

Lesem Pitches Swansboro to 8-0 Win over Newport in Season Opener

What a way to begin a high school athletic career.

Mike Lesem, a sophomore at Swansboro high school, pitched a no-hitter in Wednesday's season opener against Newport on the Pirates home field. Lesem, who stands 6-feet, 1-inch and weighs 175 pounds, walked four and struck out five in the 8-0 contest.

The Pirates stopped Newport in the top half of the first inning, then slammed in five runs during their turn at bat. Ben Licko, center fielder and lead-off man, singled. Joe Ellington, third baseman, followed, with another single.

Catcher Randy LeBlond popped to short, but Mike Booth, next up, singled in Licko. Lesem walked, and Ed Ellington, right fielder, struck out, but the inning was far from over.

Curtis Smith, Swansboro's second baseman, made it to first on a fielding error, with Joe Ellington and Booth scoring on the play. Kenny Jones, left fielder, capped the inning by singling in Lesem and Smith. Shortstop Jeff Dudley struck out.

Booth, the Pirates' first baseman, got 3 of his team's 10 hits, all singles, in four at-bats. Swansboro scored one run each in the second, fourth and fifth innings.

Newport's starting lineup Wednesday saw Jimmy Aycock on the mound; Sammy Lilly behind the plate; Tony Minatel, first base; Hardesty, shortstop; Skip Johnson, right field; Kenny Mann, left field; Bohmuller, second base; and Winberry, center field.

Who Did What

	AB	R	H
Licko	4	1	1
J. Ellington	3	2	2
LeBlond	4	0	0
Booth	4	1	3
Lesem	1	1	0
E. Ellington	3	0	0
Smith	3	2	1
Jones	2	0	1
Dudley	3	1	2