

Blue Devils, Hawks Fashion Easy Pony League Triumphs

The Smyrna Blue Devils hung on to their top spot in the Pony League Monday night by scoring a lop-sided 17-2 win over the Beaufort Tigers. The win was the third in a row for the Blue Devils and left them the only remaining unbeaten team in the league.

Gillikin started on the mound for the Blue Devils and hurled shut-out ball for four innings before surrendering two runs to the Tigers. With two down in the fifth, Gillikin hit Chris Pake with a pitched ball and then gave up back-to-back singles to Duncan and Austin.

The big inning for the Blue Devils was the second in which they scored seven of their runs while sending 11 men to the plate. Gillikin, Danny Dameron, Joe Willis and Barry Willis all had singles in the frame.

For the game the Blue Devils

pounded out 14 hits and were aided by nine Tiger errors afield. Gillikin limited the Tigers to just five hits.

Tuesday night's action in the league saw the Newport Hawks registering their first victory of the year as they dropped the Morehead Black Hawks 12-8 behind the effective six-hit pitching of Joe Minatel.

The Black Hawks jumped out to an early lead in the game as they tallied three times in the first inning on a pair of singles, an error, a sacrifice and a walk. They held up until the fourth inning when the Hawks pushed across three runs to forge to an 8-7 lead.

Clapsadl started for the Black Hawks and worked four innings before giving way to John Lee in the fifth. Lee finished up, allowing the Hawks three hits in the two innings he worked.