

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 "Vinggar 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.

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.

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