

Blue Devils Turning Pony League into One-Team Race

The Smyrna Blue Devils opened their Pony League lead to a bulging three and one-half games Thursday and Friday as they took wins from the Beaufort Tigers and the BFD.

On Thursday night the Blue Devils had a field day as they collected 15 hits and rolled to a 30-4 win over the Tigers. In the nitecap of Friday's doubleheader, the Blue Devils managed only three hits off lefthander John Way but still scored a 5-1 win over the BFD.

Other Pony League action saw the Morehead City Black Hawks downing the Newport Comets 9-3 in the opening game of Friday's doubleheader.

Thursday's game between Smyrna and the Tigers was called after five and one-half innings with the Blue Devils holding a 26-run lead. After being blanked for two frames, the Blue Devils exploded for 12 runs in the third, seven in the fourth, three in the fifth and eight in the sixth.

Morehead City's Clapsadl was staked to a four-run lead in the second inning Friday night which was enough for him to work with as he set the Comets down on two hits to register a 9-3 win.

The Comets failed to get a hit until the fourth inning when Hardesty singled. Their other hit was a single by Oglesby.

In Friday's nitecap, the BFD took a one-run lead over the Blue Devils in the first inning but couldn't hold it as the Blue Devils fought back with single runs in the second, third and fifth frames and two runs in the fourth.

Sterling Hancock picked up the win for the Blue Devils while John Way was tagged with the loss. Both hurlers went the distance.