

#10 1963 March 29 Smyrna Baseball Team Open Season

Blue Devils To Open Season Today, Beaufort

Smyrna's Blue Devils will open their baseball schedule against Beaufort today in a home game.

Coach Fred Bartholomew in his first year of tutorship of the Blue Devils led them to a 8-4 season; however, this year the Blue coach says he will be going with a young team.

"We will have a freshman pitching for us some," he said. "Also a sophomore, Danny Gillikin, who plays shortstop, will see some mound duty."

He said most of the team is sophomores with only two seniors, Byron Styron, who plays center field, and Sterling Hancock, a pitcher.

The Blue Devil coach remarked that most of the boys had played in the pony league and the experience they got there will help out.

Defensively, the Blue Devils will be in good shape. The outfield is fast and the infielders seem to be shaping up fine, he said.

"We don't have any long ball hitters, but I think we might have some good clutch hitters," Bartholomew remarked.

The Blue Devils have a 10-game schedule and the coach said he is interested in getting some more games.

They will play their first conference game Saturday, against Jasper at Smyrna.

BLUE DEVILS SCHEDULE

March 29—Beaufort, home
April 2—Jasper, home
April 9—Jasper, away
April 16—Newport, away
April 23—Newport, home
April 26—Camp Lejeune, away
May 1—Beaufort, away
May 3—Vanceboro, away
May 6—Camp Lejeune, home
May 17—Vanceboro, home

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