

Atlantic Pirates to Open Season Against Blue Devils

JV Queen



Phyllis Willitt, above, will be crowned as JV queen at the Atlantic basketball banquet tonight.

The Atlantic Pirates will open their baseball season at home Friday afternoon against the Smyrna Blue Devils. Only two members of last year's county championship team will take the field for the Pirates. They will be shortstop Van McIntosh and right fielder F. J. Salter.

Coach Roy Cockerham says that he has some pretty good boys out for the team but they are all short on experience. "We will be a good fielding team and will have fair pitching but we don't have much punch at the plate," the coach says.

A hot battle is going on for the catcher's spot. Herbert Morris and Doiley Fulcher have the inside track on sticking with the team.

Infielders who have looked good in practice are George Golden, Myron Willis, McIntosh, Aubrey Harvey and Tom Budd. Outfielders with the best chances of sticking after the squad is cut are Salter, Donald Styron, Sammy Salter, Daniel Gaskill and Leroy Goodwin.

Only two pitchers are out for the team. They are Floyd Brown and Rodney Pittman. Brown has a sharp-breaking curve and a good fast ball. He looks good when he gets the ball over the plate but has some trouble with his control.

Pittman doesn't have quite as much on the ball but he can throw it on the corners like a major leaguer. "A boy with good control can get by in high school ball with no trouble," says the coach.

The starting line-up for the Pirates in Friday's game will come from the boys listed above—which ones nobody knows.