

Smyrna-HI Cops Third Spot In County Baseball League

✦ Smyrna-Harkers Island climbed into third place in county baseball league standings Sunday afternoon with a pair of victories over the Coast Guard at Newport. The visiting team took a 6-4 verdict in the first game and a 13-5 decision in the second.

Laurie Willis limited the Coast Guard to nine hits in the first game, giving up three of the nine to Nick Culpepper. Charles Braxton, Coast Guard hurler got two for four and scored a run.

Leading Batter

Snoball Gaskill was the leading batter for Smyrna-HI with two for three.

The winners jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and stretched it to 4-0 in the top of the second. The Coast Guard came back in the bottom of the fourth to score a single run, but Smyrna-HI broke loose for two more in the fifth. The Coast Guard rallied for three runs in the last of the sixth, but was unable to even up the score.

Lewis Starts

In the second game Jamie Lewis started for Smyrna-HI and gave up four runs in the first inning. His teammates staked him to a 6-4 lead in the second inning and he pitched near-shutout ball the rest of the way, allowing one run in the bottom of the sixth.

In the meantime, Smyrna-HI batters chased Coast Guard starter Lloyd Culpepper with a four-run outburst in the fourth inning. Charles Braxton finished the game, giving up three more runs to the winners.

Crawford Pigott, with a triple

and four singles, led the Smyrna-HI attack. King Thomas had three for four and Jamie Lewis collected three for five.
