

# 11-Run Inning Gives Rams 13-12 Win Over Blue Devils

The Smyrna Blue Devils saw an 11-1 lead over the Havelock Rams melt before their eyes Tuesday afternoon at Smyrna as the Rams rallied for 11 runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to give them a 12-11 lead and they went on to edge the Blue Devils 13-12.

Havelock needed only two hits to score their 11 runs, as a bevy of Smyrna errors allowed most of the runs to score.

The Blue Devils came back in the top of the seventh to tie the game up at 12-12 but Havelock scored an unearned run in their half of the inning to wrap up the win. Carroll Hill, who came on in relief of starter Braxton Piner in the fifth inning, started off the frame by hitting the first batter with a pitched ball.

The batter then advanced to second on a wild pitch and took third on another throw the catcher couldn't handle. On a sacrifice try the next batter popped up to the third baseman but the runner scored when a pickoff throw went wild.

Piner, the Blue Devil's ace left-hander, started the game and had worked a sizable lead even though he was off his usual form.

Piner left the game in the fourth inning in favor of righthander Carroll Hill who was the victim of the Havelock uprising in the fifth. Hill was tagged for the loss.

Genus Jones, the Blue Devils, newest hitting sensation, continued his torrid pace with the bat, lashing out three hits, including a two-bagger. Collecting two hits each were Curt Nelson, Braxton Piner and Dale Lewis.