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The first and second place finishers during the regular season in the Pony League, the Smyrna Blue Devils and the BFD, advanced to the final round of the playoff series with opening wins over the Beaufort Tigers and the Morehead City Black Hawks.

On Monday night the Blue Devils eliminated the Tigers from contention 10-3, and the BFD came through with a 14-6 win over the Black Hawks on Tuesday night. This set the stage for a best of three series between the Blue Devils and the BFD for the league championship.

Barry Willis started and went the route for the Blue Devils on Monday. He gave up seven hits, struck out five and walked two. After giving up three first inning runs to the Tigers Willis hurled shutout ball the rest of the way.

The Blue Devils, meanwhile, combed Tiger hurler Charles Piner for 13 hits to score one run in the second, six in the fourth, one in the fifth and two in the sixth inning.

Doug Dameron, Joe Willis, and Steve Willis each collected three hits in four trips to the plate to pace the Blue Devils to the win. Peanuts House also had three for four for the Tigers, getting a double and a pair of singles.

The BFD nine earned the right to meet the Blue Devils in the championship series by winning handily over the Black Hawks Tuesday 14-6.

The Fire Department was coasting along with a 5-2 lead going into the fifth inning and then they exploded to score three in the fifth and six in the sixth to break the game wide open.

Lefthander John Way was credited with the win although he needed relief in the sixth inning when the Hawks rallied for two runs. Jeff Croom was brought on to relieve Way but could get only one man out and was replaced by Johnny Merrill who finished the game.

Mickey Bertram, Beaufort outfielder, had a perfect night at the plate, collecting four singles in four trips to the plate. He also scored twice and had two rbi's. Rodney Kemp and Bill Condie each had two hits in three times up for the losers.