

Blue Devils Clinch Second Straight Pony League Flag

1961 Final Standings-Statistics

Standings

PONY LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Blue Devils	13	1	.928	
BFD	10	4	.714	3
Tigers	6	8	.428	7
Black Hawks	4	10	.285	9
Comets	2	12	.142	11

RESULTS LAST WEEK

Blue Devils 3, Black Hawks 2
 BFD 7, Comets 0
 BFD 12, Tigers 11

GAMES THIS WEEK

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

LEADING HITTERS

(Based on 20 official at-bats)

Name, team	ab	h	avg.
Merrill, BFD	44	21	.477
Willis, J., Smyrna	42	20	.476
Woodard, BFD	24	10	.417
Croom, BFD	46	17	.370
Dameron, Smyrna	41	15	.366
Pake, Tigers	36	13	.361
Oglesby, Comets	36	13	.361
Stanley, BFD	43	15	.349
Willis, B., Smyrna	27	9	.333
Williams, Comets	27	9	.333

BFD Raps Tigers 12-11 Thursday

In a wild and woolly extra-inning Pony league game Thursday night, the BFD nine scored two runs in the eighth inning to take a narrow 12-11 win from the Beaufort Tigers.

A home run by Clem Woodard and singles by Jeff Croom and Bryan Peterson brought home the winning runs after the Tigers had rallied for eight big runs in the seventh to knot the count at 10-10. Going into the seventh, the Tigers were trailing the BFD 10-2.

Mickey Bertram, the third BFD hurler, gained credit for the win by hurling only one-third of an inning. Woodard came on in the eighth after John Way and Richard Stanley had both seen mound action.

Bobby Stevens, the Tigers' third hurler also, took the loss. Stevens relieved Taylor in the fourth after one man was out. Piner had started for the Tigers but failed to last the first inning.

→ The Smyrna Blue Devils clinched their second straight Pony League pennant Friday night by swarming past the Morehead City Hawks 13-2. The Blue Devils now have a record of 13 wins and one loss and a three-game lead over the second-place BFD.

The league closes out its regular season schedule this week and will start a four-game playoff next week.

The Blue Devils pounded Black Hawk hurler Donnie Yeager for 12 hits Friday night, including a freak home run by Blue Devil outfielder Gordon Willis. Willis blooped a ball over first base that probably would have gone as a single but Black Hawk defenders lost the ball and Willis had circled the bases before it could be found.

A walk, a sacrifice and a double by John Lee brought the Black Hawks a first-inning run but they couldn't score another until the fourth when Barnum walked and scored on a single by Garner.

Danny Gillikin, who now has a record of five wins and no losses, was the winning pitcher for the Blue Devils while the loss went to Donald Yeager, winless in four starts.

In Friday's mactap, Mickey Bertram of the BFD was credited with the league's first no-hitter as he blanked the Newport Comets 17-0 in a game that was called by agreement after four innings.

Bertram pitched to only 10 men in the four innings he worked and retired the side in order in two of the frames. He issued four walks and allowed only one base runner to reach as far as second base.

The BFD batters, meanwhile, were having a field day against Aycock, the Newport hurler. They scored eight runs in each the second and fourth frames and added a single tally in the third inning.

Clem Woodard, with three hits in four trips to the plate and Wayne Merrill, Richard Stanley and Mickey Bertram, with two hits apiece, led the assault.