

Blue Devils Collect 10 Hits In Burying Vanceboro 14-3

The Smyrna Blue Devils racked Vanceboro pitchers for 10 hits Friday afternoon to pave the way to an easy 14-3 win over the Red Raiders.

Vanceboro mound aces, Whitford and Sawyer, who each worked three innings, couldn't contain the Blue Devil bats and absorbed their worst beating of the year. Braxton Piner did most of the damage by collecting three hits in four trips to the plate and driving in six runs.

Sophomore Byron Styron was the Blue Devil starter and the right-hander gave up only five hits in registering his first win of the year. He struck out two and walked four. He gave up a double to Vanceboro's Al McLamb on the first pitch of the game but settled down to pitch steady ball the rest of the way.

The Blue Devils got right down to business as they scored two runs in their half of the first inning and then added three in the second, four in the fourth, two in the fifth, and three in the sixth.

Vanceboro scored its runs in the second and seventh frames.

The Blue Devils now have a 6-1 record for the season. They play Swansboro this afternoon at Smyrna and will travel to Camp Lejeune tomorrow to meet the Devil Pups.