips along the top of the water about 40 or 50 feet behind the boat. We troll at four to five miles per hour.

"He circles back around and takes the bait in his mouth and runs with it. You have to be careful here because the marlin shouldn't realize that fish has a line attached. It isn't until the marlin swallows the bait that you can set the hook and try to take up some line.

Fish are Faster  
"As soon as the marlin is hung, the mate tries to keep up with the fish. The Dolphin will make about 12 knots — that is considerably slower than a marlin travels — but the marlin usually swim in a big circle and we can cut them off by going straight.

"After tangling with a big blue for a few minutes a fisherman realizes that he has a fight on his hands. The reel gets so hot he can hardly bear to touch it. We pour water over the reel to keep it a little cooler and prevent a 'freeze-up'.

"After an hour (sometimes much longer) or so the fish begins to get tired and the angler can work him in to the stern of the boat. Once the marlin is close to the boat, the dangerous work begins.

"We lean over the stern and keep working ropes until we get one around his head and one around his tail. Even when a marlin is right up to the boat he has a lot of fight left.

"Pulling 400 pounds of wildly thrashing fish (with a two-foot bill attached) into the boat with you, is exciting to say the least." At this point Mate Purifoy showed the writer several holes dug in the deck and planking of the Dolphin.



Capt. George Bedsworth, left, and his mate, Ed Purifoy, relax after a two-day trip to the Gulf Stream. These two, aboard the Dolphin, have helped boat four blue marlin this season.

# Little Leaguers to Sell Decals in Morehead City

Morehead City Little Leaguers will sell Little League decals in town Wednesday. There is not a set price for the decals. They will be given to everyone making a contribution of a dollar or more.

League officials have made obligations coming to nearly \$2,000. They have spent about \$700 putting down topsoil and seeding the league park at Camp Glenn School. The concrete block fence will run another \$600. Playing expenses for this year at the football field will cost in the neighborhood of \$500.

The Little League had a balance on hand of \$300 at the beginning of the season. The Morehead City Jaycees contributed \$500 and the team sponsors put \$400 in the fund. A \$50 personal donation was also accepted.

not yet begun to arrive at the Morehead City waterfront. All the marlin landed so far have been caught by "regular fishing parties," according to Captain Bedsworth.

Good Dolphin Catch  
"We might have caught one or two more marlin on this last trip but the dolphin were hitting good. We brought in 42 dolphin in addition to the marlin," Captain Bedsworth declared.

He continued, "We fish the way the party wants to fish. If they want to catch lots of fish — and all of them do — we bait for the fish we think will be hitting on that day. Not too many of our customers want to spend a day fishing for nothing but marlin and take a chance on going home empty handed."

Captain Bedsworth shouldn't worry about that. Morehead City has jumped into the sports fishing spotlight as a result of his and other catches in the past two weeks. Before long, sportsmen will be coming hundreds of miles in an effort to land a big blue.

These sportsmen are used to making "water hauls" and don't mind spending several days waiting to get what they come after. When the billfishermen do get here, you can be sure where they will head — straight for the Dolphin and Captain Bedsworth.

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# Idle Hour Nine Loses to Moose In Little League

The Idle Hour dropped a 3-2 decision to the Moose in Monday's Morehead City Little League game. Moose hurler Robert McLean gave up only two hits to the losers and yielded five bases on balls. He struck out eight.

Glen Mason pitched for the Idle Hour and gave up eight hits. He held a 2-1 lead going into the fifth inning but Garland Thompson and Donald Oglesby singled and Eddie West doubled for two runs to put the game on ice for the Moose.

Mason kept his record as the stingiest pitcher in the league on free passes. He went the entire distance without walking a man.

Small Frys Win  
The Small Frys won the fifth straight game Tuesday afternoon as they posted a 17-4 victory over the Elks. Rodney Kemp started the game on the mound for the winners but left the hill in favor of Robert Griffin in the fourth inning when he developed a sore arm.

The Small Frys had staked Rodney to a 4-2 lead before he left the game. They scored four more runs in the fourth inning and nine in the fifth to rack up their total of 17 runs.

16-16 Slugfest  
Officials called a 16-16 tie after eight innings Wednesday afternoon. They gave darkness as the reason for stopping the wild game between the Moose and Small Frys. The game will be played from the point of suspension next Friday.

The Small Frys, current league leaders, had to come from behind three times in the late innings to earn a tie with the hit-happy Moose.

The Moose scored four runs in the top of the first off Small Frys pitcher Allen Colenda, making his first start of the year. The bottom of the first saw the Small Frys score five runs to take the lead.

The Moose battled back with six runs in the second and four more in the third off reliever James Davis to take a 14-7 lead. The Small Frys pecked away at the lead and tied the game in the bottom of the sixth with a four-run rally.

The Moose scored one run in the top of the seventh (first extra inning) but the Small Frys came back to score once in the bottom of the same inning. Each team scored once in the eighth.

# 25 Boys Register for Youth Baseball League Wednesday

## Cobia, Bluefish, Marlin Keep Fishermen Busy Here

By BOB SIMPSON

Cobia, bluefish and another big blue marlin have been the high spots of fishing. Cherry Point fishermen are having the fishing time of their lives tangling with cobia. Blue-fishermen are getting big blues trolling, plugging and bottom fishing.

C. L. Safritz of Salisbury is the latest contender for the marlin trophy with a 428 1/2-pounder that measured 11 feet 4 inches. Fourth marlin for the boat Dolphin and her skipper George Bedsworth this season.

Ten cobia were reported in one day at Mom and Pop's, most of them caught by Cherry Point fishermen. They ranged in weight up to 22 pounds. Not only were the men catching cobia hand over fist, but they had the week's best fish story.

W. E. Singleton reported that a Spanish mackerel leaped out of the water, jumped across the skiff, missing two men in the bow and hitting a boy seated in the stern, giving him a nose-bleed. All this from a fish that wasn't even hooked.

B. J. White's Camp has had a total of five cobia since the weekend; Mike Currie of New Bern, a first-time cobia fisherman, hung two at one time, boated one. Mr. Baker of Snow Hill reported a 15-pounder at Edgewater Marina.

Capt. Charlie Smith, fishing from his own boat Ra (pronounced Ray), caught a cobia at 5 1/2 pounds. Sound fishermen are catching most of their cobia in the vicinity of the Biltmore Hotel, and river fishermen make their best catches below the bridge.

Inshore boats and ocean piers are getting lots of blues. Theodore's Sylvia had a season's record catch of 116 blues by B. R. Stimson and Verne Childress Jr. of Boonville. Edna had 69 blues and mackerel by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker, Newton, N. J.

Johnny's Sylvia had 69 blues and mackerel, by Bland Pruitt of Lenoir. A party at Rainbow Inn reported 111 blues inshore. Tommy Lulu, with a Mr. White from Winston-Salem, came in with 22 blues and mackerel.

From the ocean piers: blues and sea mullet are at the top, with Mrs. Madeline O'Neal and two other ladies from Washington reported 150 blues and sea mullet at Thompson's on Emerald Isle.

Mrs. Frank Howell of Golds-

boro, fishing at night from Thompson's caught 3 sea mullet on her first cast, had a total of 70.

From Sportsman Pier B. J. Creech of Raleigh caught 56 blues and 3 mackerel, and Tom Stowe of Washington reported 200 sea mullet, spots, trout and blues. From the Triple-Ess Mrs. G. C. Hill of Kinston caught 75 to 80 pounds of mixed bottom fish; W. D. Sellers of Rocky Mount caught an 18-pound cobia.

From the headboat Carolina Queen T/Sgt. C. C. Langenback of Cherry Point and Joe Lewis of Allentown, Pa., caught about 40 pounds of mixed bottom fish. From the Danco a group of Camp Lejeune fishermen caught 100 to 150 pounds of mixed fish.

Of great interest to billfishermen was the report that W. F. Safritz of Concord, fishing on the 2-day marlin trip aboard Dolphin, fought a broadbill swordfish for about 40 minutes before losing him right at the stern of the boat.

Offshore, Blue Water had 14 kings and 12 amberjack, and Bunny II had 15 kings, 8 dolphin and 2 amberjack. The catch aboard Dolphin III was 31 kings, 3 amberjack and a cobia, and aboard Dolphin II, 37 amberjack and 4 kings. The marlin party came back with a big catch of large dolphin. A definite improvement in offshore gamefishing.

Elsewhere, Bunch's pier on the river reported hogfish and other bottom fish. Fleming's reported a tubful of blues, all caught on cane poles by Roy Wooten and guests from Atlantic Beach. Bridgeview guests reported 20 to 30 blues and about 10 mackerel in the surf.

Esu Leggett, Morehead City, caught 13 blues and sea mullet in the surf in the early morning. Bill Fox on the beach, who has recently started selling live shrimp, says that the live bait is catching on as anglers discover how much better results they get.

Bombing Practice  
Bombing practice will be held on Rattan Bay and Cedar Island from tomorrow to June 21 utilizing bombing target BT-11. Heavy ordnance will be used during the bombing of this target, so extreme caution must be exercised by all citizens in the area.

Don't throw trash out car windows.

Twenty-five boys registered for a junior baseball league Wednesday afternoon at the Morehead City High School. The league is being organized for boys too old to play in Little League. Age limits are 13 to 16.

Adults who came to the registration and volunteered to work with the program were Raymond C. Harrell, James Nolan, Charles King and Frank Cassiano.

Most of the boys who registered are graduates of the Little League.

The first practice will be at 9 a.m. tomorrow at the school field. Boys who have not yet registered will have a chance to sign up at that time. Each boy is asked to bring his own glove.

program. After spending two or three years taking part in an organized program, the boys find time hanging heavy in the afternoons.

Morehead City businessmen have already pledged enough money to equip the boys with balls and bats. There will not be a drive this year to raise money for uniforms and incidentals.

All of the adults who turned out for registration have had experience with youth baseball programs. Mr. Harrell coached a team at Cherry Point for several years and has been trying to get a new league started here for three seasons.

Mr. Nolan has had experience as a Little League manager. Mr. Cassiano has been working for four years to get a youth league organized. He started the same year that Little League was begun.

Mr. King, who brought these people together, has never managed a team but did administrative work for a youth league in Florida.

# Car Hits Rear Of Pick-Up Truck

A car driven by A. D. Ennett, Cedar Point, collided at 8 p.m. Monday with a pickup truck owned and operated by Cal Whaley, route 1 Morehead City.

The accident happened west of Morehead City on Highway 70 near the Pure Oil station operated by Fred Anthony.

Patrolman R. H. Brown said that Ennett, driving a 1957 Pontiac ran into the rear of the three-quarter ton truck. The truck was headed west and had stopped, ready to make a left turn into the service station.

No one was hurt. Both drivers were alone at the time. Damage to the Pontiac was estimated at \$600; damage to the truck, \$5. No charges were filed.

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