

## *Bears Nip Blue Devils 1-0 In Night Contest Thursday*

### Push Across Winning Run In Bottom of 7th Inning

In a tight and thrilling baseball game at New Bern Thursday night the New Bern Bears pushed across one run in the bottom of the seventh inning after two men were out to defeat the Smyrna Blue Devils 1-0.

**The Bears had locked** in a real duel with the Blue Devils for six and one-half innings before scoring a run on two singles, a walk and an error.

Lefthander Braxton Piner started and went all the way for Smyrna, pitching one of his best games of the year, although he was tagged for the loss. Up until the seventh inning Piner had allowed the Bears only two hits and had struck out 14 hitters.

**The first Bear batter** in the seventh got on base with a bloop single into right field. Piner then fanned the next two batters but then walked the fourth man of the inning. This put runners on first and second with two outs.

The next batter hit a routine ground ball which Genus Jones fumbled for an error to load the bases. The Bears then scored another hit to short right field to send across the only run of the game.

**The Blue Devils** managed four hits off the southpaw slants of Britt, the New Bern hurler, but couldn't bunch any of their hits for a run. The closest they came was in the second inning when Wayne Davis was thrown out at the plate attempting to score on a sacrifice fly.

The four Smyrna hits, all singles, were by Curt Nelson, Wayne Davis, A. C. Davis and Genus Jones.