

# Arthur Leads Blues by Tides

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played ball for 3 years on that same East Carteret diamond and helped carry the high school Mariners to runner-up for the state championship in his junior year.

DALLAS scattered 6 hits, walked 2 and struck out 13. You could send Catfish Hunter to that same mound and he couldn't outpitch Lefty Arthur. After all, a shutout is a shutout in any league.

The Carteret Tides may not be the Oakland A's at bat, but they're no patsies either. They carried a formidable batting array into yesterday's competition. But Dallas cooled most of that punch.

BIG JIM Solomon, right-handed ace of the Tides, deserved a better fate. He fanned 7, walked 4 and grudgingly surrendered 13 hits. But he proved a tough Marine in the clutch. He

pitched from the stretch most of the day, with dangerous runners on base in every inning.

First-baseman Crawford Pigott, with 3 singles and a line-drive out to center in 4 trips, and third-baseman Milton Scott, with 2 singles in 4 appearances, placed the Blues at bat. First-baseman Chuck Lewis bothered Lefty Arthur with 2 for 4 for the Tides.

THUNDER FROM the crowd may have been the Blues' mightiest weapon. A head-count might have added up to better than 500 fans. But you couldn't tell from the noise count. The roar sounded more like that of 5,000.

And the Downeasters rooters aren't what you'd call silent. They cheered, they clapped, they shouted, they screamed, they rang a cowbell or two and they brought along one truck with a steamboat blast for a horn.

THE SUN has never shone quite as brightly on the entire Seashore League as it did yesterday. Crowds and enthusiasm increased everywhere. And no wonder.

Alex (The Big) Fox made a solid bid for home run king