

Blue Devils Rack Devil Pups 11-5 Behind Piner

Southpaw Braxton Piner did the pitching and the rest of his team mates did the hitting to lead the Smyrna Blue Devils to an 11-5 win over the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups Tuesday afternoon in a game played at Camp Lejeune.

Piner registered his fourth triumph of the season going all the way and limiting the Devil Pups to seven hits.

Camp Lejeune opened the game in the first inning by scoring two runs in their half of the frame. The Blue Devils matched this with two of their own in the second inning. Camp Lejeune broke the tie in the third inning by adding two more runs to their total but the Blue Devils went ahead to stay in the fourth on the strength of a five-run outburst. They completed the rout by adding two runs in each the fifth and sixth innings.

John Hill and Wayne Davis were the big men with the bats for coach Jim Parkin's crew as they both lashed out a pair of hits. Davis

slammed a double and a single in three trips to the plate and Hill was credited with a pair of singles.

Blue Devil outfielder Genus Jones also had a good day at the plate, getting credit for three runs batted in.

The strong arm of catcher Curt Nelson got the Blue Devils out of trouble on more than one occasion as he threw out three base runners during the seven-inning contest. On one of the plays he picked a runner off third base and the other two times he nailed base runners attempting to steal second.

Smyrna's record now stands at four wins and three losses for the season while the Devil Pups are sporting a 5-2 record. Their only two losses have been to Smyrna.