

#40A-1-2 1961 Jul 18 Blue Devils Beat All Stars! (We never gave up from being behind 12 to 0 from the 3rd Inning – a big lesson to learn at 15!)

Blue Devils Rally in 7th For 18-15 All-Star Win

Sterling Hancock Gains Credit for Mound Win

The Smyrna Blue Devils rallied for eight big runs in the seventh inning Saturday night to gain an 18-15 win over the Pony League All-Stars in the league's All-Star game played at Beaufort.

The Blue Devils went into the seventh trailing the All-Stars 14-6, but before the inning was over they had sent

12 men to the plate and scored eight runs on only two base hits. Seven walks, five stolen bases and an error contributed most of the runs.

Sterling Hancock of the Blue Devils was credited with the win while the loss went to Taylor of the All-Stars. Hancock started on the mound for the Blue Devils, was relieved in the third and came back on in the seventh to pick up the win. Barry Willis and Kenny Lewis handled the middle-inning hurling chores for the Blue Devils.

The All-Stars used a total of six hurlers in the game with Lee, Stanley, Aycock, Yeager and Stevens seeing action in addition to Taylor.

Hancock and Joe Willis paced the Blue Devils attack at the plate with three hits apiece. Willis collected a double and two singles in six times at bat and Hancock lined three singles in five appearances. Wayne Merrill and John Lee each had two hits apiece for the All-Stars.