

#2 1963 May 21 Smyrna Captures Conference

1963 Season Summary

Smyrna finished their 1963 season with a 10-3 record. Two of the losses were to non-conference foes.

Blue Devil coach **Fred Bartholomew** said there would be no conference playoffs this year, because it was so near the end of the school year.

He said he is looking forward to next year's team. Although the two seniors who shared the pitching load this year would not be back, he had a lot of sophomores and freshman that would see a lot of play next year.

Byron Styron was the Blue Devils' leading pitcher with a 6-2 record. Sterling Hancock, who also doubles as a centerfielder, had four wins against one setback for the champs.

Doug Dameron led the Blue Devils at the plate with a .430 batting average. **Joe Willis**, who catches for the Smyrna team finished the season with a .340 average.

Terry Lewis, a sophomore, who went 6 for 12 at the plate in the last three games, looks like an excellent prospect for next year's team, the coach said.

Coach Bartholomew said this year's team showed a lot of hustle and desire to win. "I imagine that is one of the big reasons we are conference champs," he said.

1963 Statistics

Team Records: 10 and 3

Pitchers:

Byron Styron 6 and 2

Sterling Hancock 4 and 1

Batting Leaders:

Doug Damron .430

Joe Boy Willis .340

Note: Terry Lewis went 6 for 12 at the plate for his last 12 at bats