

Nelson's Homer

● Piner Marks Seventh Win

● Game Free Of Errors

Catcher Curt Nelson of the Smyrna Blue Devils lofted a towering 3-run homer in the top of the sixth inning to boost the Blue Devils past the Swansboro Pirates 5-1 in a well played game Thursday afternoon in Swansboro.

The blast enabled southpaw Braxton Piner to pick up his seventh win of the year and came with Dan Yeomans and Wayne Davis on base.

Despite the four-run margin, the game was a close contest all the way with both pitchers turning in commendable performances.

Righthander A. T. Smith started on the mound for the Pirates and went the route, giving up only nine hits while registering 10 strikeouts. He didn't walk a man in the seven inning contest.

In the fourth inning, Dan Yeomans led off with a single and then stole second base. This was followed by a strikeout by Wayne Davis and then Curt Nelson got his first of three hits for the day by lining a single that sent Yeomans to third.

The next batter, John Hill, also singled, driving in two runs to give Smyrna a slim 2-0 lead.

Braxton Piner then grounded out, third to first and Smith got Woody Hancock to hit on the ground to go out second to first.

After closing the door on Smyrna in the fifth inning, Smith gave up back-to-back singles to Dan Yeomans and Wayne Davis to open the top of the sixth. Then came the big blow by Nelson that gave the Blue Devils a five-run margin.

Piner set the Pirates down with only one hit through the first six innings as Swansboro was able to register only goose eggs on the scoreboard.

The only run of the game for the Pirates came in the last of the seventh when they put together a walk and a pair of singles. Pitcher Smith led off with a base on balls and after Metts had fanned, Perry and Tindle each collected a single with Smith crossing the plate on Tindle's hit.

Curt Nelson was again the big gun in the Blue Devil attack as he had a perfect day at the plate. In addition to his homer Nelson collected a pair of singles in three official trips.

Dan Yeomans had three singles in four trips to the plate and John Hill came through with two rbi's.

Score by innings:

Smyrna	000 200 0-5
Swansboro	000 000 1-1
Summary:	Smyrna: 5 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors. Swansboro: 1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors.