

# 11-Run Inning Sparks Smyrna Baseball Win

## Eagles Routed 16-0 by Jones Central Friday

A bevy of outfield errors by the Morehead City Eagles Friday afternoon opened the gates for Jones Central high school and the Rockets resounded with a lopsided 16-0 win over the Eagles at Trenton.

Righthander Jackie McQueen got the starting nod for the first time this season and pitched well enough to win most ball games but dropouts in the outfield proved to be his downfall. He scattered 10 hits over seven innings and struck out five batters in going the distance.

Jones Central limited the Eagle bats to only five hits, the longest one of which was a triple to dead-away centerfield by Jimmie Guthrie.

Coach George Jackson, who accompanied the team in the absence of head coach Norman Clark said, "While I don't want to take anything away from the fine play of Jones Central, I would like to comment on the pitching performance of Jackie McQueen who turned in a magnificent performance despite the final score of the game. Also the rest of the boys displayed admirable competitive spirit as they played the game right up until the final out."

The next game for the Eagles will be Friday when they journey to Wallace-Rose Hill high school.

Southpaw Braxton Piner pitched three-hit ball, struck out 14 and the Smyrna Blue Devils scored 11 runs in the top of the 6th inning to defeat the Newport Hawks 13-2 in a game at Newport Friday afternoon.

Newport held a scant 2-1 lead until the fatal sixth when the Blue Devils rattled the boards in a rally that saw 11 men parade to the plate. The victim of the onslaught was righthander Edwards of the Hawks.

Carroll Hill led off for the Blue Devils in the sixth and flied out to the left fielder. Curt Nelson came up next and was given a free pass to first base. He then proceeded to steal second.

The next batter up, Wayne Davis, also walked and then he and Nelson pulled a double steal as they caught the Hawk defense napping. On the play Nelson went to third and Davis took second.

John Hill then hit a pop fly which the 3rd baseman lost in the sun and dropped for an error, loading the bases. Pitcher Braxton Piner was up next and was walked to force in the first run of the inning. Woody Hancock then got credit for two rbi's with a single that drove Nelson and Davis home.

The next batter, James Mears, also singled to plate John Hill with the fourth run of the uprising. Vaughn Yeomans hammered out another single that sent Piner across the plate.

The rally was stopped momentarily by the Hawks as Edward struck out Dan Yeomans but then Carroll Hill, hitting for his second time in the inning, smashed a double that scored two more runs for the Blue Devils. This was followed by a walk to catcher Curt Nelson and another double by Wayne Davis. Two runs scored on Davis's hit. John Hill then got his second hit of the day as he pounded out a double that drove in another run.

Pitcher Braxton Piner then grounded out to first to end the marathon inning.

The Blue Devils, of coach Jim Parkin, also had a big day on the base paths as they stole a total of 11 bases. Leading the pilfering for Smyrna were Curt Nelson and Wayne Davis, who each had a trio of steals.

The Hawks proved to be a little less successful on the bases as they had two men thrown out at second on steal attempts and another picked off by catcher Curt Nelson.

The win made the Smyrna record read six wins and only one defeat which is the best in the county. Their next game will be Tuesday when they meet Havelock at Havelock. The next home action for the Blue Devils will be Friday when Havelock visits Smyrna for a return engagement.

Score by innings:  
Smyrna ..... 1 0 0 0 11 1-13  
Newport ..... 0 0 1 1 0 0-2