

he's also one of the best all-around ball players in our Seashore League. He really hums that fast ball and hits his corners with pin-point control. Red Sox Manager Donnie Aycock has worked him sparingly on the mound, so that Maness' good right arm should be in peak condition Sunday.

Meanwhile, Bruce has been playing where Aycock has needed him most. You might call Maness' batting record mighty manly. He's hitting a cool .500, with 2 doubles, a home run and 4 runs-batted-in. At age 25, he's every inch the athlete at 6 feet 2 and 195 pounds.

AND, PERHAPS, just maybe, Bruce Maness can show the Eastern Blues Sunday that a little learning never hurts.

It bears all the earmarks of the best game of the year. Six Sox and five Blues are hitting better than .400. Alex Fox, Newport's big first-baseman, is the toast of the league with 5 home runs and a fantastic 14 RBI's in 7 games.

Richard Collins, Sox second-baseman, has an equally fabulous 11 stolen bases.

THE BEAUFORT Sea Dogs will help the second-place Carteret Tides christen the county's long-awaited Swinson Park



Bruce Maness, fast ball right-hander, will pitch for the Red Sox when they take on the Eastern Blues at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smyrna