

Parris Croom 2-Hits Hawks; Seadogs Blank Newport 14-0

Fireballing Righthander Whiffs 12 in 7 Frames

Parris Croom drew his first starting assignment for the Beaufort Seadogs Thursday afternoon and the fireballing righthander turned in a sparkling two-hit shutout against the Newport Hawks as the Seadogs romped to a 14-0 decision.

Croom was in complete command of the game all the way as he mixed a variety of breaking pitches with his fast ball to register 12 strikeouts in the seven-inning contest. He didn't walk a man.

Beaufort, meanwhile, was racking three Newport hurlers for a total of 15 hits. After scoring single tallies in each the first and second innings, the Seadog bats exploded for six hits and eight runs in the third inning.

In the big third, leadoff hitter Johnny Hassell grounded out to third but Pud Hassell doubled and Chuck Lewis drew a base on balls. Then after Parris Croom had reached first on an error, Leslie Croom and Jackie Gardner collected back-to-back singles. Bill Morgan then walked and Alton Hill singled to load the bases and set the stage for a base-clearing triple by Brady Way.

Coming up for the second time in the inning, Pud Hassell flew out shallow to centerfield and Chuck Lewis followed with a single. Parris Croom then grounded out to end the U.S. rally.

Newport collected singles by Chadwick and Quinn in the third and fourth innings for their only hits in four trips to the plate while hits of the day, Leslie Croom paced the Seadog hitters with three Pud Hassell, Jackie Gardner and Alton Hill all contributed a pair of hits apiece.

This afternoon the Seadogs travel to Parlico for a game against the Hurricanes and tomorrow afternoon they will meet Smyrna in a game at Smyrna.

Summary:

Beaufort	14	105	x-14
Newport	0	000	0-0

Pirates Downed By Blue Devil Nine

Southpaw Braxton Piner held the Swansboro Pirates to a pair of hits over the last five innings Friday to pace the Blue Devils past the Pirates 12-5.

Piner came on in relief of starter Byron Styron in the second inning after Styron had been tagged for six hits and three runs. The crafty left-hander finished up and blanked the Pirates until the last half of the sixth inning when two Swansboro runs crossed the plate.

The Smyrna cause was helped by two homeruns. Genus Jones blast-

ed a two-run homer in the third inning and Braxton Piner lofted a solo shot in the bottom of the fourth. Piner also collected two other hits to give him three for four for the day. Other Blue Devils getting two hits were A. C. Davis and Curt Nelson. Terry had a perfect day for the losers, banging out three hits in three times at bat.

The Blue Devils will open a two-game home stand this afternoon against the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups. Tomorrow afternoon they will host Beaufort.