

Blue Devils Ousted From State Playoffs Thursday

Camp Lejeune Scores 4-2 Win at New Bern

In the second round of the state baseball playoffs Thursday afternoon the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups scored unearned runs in the third and fourth innings to edge the Smyrna Blue Devils 4-2. The game was played at Kafer park, New Bern.

The Devil Pups got to Smyrna starter Braxton Piner early in the game, tagging him for three hits in the bottom of the first inning. One of the hits was a run-producing triple off the bat of shortstop Dick Dube. Dube later scored from third when a Smyrna attempt to pick off Jim McCarvill stealing second failed.

The Blue Devils came back in their half of the second inning to tie the game at 2-2. Leadoff hitter Braxton Piner walked and Dale Lewis stepped to the plate and lined a shot to right-center field that advanced Piner to third. Lewis then stole second and the next batter, A. C. Davis, struck out.

With one out and two men on, James Mears lined a ground ball to first base. The Devil Pup first baseman, Don Reed, picked the ball up and threw wild to home plate, allowing both Piner and Lewis to score. McCarvill then got Grady Davis to pop up to first base and Wayne Davis to fly out to centerfield to end the inning.

The Devil Pups added one run to their total in the third inning when back-to-back errors on Smyrna allowed Al Everett to cross the plate. Everett had reached second safely when Grady Davis dropped his fly ball in right field and he scored when Wayne Davis miffed a fly ball off the bat of Dick Dube. A walk, a stolen base and a single brought home another Camp Lejeune run in the fifth inning.

Piner was the starting and losing pitcher for the Blue Devils. He went all the way, limiting Camp Lejeune to only five hits but didn't get much support afield as the Blue Devils committed four costly errors. Smyrna also stranded seven baserunners as they had men on base in every inning except the first.

The winning pitcher for Camp

Lejeune was Jim McCarvill who also went the route. McCarvill was tagged for six hits and struck out five. Piner had six strikeouts.

BOX SCORE

Smyrna	ab	r	h	e
Davis, W., cf	4	0	2	1
Jones, 2b	4	0	0	0
Nelson, c	4	0	0	0
Piner, p	2	1	0	0
Lewis, ss	3	1	2	1
Davis, A. C., 3b	3	0	0	1
Mears, lf	3	0	1	0
Hill, 1b	2	0	1	0
Davis, G., rf	3	0	0	1
Totals	28	2	6	4

Camp Lejeune	ab	r	h	e
Ratliff, lf	3	0	0	0
Chapman, 2b	2	2	1	0
Everett, 3b	3	1	1	1
Dube, ss	3	1	3	0
McCarvill, p	1	0	0	0
Reed, 1b	3	0	0	0
Lewis, rf	3	0	0	0
Ware, cf	3	0	0	0
Power, c	3	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	5	1

Smyrna	020	000	0-2
Camp Lejeune	201	010	x-4