

# Solomon, Fletcher Pace Tides To 8-2 Win over Salter Path

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JIM SOLOMON and Fletcher Poulk sent the Tides cresting at an unprecedented inland high yesterday afternoon on the bumpy West Carteret High School baseball diamond.

The Carteret Tides, that is, surged to an 8-2 victory over the hard-luck Salter Path Braves. Some robust support by their red-and-white-uni-

formed teammates gave Manager Rodney Kemp's undefeated Carteret clouters their second straight conquest in the Seashore League.

SOLOMON and Poulk both hit 1.000 for the day and U. S. Marine Lieutenant Jim came within a whisker of pitching a shutout. He hurled his 5-hitter all right, but threw away his own white-

wash in the last inning. He tossed in haste on a tailor-made double-play dribble back to the box.

Wayne Mobley, with a single, double and triple in five trips, and Donald Leatherman, with two for three, weighed in with hefty batting support. Poulk had himself an exciting day at shortstop with ten flawless fielding chances and teamed with Mobley in a nifty double-play.

POULK NOW owns a cool .667 batting average and Mobley .400, with two doubles and a triple, in their two games. This was Solomon's first start. But he batted as he pitched — as if he owned the league. He stroked three singles and drew a walk.

Lefty George Viereck gave the 200-some spectators a taste of things to come with his first Brave pitch to Mobley. Wayne hammered it far over right-fielder Ted Willis' head and only a rapid-fire relay held the first-inning wallop to a triple.

WILLIS proved something of an unsung hero when he outdid his first-inning prestidigitation again on Mobley, in the seventh. This time Ted battled the underbrush and trees, slid on his tummy and fired his relay from that picturesque pose to hold the Tide second-baseman to a double.

Willis made a fine catch on George Gilbert's drive that followed and then raced around the corner and under the tree for a spectacular catch (or was it?) on Poulk. The only problem was that Ted ran so far that he was

completely out of sight, deep in the forest, and Plate Umpire Ron Fernandez properly ruled it a ground-rule foul, out of play.

"JIM SOLOMON should be the stopper of our pitching corps," commented Manager Kemp before the season. Solomon, a 6-4 180-pound fire-baller with a darting variety of curves, looked every inch the part yesterday. He struck out eight and walked just two.

Just wait till Solomon gets in pitching shape, The Marines kept him off the mound for most of three years, while he was earning his commission at Quantico

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