

Piner Whiffs Side With Bases Loaded

The Smyrna high school Blue Devils scored a run in the bottom half of the seventh inning to defeat the Camp Lejeune high school baseball team 2-1 in a game played Friday afternoon on the Smyrna diamond.

Southern Braxton Piner capped a brilliant pitching performance by striking out the side with the bases loaded in the top of the seventh. A hit by catcher Curt Nelson drove in the winning run for Smyrna.

The game, a tight pitching duel all the way, went into the seventh inning with the score all even at one run apiece. Then a hit and a couple of fielding lapses by the Blue Devils loaded the bases for Camp Lejeune with no one out. Piner then proceeded to whiff the next three batters to face him to set the stage for the game winning hit by his battery mate Nelson.

The win revenged an earlier defeat for the Blue Devils as Lejeune had edged them 3-2 in a game two

weeks ago. Smyrna's record for the season now stands at three wins and only one defeat.

In going the route for his second

ictory of the season Piner gave up a total of four hits and had 11 strikeouts while his team mates were collecting six. Piner's other win was the no-hitter he threw against Swansboro in the first game of the season.

Nelson's winning blow drove in third baseman Carroll Hill who had reached first on a fielder's choice.

Smyrna's next game will be Wednesday afternoon against Beaufort

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