

Piner Handcuffs Devil Pups In Nitecap of Twin Bill

The Smyrna Blue Devils won both ends of a two-night doubleheader Wednesday from the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups as they rode to a 9-5 win in the opener behind the pitching of Bryon Styron and then backed Braxton Piner's no-hit pitching for an 18-0 win in the nitecap.

Piner, who got Styron out of a whole in the seventh inning of the first game, came back to start the second game and worked five innings without surrendering a hit.

Smyrna, meanwhile, broke the second game wide open with eight big runs in the first inning and then added nine more in the fourth. Camp Lejeune used three pitchers to try to halt the Blue Devils, but their inability to get the ball over the plate proved extremely costly.

A. C. Davis, with a bases-loaded triple and James Meares and Curt Nelson, each with a pair of hits, led the Blue Devil hitting attack. As it turned out, their hitting wasn't needed as Piner had the situation well in hand. In the five innings he worked, Piner recorded nine strikeouts and walked three.

In the opening game the Blue Devils had to come from behind a 5-2 Camp Lejeune lead in the fifth inning to register the win. The Blue Devils rallied for six runs in the top of the fifth frame and added bases loaded and one out. He got

out of the inning without yielding a run and preserved the win for Styron who now has a 3-0 record for the season.

At the plate, Grady Davis pounded out three hits in four trips and drove across four runs. The big hit of the game was a bases-loaded triple by Vaughn Yeomans in the fifth inning uprising.

The Blue Devils now own a 10-1 record for the season and will be in action again tomorrow afternoon as they journey to Newport to meet the Hawks.

ed another in the sixth while shutting out the Devil Pups over the last four frames.

Styron started on the mound and worked six and one-third innings before giving way to Piner. Piner came on in the seventh with the