

Pirates, Eagles Open Baseball Season Today

The baseball season gets underway in Carteret County this afternoon at Atlantic when the Pirates play the Eagles of Morehead City on the Atlantic High baseball field.

Thomas Salter of Atlantic and Walter Thomas of Morehead City will be on the mound. Both boys are veterans, playing last year.

Pirate Coach Henry Goodwin announced his starting lineup yesterday with two infield positions not decided. Probable lineup will be Allen Nelson, catcher; Clifford Williamson, first; Bryan Salter or William Gaskill at second; third base is still open; and Rodney Taylor will start at short.

In the outfield will be Carlton Willis, Alvin Taylor, and Elmo Gaskill. Six boys are veterans of last year. They are Thomas Salter, Bryan Salter, Rodney and Alvin Taylor, Williamson and Willis.

Three Newcomers
Nelson is a newcomer to Atlantic High, playing in the little league last year. Other newcomers are William and Elmo Gaskill. Taylor has been switched from backstop to short this year Coach Goodwin said, to strengthen the infield.

Practice at Atlantic started two weeks ago with 30 boys out for the spring sport, Coach Goodwin said.

Coach Gannon Talbert, in announcing his lineup, said that his infield is still undetermined as is the outfield. Starting will be Thomas on the mound with Bobby Willis receiving.

The infield will be chosen from Norman Larkce, last year's shortstop; Bradley McIntosh, Jerry Connor, Jimmie Parker, Jerry Pittman and Earl Wade.

Relief Hurler Named

Jimmy Willis, Kemp Wickizer, and Kenneth Putnam will be in the outfield. Coach Talbert said he plans to use Jerry Pittman as a relief hurler if Thomas gets into trouble.

Tuesday Atlantic will travel to Morehead for a return game. Smyrna will open its season next Friday at Atlantic. Newport and Beaufort have not yet completed their schedules, but will play in March.

Morehead Junior Girls Beat Seniors In Intra-Squad Tilt

The Morehead City High girls basketball squad played an inter-squad game recently between the senior and junior girls. The junior girls had to stave off a third period rally to grab a 26-13 win.

The juniors were leading 14-9 at the half, but were held pointless in the third period as the seniors threatened with two points, making the score 14-11 at the end of the third quarter.

The seniors hit two points in the final quarter as the juniors broke the game wide open with 12 points. The juniors were sparked by Carolyn Guthrie who hit 15 points. Ann Long connected for eight points and Thelma Memakis hit three.

Leading the senior girls was Polly Steed with eight points followed by Daisy Brock with three and Dorothy Hill with two. The game was sponsored by the junior class and played during a home room period. Admission was charged.

Scored by periods:

Juniors	8	14	14	26
Seniors	4	9	11	13

Mrs. Charles Duffy, Lockwood Phillips Win Golf Tourney

Mrs. Charles Duffy of New Bern and Lockwood Phillips, Beaufort, were low gross winners with a 43 in the nine-hole Scotch foursome tournament at Morehead City Golf Club Wednesday afternoon.

Runners-up were Mrs. William Saunders of Raleigh teamed with Richard M. McClain. Their score was 44.

Low net was won by Mrs. Virginia Potter and R. J. Rogers. Their gross was 48, their handicap 24 for a net of 24.

Runner-up low net place was tied by teams made up of Mrs. Ray Garrett and Bill Skarner and Mrs. Hazel Simpson and Eric Moore. The former had a gross score of 45, handicap of 19, for a net of 26; the latter combination had a gross of 48, a handicap of 22, for a net of 26.

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Beaufort High Meets Odell Five At Aberdeen

The State Class A Basketball Tournament at Aberdeen began yesterday with a four-game schedule, and continues with four games today and tomorrow, winding up with the championship finals tomorrow night.

Opening day losers dropped into the consolation round and will provide the afternoon games today and tomorrow. Among the afternoon games yesterday Beaufort met Odell at 4 p.m.

Other games yesterday were Ahsoskie versus King at 2:30 p.m., Massey Hill versus Mars Hill at 7:30 p.m. and Cary versus Stanley at 9 p.m.

On the basis of season records the tourney favorites are Cary's White Imps and the Massey Hill Pirates. Coach Young Howard's Pirates have the best record, winning 25 straight games. The Cary Five have lost only one game in 28 starts.

The tournament this year has no defending champion because Newport, which won the title last year on a forfeit over St. Stephens, did not make the grade this year.

Notre Dame's Bulwark

Notre Dame, Ind. (AP) — Six seniors were starters for Notre Dame's football team last season. As a group they averaged almost 45 minutes playing time each game. They are: Captain Don Penza, right end; Art Hunter, right tackle; Menil Mavraides, right guard; Jim Schrader, center; Johnny Latner, right halfback; and Neil Worden, fullback.

Pamlico County Cards 17 Games For '54 Season

Pamlico County High has announced a 17-game baseball schedule for this season, beginning today with Jones Central at home.

There are two open dates, March 23 and May 21. Pat Gainey, Pamlico County High principal, would like to get games for these dates. Any schools interested should get in touch with Mr. Gainey.

Atlantic High is the first Carteret County school to play the Spuds. The game is scheduled for March 30 at Atlantic. April 2 Pamlico will be host to Morehead City for a contest.

The schedule follows:

March 19	Jones Central	H
March 23	Open	
March 26	Dover	A
March 30	Atlantic	A
April 2	Morehead City	A
April 6	Newport	A
April 9	New Bern	A
April 13	Dover	A
April 16	Morehead City	A
April 20	Jones Central	A
April 23	Smyrna	H
April 27	Southwood	H
April 29	Camp Lejeune	A
May 4	Southwood	A
May 7	Newport	H
May 11	Camp Lejeune	H
May 14	Smyrna	A
May 19	Atlantic	A
May 21	Open	

Jerry Schumacher

Only Few People in This World Own Oyster Knives!

Things about a small town that folks in the big cities never experience. For an example, Penny and I went to Harvey and Betty Hamilton's Oyster Roast at the Hoffman estate, on the sound between Atlantic beach and Salter Path.

When Betty called, we asked what to bring. "Oh, just yourselves and your oyster knife." Just like that. Now where else in this world would it be taken for granted that you own your own personal oyster knife?

In fact, I will bet that 99 and 44 hundredths of the world's population have never even seen an oyster knife much less owned one, so there!

Heard about a golfer that had a small dog that he trained to retrieve golf balls, claims that he (the dog, that is) found in his owner over 100 golf balls last month. Now this took some bit of training; first, so that the dog would only find balls in the woods, and not pick them up on the fairway. How he did that I didn't hear, but how he got the dog to not bite holes in the balls with his teeth is, to me, interesting. This is how.

This ingenious fellow made a small sack out of cloth about the size of a golf ball and filled it with tacks. With this device he trained the dog to hold it in his mouth without biting on same; neat trick, don't you think?

Now we have a lovable dog at our course named Tony, Mack and Vicky McCulston's dog, and everyone's pet and mascot of the club. Our Tony hasn't had the benefit of all this extensive training, because the other day he playfully ran down the fairway and picked up some player's ball and scampered off in the woods with it, and didn't bring it back, either.

Like the fellow said, "I don't like to play with so and so, he's dishonest. The other day he

Clouting Cuban by Pap'

Sid Gordon Tells Lads To Play More Positions

By SID GORDON
Pittsburgh Third Baseman

Fort Pierce, Fla.—My advice to youngsters is that they learn more than one position. By doing that you will be helping yourself and your team.

Take my case, for example. Had I been able to play only one position I could very well be out of baseball. Despite my 35 years I'm not saying I'm finished as an outfielder, but here I am back as a third baseman in the camp of the Pittsburgh Pirates. I played no third base last year.

It all goes back to 1938 at Milford, Del., where I first broke in. I had played nothing but second base in high school and semi-pro ball. The manager there, the late Val Picinich, had a second baseman and asked me to try playing third base. After three or four days I not only had won the job but had signed my first contract.

Four years later (1942) when I first reported to the New York Giant's training camp in Miami they had Dick Bartell on third base. General Manager Bill Terry called me to his office and, despite my .304 Jersey City batting average, he said, "You will have to go back to Jersey City but I want you back as an outfielder."

At Jersey City I had a good year, hitting .300 as an outfielder and filling in occasionally as a third baseman and pitcher.

In the spring of 1943 in the Giant camp at Lakewood, N. J., I was listed as an outfielder but opened the season at third base. All year I switched between third and the outfield, depending on who pitched. My being a two-position man enabled the manager to put another right-handed bat in the lineup.

In the spring of 1948 I had no set position. Jack Lohrke was the third baseman and Whitey Lockman played left field. I became first utility man. In the second game of the season center fielder Bobby Thomson wrenched his knee. Lockman moved over to center and I went to left. On the first eastern swing I played 14 games and led the Giants in all departments, hits, home runs and runs batted in.

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At Cincinnati, Ott told me "you have to go back to the bench, Thomson's knee is better." I didn't like it. It was the first time I ever talked back to any manager.

When Lohrke's batting average fell I got back at third base, playing about 120 games there. I felt



Sid Gordon . . . versatile performer

fine inside when the season was over. I had hit .299, drove in 107 runs and got 30 home runs—and apologized to Mel Ott.

In 1949 I was switched again, even playing a few innings at first base. At the end of the season I was traded to Boston where I met another obstacle on third base—Bob Elliott, who had some great seasons for the Braves. Thus, I became an outfielder again. When Elliott got hurt Billy Southworth called me in to play third base and in 134 games I had hit .304 with 103 RBI's and 27 homers.

In this game when you can take

Goblins Ruined Game

Indianapolis (AP) — Bowler Dale Phillips believes that goblins ruined a perfect game for him on Halloween eve. Phillips bowls in the Riviera Club here. He opened the game with a miss, then scored eight straight strikes but finished with another miss. His score was 240.

the place of an injured player and play more than one position regularly you are an asset to the team. While I played the outfield I always tried to get in some workouts at third base, even in spring training. I've always had a feeling that keeping sharp at two positions would pay off. Right now it's keeping me in the big leagues.

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