

# Smyrna Raps Beaufort In Season's Final Game

The **Smyrna Blue Devils** closed out their baseball season on a winning note Tuesday as they downed their arch rivals, the **Beaufort Seadogs**, 6-1 in a hard-fought contest on the Smyrna diamond.

The game which was a pitcher's duel all the way saw only three balls hit out of the infield; one by Beaufort and two by Smyrna.

**Lefty Pud Hassell** started on the mound for the Seadogs and was opposed by Smyrna ace **Braxton Piner**.

Piner pitched one of his best games of the year, according to coach **Jim Parkin**. The crafty left-hander ran his strikeout total to 106 for the year by whiffing 16 Seadogs in the seven-inning contest. In addition to this he held Beaufort to only one hit and capped a first inning rally by hitting a triple with the bases loaded that scored three runs.

Hassell was almost as sharp, as he struck out 12 men but errors on the part of his teammates proved too costly.

Beaufort jumped off to a quick lead in the top of the first inning when **Butch Hassell** was safe at first on an error on first baseman **John Hill**.

This was followed by **Chuck Lewis** lining out to short and **Ray Hassell** getting a free pass. **Butch Hassell** then stole third and scored on a passed ball by the Smyrna catcher, **Curt Nelson**.

Smyrna came back in their half of the first to take the lead on three runs.

**Dan Yeomans** led off with a single off **Pud Hassell's** glove and

the next batter, **Carroll Hill**, was given a walk. **Wayne Davis** then struck out and **Yeomans** was thrown out trying to take third on a passed ball.

With two out, **Curt Nelson** and **John Hill** both walked to fill the bases and set the stage for Piner's bases-clearing triple. **Woody Hancock** then went down swinging to end the inning.

In the bottom of the second inning the Blue Devils added two more runs to their total on only one hit.

**James Mears** led off and grounded out second to first. **Pud Hassell** then fanned **Vaughn Yeomans** but gave up a walk to the next batter, **Dan Yeomans**.

**Wayne Davis** stepped to the plate and lashed a ball that got through the Beaufort shortstop and allowed **Yeomans** to score. On the play the catcher overthrew second in an attempt to nail **Davis** and **Hill** came in with the second run of the inning. **Curt Nelson** struck out to end the inning.

A freak play resulted in the final run of the day for Smyrna in the third inning.

**John Hill** reached first on an error on the Beaufort shortstop and the next batter, **Braxton Piner**, struck out. After missing the third

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