

## ***BFD Wraps Up Playoff Title In 2; Traps Blue Devils 2-1***

Tommy Piner stole home with one out in the eighth inning Thursday night to give the BFD a 2-1 victory over the Smyrna Blue Devils and a clean sweep of the best of three playoff series in the county Pony League.

**Piner's run climaxed** a fiery and highly disputed inning. The big break for the Blue Devils came with one out and

runners on first and second when the Blue Devil infield miffed a bunted popup off the bat of pitcher John Way. Johnny Merrill then lifted a fly ball to the infield for the first out.

Richard Staney was the next BFD batter and he bunted the ball in front of the plate with Piner coming in from third with the winning run.

**Kenny Lewis**, who came on in relief of Blue Devil starter Sterling Hancock in the sixth inning, was the losing pitcher while Way, also working in relief was credited with the win. Way had been summoned to the mound in the seventh replacing Mickey Bertram.

The BFD took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when a walk, three ground balls and an error scored an unearned run. This lead held up until the seventh inning when the Blue Devils matched the Beaufort run on three singles. A safety by Doug Dameron sent Steve Willis across the plate with the run.

**The Blue Devils** outhit the BFD 9-3 but they couldn't get their baserunners around. They left eight men stranded during the game.

Joe and Steve Willis combined to collect five of the Blue Devils' nine hits. Joe collected three singles in four trips to the plate and Steve had two hits in three times up.

**Bryan Peterson**, John Way and Brady Way got the three Beaufort hits.