

Righthander Parris Croom Hurls 2-Hit Shutout Over Blue Devils Wednesday

Chuck Lewis Slams Pair Of Doubles in 2-0 Win

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The Beaufort Seadogs combined the pitching of righthander Parris Croom and the hitting of Chuck Lewis Wednesday to register a hard-fought 2-0 win over the Smyrna Blue Devils in a baseball game played on the Smyrna diamond.

Despite temperatures in the mid-40's, Croom was in rare form as he limited the Blue Devils to only two hits in hurling the win. Mixing a blazing fast ball with his breaking pitches Croom chalked up 14 strikeouts.

Beaufort opened the scoring in the top of the second inning. Croom, batting leadoff in the frame, drew a walk but was thrown out at second on a fielder's choice play that allowed the next batter, Leslie Croom, reach first safely. Leslie then took second on a passed ball and scored on a double down the rightfield line by Ray Hassell.

That was all of the scoring by either team until the top of the fifth inning when the Seadogs rallied for another run after two were out in the frame. Alton Hill and Jackie Gardner opened the inning by grounding out.

The next batter, Johnny Hassell, worked Smyrna pitcher Braxton Piner for a walk and went to second on a single by Pud Hassell. Chuck Lewis then stepped to the plate and sent Pud to third. Parris Croom flew out deep to left centerfield to end the inning.

The Blue Devils threatened to score in their half of the sixth inning when they put runners on second and third with no one out. Curt Nelson drew a walk and then stole second to ignite the rally. An error on the throw to second allowed Nelson to advance to third base. The next hitter, Braxton Piner, also walked and stole second.

Croom then settled down and struck out A. C. Davis, got Grady Davis to pop out to first and fanned