

Blue Devil Nine Ends Season With Victory over Swansboro

By WAYNE WILLIS

The Smyrna Blue Devils closed out their season Wednesday afternoon with a 5-4 decision over a visiting team of Swansboro Pirates. Braxton Piner went the distance for Smyrna, giving up only two hits but handing out 21 free tickets to first via the walk route.

The Pirates scored one run in each of the first three innings and Smyrna scored one in the first and two in the second inning. The score remained tied until the 10th inning when the Pirates pushed across a run on three walks and an infield hit.

The Blue Devils came back in the bottom of the 10th to tie the score at four-all when Wayne Davis walked and scored on Woody Hancock's double to right-centerfield.

Smyrna won the game in the bottom of the 12th. Dan Yeomans walked to lead things off. Carroll Hill was put in to pinch hit and he delivered a single on the hit and run play. With runners on first and third, Wayne Davis grounded to the infield but Yeomans beat the throw to the plate with the winning run.

Johnny Ingram led the winners at the plate with three hits in five times at bat. Curtis Nelson hit a double and single in six trips to the plate, Woody Hancock hit a double and James Mears hit a single.

H. T. Smith, the losing pitcher, struck out 16 Smyrna batters, one more than Piner managed to whiff.

The Blue Devils opened and closed their season this year with victories over Swansboro. Piner was the winning pitcher in both games.