

Tigers Bomb Black Hawks 15-8; Smyrna Drops Comets

Righthander Charles Piner pitched the Beaufort Tigers to a five-hit 15-8 win over the Morehead City Black Hawks in play Monday night in the Pony League.

Piner evened his record for the year at two wins and two losses while being backed by an 11-hit attack by his Tiger team mates. One of the Tiger hits was two-run homer by Gerald Austin that came in the fifth inning.

Donald Yeager took the loss for the Black Hawks, his third of the year without a win.

Leading the hitting parade for the Tigers were Chris Pake, Bobby Stevens and Peanuts House. Stevens and House each had a pair of hits in the game and Pake collected two singles and a double. Bill Condie had a single and a triple for the losers.

In a game Tuesday night, the league-leading Smyrna Blue Devils had to come from behind a 10-2 lead in the fifth inning to score a marathon 16-11 win over the Newport Comets.

Trailing the Comets by eight runs, the Blue Devils scored seven runs in the fifth inning and seven more in the seventh for the uphill win.

Sterling Hancock picked up his sixth win of the year without a loss for the Blue Devils while the loss went to Tony Minatel of the Comets, whose record is now one win and three losses.

Danny Gillikin, Doug Dameron and Joe Willis did most of the offensive damage at the plate as they collected seven of the 11 Smyrna hits. Gillikin accounted for two singles and a triple while Dameron and Willis had two hits apiece. Newport's Duane Oglesby had two-thirds of his team's hits, a pair of singles.



Viewing Sports

by
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A letter received at the office Tuesday pointed out an error that was made in last week's column and I would like to correct it now.

The letter was from Norris Nelson at Marshallberg and concerned a statement in a column about Roger Maris' threat to Babe Ruth's home run record that said only four players, in addition to Ruth, ever hit 50 or more home runs in a single season.

Norris, who will be a sophomore at Smyrna high school this fall, points out that actually there have been five players who have hit 50 or more. In addition to Hank Greenberg, Jimmy Fox, Ralph Kiner and Mickey Mantle, whom we named, Willie Mays also did it during the 1955 season with the New York Giants. Mays hit 51 homers that year to lead both leagues.

Our thanks to young Mr. Nelson for calling the error to our attention and an apology for overlooking Willie Mays in the record book.

More on Homers

While on the subject of home runs, I guess we could make a few more brief observations.

Probably no single aspect of the game of baseball is as electrifying or thrilling as the home run. The sight of a ball being clouted over a distant outfield barrier is always remembered longer than other outstanding plays or performances that may occur during the same game.

And it follows that nothing rejuvenates interest in the game like someone making a serious threat to Babe Ruth's record of 60 in one year. Let a player pass the 30 home run mark in mid-season and suddenly baseball writers get out the record books and begin day-to-day comparisons with Ruth's record and fans turn to the sports pages to see how many homers the player hit yesterday.

This year Maris' assault on the record has brought even more interest because of the fact that American League teams will play a 162-game schedule whereas Ruth's record was set during a 154-game season.

In fact, the interest concerning the record has been so intense that it has prompted Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick to make a ruling on the subject.

The ruling handed down by Frick stated that a player must hit more than 60 home runs in 154 games before he will be considered to have broken the Babe's record. If he should hit his 61st home run after the 154th game, he merely would be given a distinctive mark in the record books to call attention to the fact that it was compiled under a 162-game season.

Standings

PONY LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Blue Devils	11	1	.916
BFD	8	4	.666	3
Tigers	6	7	.461	5½
Black Hawks	4	9	.307	7½
Comets	2	11	.154	9½

RESULTS THIS WEEK

Tigers 15, Black Hawks 8
Blue Devils 16, Comets 11

GAMES NEXT WEEK

Monday—Black Hawks vs. BFD
Tuesday—Tigers vs. Comets
Thursday—Blue Devils vs. Tigers
Friday (2)—Black Hawks vs. Comets
Blue Devils vs. BFD

MOREHEAD LITTLE LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Small Frys	6	3	.666	
Moose	6	3	.666	
Elks	2	5	.285	4
Idle Hour	2	5	.285	4

MOREHEAD MINOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Timbers	9	1	.900	
VFW	6	3	.666	2½
Ocean Oilers	4	6	.400	5
Rex Specials	4	6	.400	5
WOW	4	6	.400	5
Future Savers	2	7	.222	6½

GAMES NEXT WEEK

Monday — Rex Specials vs. WOW (minor playoff)
Tuesday — Small Frys vs. Moose (2nd half playoff)
Wednesday—Ocean Oilers vs. VFW (minor playoff)
Thursday—Rex Special, WOW winner vs. Timbers
Friday — Open. 1st half major league winner vs. 2nd half winner if game is necessary
Saturday — Wednesday's minor league winner vs. Thursday's winner