

Blue Devils Take 12-7 Win Over Atlantic Baseballers

The Smyrna Blue Devils won a 12-7 decision over the Atlantic Pirates Friday afternoon at Atlantic. The Blue Devil batters jumped on Atlantic hurlers for 11 hits, watched the fourth ball for 11 walks and were safe on base nine times on Atlantic errors.

The Blue Devils played a good game after the first two innings. Carroll Hill started on the mound for Smyrna and Atlantic clobbered his pitches for four runs in the first inning and three more in the second.

Braxton Piner went in for Hill in the second inning and shut the door on Atlantic the rest of the way to get credit for the win. Losing pitcher was Claude Brown.

Starting Pitcher

Rodney Pittman started on the hill for Atlantic and worked the first four and one-third innings. He gave up one run in each of the first three innings and shut out the Devils in the fourth.

The roof caved in on him in the fifth inning and Brown went into the game to put out the fire. Curtis Nelson greeted him with a double with the bases loaded.

Before the inning was over the Blue Devils had scored seven runs to move ahead by a 10-7 count. The winners added two more runs in the top of the seventh inning to run the final score to 12-7.

Leading Batter

Leading batter for the winners was Johnny Ingram with three hits in four times at bat. Piner collected two hits in five trips to the plate.

Blue Devils getting one hit each were Lambert Davis, Wayne Davis, Donald Davis, David Yeomans, Nelson and Murphy.

Atlantic batters were paced by Myron Willis and R. J. Salter, who got two hits each. Other Pirates getting hits were Sammy Salter, Aubrey Harvey and Pittman.

The only extra base knock of the game was Nelson's double in the fifth inning.

The Pirates will play at Newport this afternoon, at Beaufort tomorrow afternoon and at home against Newport Friday.