

Smyrna Devils Get Ready, Worry About Young Pitching Replacements

The Smyrna Blue Devils have scheduled 14 games, and are trying to work in at least two more, with Beaufort. Coach Fred Bartholomew says the games are a

must, "even if we have to play Beaufort on Saturday nights."

About 30 boys were out Monday for the beginning of practice. Fourteen of them were on last year's 10-2 team, and seven are returning first stringers.

Smyrna graduated only two first-unit players from last year's team. Unfortunately, though, both were pitchers, Byron Styron and Sterling Hancock. "And pitching," coach Bartholomew says, "is 80 per cent of the game."

In their stead will be Danny Gillikin, a junior and heir to the leadership post of the Devils' basketball team, and sophomore Kenny Lewis, a recruit from the junior league (once the Pony league) who may, under coach Bartholomew's guidance, become the best Smyrna has seen in quite a few years.

"They've got to come through if we're going to win," the coach admits. They are all he has. But Bartholomew plans to work with Linwood Parker, center-forward on the Devils' basketball team.

Parker is tall, 6-feet, 3-inches, and is strong. Control, rather than speed, will be his problem.

Parker played center field as a sophomore, but did not go out his junior year. Even as a "Vingga" Ben Mizelle at Smyrna, he could prove to be a valuable asset to the team.

Following are the games scheduled to date. Coach Bartholomew is still trying to arrange contests with Beaufort and Morehead City. Additions, when and if they come, will be published later.

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| April 3 | Newport there |
| April 7 | Dixon there |
| April 10 | Pamlico there |
| April 14 | Newport home |
| April 16 | Camp Lejeune there |
| April 21 | Havelock there |
| April 23 | Jasper there |
| April 29 | Camp Lejeune home |
| May 1 | Swansboro home |
| May 5 | Pamlico home |
| May 8 | Swansboro there |
| May 12 | Havelock home |
| May 15 | Jasper home |
| May 19 | Dixon home |

Beaufort Lists Six Conference Bouts So Far

The Beaufort baseball team has scheduled only six games so far, all conference bouts. John Hamilton, replacing Jimmy Fodrie as coach, says he will add several more, with Smyrna and Swansboro.

Thirty-two boys turned out for the opening day of practice last week. A number of them were veterans of last year's 6-10 team. "To win you've got to have good pitching," the coach says, and he has "high hopes" for left-hander Ronnie Teel. Hamilton has an idea that the team will do okay.

Additions to the following schedule will be published later.

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| April 3 | Camp Lejeune there |
| April 10 | Havelock home |
| April 17 | Morehead City home |
| April 24 | Camp Lejeune home |
| May 1 | Havelock there |
| May 8 | Morehead City there |

Eagles Have Six Lettermen Back

The Eagles have six returning lettermen among nearly 40 hopefuls out for the baseball team. Coach Charles Goss expects to improve on last year's 3-7 record.

The coach is looking to Donald Yeager and Eddie Morton for help on the mound. A junior transfer from Greenville, Reid Kennedy, catcher and third base, may be a valuable addition to the team, Mr. Goss says. Other new blood in the Morehead City lineup will be Doug Ingling, outfield, and Baxter Brittingham, infield handy man.

The team's lettermen are Howard Barnum, Guy Brigman, Mickey Brown, Mike Clapsadl, Rodney Kemp and Eddie Smith. And

with several ninth graders looking good, coach Goss expects plenty of competition.

Jimmy Parker, assistant football coach, will be helping Mr. Goss this season. The Eagles have scheduled ten games so far, and are trying to add two with Smyrna. All home games in the following list will begin at 4 p.m.:

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| April 1 | Newport home |
| April 3 | Havelock there |
| April 8 | Newport there |
| April 10 | Camp Lejeune home |
| April 14 | Havelock home |
| April 17 | Beaufort there |
| April 23 | Swansboro there |
| May 1 | Camp Lejeune there |
| May 8 | Beaufort home |
| May 12 | Swansboro home |