

Sox Hope to Turn Tides On Carteret Superman

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CAN DONNIE Aycock's Red Sox tether the Tides? The cold averages of the Seashore Baseball League say nay. Manager Rodney Kemp will start a batting order Sunday that packs five .300 hitters, Bob McIntosh at .417, Fletcher Poulk at .688 and Jim Solomon at 1.000 for the Carteret Tides.

THAT'S WHAT you call flexing your muscles, especially when shortstop Poulk's three games and 11 hits include two doubles, four stolen bases and five runs-batted-in. The 24-year-old Fletcher, a star at Methodist

College, also possesses a strong, accurate arm and is the take-charge guy of the Carteret infield.

The 6-foot-4 Solomon has to be seen to be believed, on the strength of his one pitching start April 20 against the Salter Path Braves. The lean right-hander fired a five-hitter in the Tides' 8-2 triumph and lost his shutout on two unearned runs in the ninth. Just for good measure, Jim slapped three sharp singles in his three official at-bats.

BUT MANAGER Aycock has a whole lot going for his Red Sox that eludes the statistics. He'll have the meaningful benefit of the carefully-manicured Sox home field in Broad Creek on Route 24. And he just might have a secret weapon or two that were missing last week. Solomon will toe the

mound for the Tides Sunday at 2 p.m. and Aycock would dearly love to match his own burly, left-hander, Gary Robinson, against Big Jim in what could be the duel of the season.

GARY, A 6-2 20-year-old 215-pounder, has been trying to conquer a sore throat and he has thrown this week with the authority of 1973. He won 10 and lost 0 that year with the Pollocksville Mets of the crackerjack semi-pro Coastal Carolina Conference.

Then there's 6-5 230-pound David Waldroff, affectionately known as Ting when he won 5 and lost 2 last year. He pitches, catches and hits with power, but his availability Sunday depends upon his employer, the United States Marines. His

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SEASHORE BATTING LEADERS (A few statistics are not available)

PLAYER	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	SB	RBI	AVE
Jim Solomon, Tides	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Fletcher Poulk, Tides	16	6	11	2	0	0	4	5	.688
Carroll Hill, E. Blues	5	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	.600
Manley Gaskill, E. Blues	10	6	5	3	1	0	1	3	.500
Dallas Arthur, E. Blues	9	1	4	0	0	0	0	6	.444
Crawford Pigott, E. Blues	9	4	4	1	1	0	0	5	.444
Bob McIntosh, Tides	12	3	5	1	0	0	2	3	.417
Ronnie Fulcher, E. Blues	15	3	6	1	0	0	4	3	.400
Neal Smith, Braves	15	1	6	0	1	1	1	2	.400
Chuck Lewis, Tides	11	4	4	1	0	0	0	3	.364
Andy Raynor, Tides	11	5	4	1	0	0	2	3	.364
Wayne Mobley, Tides	14	6	5	2	1	0	2	1	.357
Kenny Lewis, E. Blues	14	1	5	4	0	0	0	3	.357
Donald Leatherman, Tides	12	3	4	0	0	0	0	2	.333
Joe Willis, E. Blues	9	4	3	0	0	1	1	3	.333
John Reel, W. Blues	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	.333
George Gilbert, Tides	13	4	4	2	0	0	1	2	.308
Ronnie Willis, Braves	14	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	.286
Spencer Smith, Braves	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Rodney Kemp, Tides	11	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	.273
Craig Weber, Braves	12	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	.250
Milton Scott, E. Blues	8	6	2	0	0	0	3	0	.250
Harold Anderson, Braves	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	.250
George Zurenko, E. Blues	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.200
George Visreck, Braves	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.167
Randy Grady, E. Blues	13	7	2	0	0	0	4	1	.158
George Tootle, W. Blues	13	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	.158
Douglas Guthrie, Braves	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.125