

#13 1963 April 12 Smyrna Blue Devils Beat Jasper

This is How You Do It



The Smyrna Blue Devils and coach Fred Bartholomew watch as Danny Gillikin puts the tag on Joe Willis, who was demonstrating his hook slide. The Blue Devil coach said learning the proper way to slide into base could prevent a lot of injuries and maybe win a lot of games.

Blue Devils Swamp Jasper Again, 19-1

Smyrna's Blue Devils blasted Jasper again Tuesday afternoon to the tune of 19-1.

It was the second meeting of the two teams. In the first game the Blue Devils shutout the Jasper team 18-0.

Coach Fred Bartholomew pointed out that he didn't want to get the team's hopes too high, but he thought they might be a strong contender for the Carteret-Craven baseball crown.

Blue Devil pitcher Byron Styron held the Jasper batters hitless until the sixth inning, when he gave up a single.

In one stretch he struck out eight Jasper batters in a row.

Smyrna jumped to an early six-run lead in the first inning. They pushed across three more in the second and rose up again in the third for another six-run rally.

The Smyrna sluggers enjoyed a field day off of the Jasper pitching as they collected 16 hits. Doug Dameron led the Blue Devils in the hitting department, collecting four hits out of five times at the plate.

Catcher Joe Willis had a home run and a triple and Danny Gillikin also had a triple.

The Blue Devils will look at another conference team Tuesday when they travel to Newport. They have a 2-1 season record, having lost to Beaufort.