

Atlantic Wins Extra-Inning Game from Smyrna Devils

A two-run uprising in the eighth inning gave the Atlantic Pirates a 4-2 victory over the Smyrna Blue Devils at Atlantic Tuesday afternoon. The seven-inning game ended with Rodney Pittman of Atlantic and Braxton Piner of Smyrna hooked up in a 2-2 pitcher's duel.

Despite the fact that the game was played on the Atlantic field, Smyrna was the home team so the Atlantic nine batted first in each inning.

Pittman led off in the eighth inning and was safe on first following a Smyrna error. Van McIntosh and Aubrey Harvey followed Pittman with singles to load the bases.

Runners Advance

George Golden hit a long fly to right field and all three runners tagged up. Pittman scored and McIntosh and Harvey advanced to third and second respectively.

The Smyrna fielder heaved the ball to second in an effort to catch Harvey, and McIntosh streaked home with the second run of the inning.

Pittman held Smyrna in the bottom of the eighth to preserve his victory.

The game was a pitcher's battle all the way. Smyrna broke the scoring ice in the second inning. The Blue Devils scored two runs on a hit, one walk and two errors by Atlantic.

Smyrna Scores

Dale Lewis and Phillip Mason tallied the runs for Smyrna. Lewis was safe on an error and Mason got a hit to start the rally. After an error and a fielder's choice, both runners came in to score.

The Pirates scored once in the fourth inning and once in the fifth. Harvey scored in the fourth after getting to first base on an error. Three successive Atlantic batters singled to drive him around.

Myron Willis scored the second Atlantic run in the fifth inning. He singled and moved to second on a sacrifice by Pittman. Harvey hit a line drive to left field and when the fielder missed the ball, Willis moved around to score.

Both pitchers were tight in the clutch. There was not an earned run scored in the game. Piner gave up nine hits, walked three and struck out six. Pittman gave up seven hits, walked two and struck out seven.

Getting hits for Atlantic were McIntosh, Harvey, Styron, Morris, Salter and Willis.

Hitting safely for Smyrna were Nelson, Lewis, Mason, Hancock and Piner.

County Baseball League To Meet at 7 Tonight

Carteret County Baseball League officials will meet at 7 tonight in the Morehead City municipal building. League president Bob Seymour has asked that representatives of all teams interested in playing in the league attend the meeting.

Teams in Atlantic, Smyrna-Harkers Island, Beaufort, Salter Path, and New Bern have expressed interest in playing this season. Two teams, the Coast Guard and Marines, both government-sponsored, were unable to get support this year.

After tonight's meeting a schedule will be drawn up for all the teams that join the league. There will be a discussion of rules and by-laws for the season.

Two groups of officials have expressed interest in working for the league this year. Team representatives will have the opportunity tonight to pick the officials they want.

The league lost money last year and Seymour says that plans for making the league operate at a profit—or at least break even—will be discussed.