

Piner Hurls 2-Hitter At Dixon Nine Friday

The Smyrna Blue Devils won their fifth consecutive baseball game of the season Friday afternoon as they pounded out nine hits to down Dixon 10-0. The game was played at Smyrna.

Lefthander Braxton Piner started on the mound for the Blue Devils and went the route, limiting Dixon to only two hits. Piner struck out 13 and only one man got as far as third base.

Allen was the starting pitcher for the losers. He worked four innings before giving way to Henderson who finished up. Allen was tagged for three hits and three runs. Henderson surrendered six hits and seven runs.

After being blanked for two innings, the Blue Devils drove across one run in the third and then exploded for five in the fourth. They added three more in the fifth and one in the sixth to close out the scoring.

Catcher Curt Nelson led the Blue Devils at the plate, collecting four hits in four times at bat. The only other Blue Devil player getting more than one hit was Joe Willis who pounded out a double and a single in five appearances.

For Piner, the win was his fifth straight of the year without a loss.

Smyrna coach Jim Parkin said yesterday that shortstop Genus Jones had been lost to the team for the remainder of the season. Genus, one of the leading hitters on the squad, suffered a broken collar bone in a weekend accident. Through Friday Jones had compiled a .473 batting mark with nine hits in 19 trips to the plate. Included in his total was one home run.

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