

Blue Devils Will Open Baseball Season Against Pamlico Today

Smyrna will meet Pamlico at 4 this afternoon in the Blue Devils' baseball opener. The game will be played at Smyrna.

"We're going to be hurtin' for lack of practice," according to coach Frank Curling. But he believes the Devils can shape into a "real good club." Smyrna began workouts only last Monday.

Eighteen came out for the team. Only three of last year's regulars will be missing. Graduated are catcher Joe Willis, Norris Nelson, second base, and third baseman Doug Damren.

Back is Smyrna's pitching staff, headed by Kenny Lewis, a junior. Both Kenny and Keith Piner, a left-hander, are already throwing

much harder than they did last year, the coach said.

Others returning with game experience are Tommy McGee first base; Charles Lawrence catcher and outfielder; Dan Lawrence, outfielder; Terry Lewis, outfielder; and Tony Hancock second base.

New at Smyrna, though not the game, is Arnold Davis, who likely to start at shortstop. Dav won All-County honors in basketball and figures to make a big difference in the Devils' baseball lineup.

Coach Curling has heard of Davis as a Pony leaguer from Harpers Island. "He could hit then. The club is looking for hitting strength to back up Tommy McGee and Terry Lewis.

Other hopefuls are Jimmy Bradford, freshman catcher, and Tommy Swink, a senior out for the first time, but with plenty of ability.

So far, the Devils have scheduled nine games. Coach Curling wants at least six more, and says he'll keep looking.

- Today—Pamlico home
- March 23—Pamlico away
- March 26—Camp Lejeune home
- April 9—Jasper home
- April 16—Jasper away
- April 20—Beaufort away
- April 27—Havelock home
- April 30—Havelock away
- May 4—Beaufort home

Rolls High Game

Dick Hall led men's division I Mixed Sandfiddler bowling action on Feb. 25, Cecil Peterson, league secretary, reports. Hall was awarded a 250 shoulder patch after rolling a 256 single game.

Knights Begin Baseball Workouts Without Seniors

Queen Street began baseball practice Monday with only 14 out. Returnees in the group are William Stewart, Rudolph Crooms and Bruce Nolen.

Crooms pitched for the Knights last year, and Stewart shared mound duties when not at first base. Nolen was a reserve catcher, coach Shad Barrow reports.

Not out, by Tuesday, were five of the club's leading players from

the 1964 season, all seniors.

The Knights are practicing and will stage home games on the diamond behind Safrit Lumber Co. No field has been prepared on the Queen Street campus, and there's been no indication that the work will be done.

"They piled up all that dirt last year, and haven't smoothed it out yet," coach Barrow reports.

The club lists six games scheduled so far. Two others, with New Bern on April 16 and 20, will have to be re-arranged, since school will be closed for Easter vacation. The coach adds that his boys will play Jacksonville, Trenton and W. S. King, although dates for the meetings have not been set.

The Knights will open play on Friday, April 12, against Southwestern High school at Queen Street.

April 6—Pamlico County (Bayboro) away.

April 9—Williston Senior High (Wilmington) away.

April 13—Pamlico County home.

April 22—Southwestern away.

April 30—Southwestern away.

West Cagers To Get Awards

Trophies will be presented to West High's outstanding hardwood performers at the Patriot basketball banquet Saturday, April 10, in the school cafeteria.

The affair will begin at 7 p.m., coach Gannon Talbert reports. Awards to be given are for Sportsmanship, Most Improved, Best Defense and Best All-Round.

Frank McGuire, head coach at the University of South Carolina, will be the guest speaker at the banquet. McGuire is perhaps best known for directing UNC to a undefeated season in 1957, picking up ACC and NCAA championships.

Admission to the dinner meeting will be \$1.50, with proceeds to go to the West Carteret Athletic association for use in the school's athletic program.