

Devil Pups Blanked On 2 Hits by Piner

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The Smyrna Blue Devils turned seven hits into seven runs Wednesday afternoon to post a 7-0 win over the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups in a baseball game played at Smyrna.

Braxton Piner chalked up the win for the Blue Devils as he pitched near-flawless two-hit ball. The crafty southpaw had the Devil Pup batters eating out of his hand most of the day as he recorded his fifth win of the year. A single in the second inning by Fridley and another single in the sixth by Aycock were the lone Camp Lejeune safeties. Piner whiffed seven and walked three.

The Devil Pups used three hurlers in the game with starter Pruitt

taking the loss. The Blue Devils got to Pruitt in the third frame scoring two runs for a 2-0 lead.

Pactow relieved Pruitt and gave up one run in the fourth and two more in the sixth while being tagged for three hits. McKinzie, the third Devil Pup hurler of the day, yielded the final two Blue Devil runs.

Piner also gave the Blue Devils a big hand at the plate as he pounded out two hits in four trips and drove in three runs. Vaughn Yeomans and freshman Doug Dammren also collected a pair of hits apiece.

Smyrna's next encounter with the Devil Pups will be in a two-night doubleheader at Camp Lejeune May 3.

Blue Devils Withstand Pirate Homer Barrage

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The Swansboro Pirates got a seventh-inning grand slam homerun and a sixth-inning two-run blast off Smyrna righthander Byron Styron Tuesday but still came out on the short end of an 8-6 score in a baseball game with Smyrna.

The Blue Devils put together three runs in each the first and sixth innings and added single tallies in the third and fourth to give them the win, their seventh in eight starts.

Smyrna and Styron was coasting along on a 5-0 lead in the top of the sixth inning when Israel smacked a two-run homer to put the Pirates back in the ball game at 5-2.

Styron pitched himself out of further trouble in the frame but got back in hot water in the seventh when he loaded the bases and then served up a gopher ball to Swansboro's Perry.

Pate started on the mound for the Pirates and worked three innings, giving up four hits and striking out five. He was relieved by Perry who finished up, allowing four hits and fanning three. Mike Miller handled the catching chores for Swansboro.

Styron went the route for Smyrna and was touched for seven hits. He registered four strikeouts and walked three batters.