

Beaufort Manages Only Two Hits Off Piner; Lose 25-2

★ In an exhibition game Wednesday night in Beaufort the Smyrna Blue Devils racked three Seadog pitchers unmercifully to score a run-away 25-2 win over the Seadogs.

Lefthander Cary Kirk was the starting pitcher for the Seadogs and felt the brunt of the Blue Devil attack. Smyrna jumped on Kirk for eight runs in the first inning and then added three in the second and two in the third before righthander Bill Hamilton was brought on in relief in the fourth inning.

Hamilton wasn't much more effective than Kirk as he was tagged for six runs in his three-inning stint. Kirk came back on to pitch in the seventh inning and Ray Hassell also relieved in the seventh.

Smyrna ace Braxton Piner, meanwhile, was near perfect as he allowed Beaufort only two hits, both in the sixth inning. Piner struck out the first seven men he faced and finished the night with a total of 17 strikeouts. He issued five bases on balls.

Shortstop Dale Lewis led the Smyrna hitting barrage, banging out four hits. Curt Nelson, Wayne Davis, Genus Jones each had two hits apiece.

The win was the 12th of the year for Smyrna. They have lost six contests.