

Smyrna-Harkers Island Takes Twin Bill from Coast Guard

The Smyrna-Harkers Island nine took a twin bill from the Coast Guard at Smyrna Sunday afternoon. A three-run seventh inning gave the home team a 6-5 decision in the opener. The second game was a 3-2 pitchers' duel between Laurie Willis of Smyrna-HI and Charles Braxton.

Braxton, who pitched both games for the Coast Guard, allowed seven hits in the second game. He gave up eight in the opener. Mack Pigott pitched five hit ball for Smyrna-HI in the opener. Willis allowed six hits in the second.

Weak defensive play hurt Pigott's chances for a shutout. None of the Coast Guard's five runs were earned. Harker was the only man to get more than one hit for the losers. He collected a double and a single in two trips to the plate.

Davis Top Batter

Osborne Davis was top batter for the winners with three hits in four turns at bat. Pigott got two for four.

After the Coast Guard jumped off to a three run lead in the top of the first, Smyrna-HI came back with one marker in the bottom of the same inning.

The Coast Guard added one in the third and one in the fifth. Smyrna-HI pecked away at the Coast Guard lead, scoring singletons in the fifth and sixth innings. In the bottom of the seventh, they broke loose for a three-run rally to win the game.

Scores in Third

Smyrna-HI did all its scoring in the third inning of the second game. The Coast Guard scored in the fourth inning when Earl Taylor streaked from second to home on a routine ground-out. Their second run came when Arthur drove a double into left field, scoring Hunnings from first base.

Leading batters for the winners were Alton Paul and Osborne Davis with two for three; and Laurie Willis with one for two. Jamie Lewis and Snoball Gaskill, each got one for three.

Taylor Hits

Earl Taylor singled two times in four trips to the plate. The only other Coast Guardsmen to hit the slants of Willis were Small, Hunnings, Braxton, and Arthur.

Even though he was charged with both losses, Braxton pitched a pair of good games. He allowed eight hits in the first game and seven in the second. He is the only pitcher this year to go 14 full innings in one afternoon.

Lloyd Culpepper, the other Coast Guard hurler, quit because he is working nights.