

# Braves Topple Western Blues In 10-Inning Near No-Hitter

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Mid pleasures and palaces, though ye may roam . . .

THERE'S NO place like the home of the Western Blues for baseball excitement that even drew sunshine through the clouds in Bogue yesterday afternoon. Be it ever so humble.

You'd go far afield, including the big leagues, to find anything to match this Seashore League 10-inning epic. The Salter Path Braves scored their first victory, 5-3, but the home-standing Westerners gained stature in defeat. It was that kind of a ball game.

HEROES? Let's go with Lefty George Viereck, Neal Smith and Ted Willis of the Braves, Delbert Sutton of the Blues and Plate Umpire Ron Eckert for starters.

Viereck pitched three innings of gallant relief ball, striking out five, and won his own thriller with a crackling line single to right. The smack drove home Ted Willis and Spencer Smith with the runs that settled the issue in the 10th.

NEAL SMITH, Braves' starter, hurled six innings of no-hit no-run baseball and set down the first 15 batters in 1-2-3 order. He fanned nine, walked but two and surrendered

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