

Tides Tear Darned Sox In Ten-Inning Thriller

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DIVIDE AND conquer.

That's the pattern the Seashore League baseball race is taking after yesterday's ninth week of play in the 20-week schedule.

THE CARTERET Tides nipped the Newport Red Sox, 5-4, in ten innings yesterday afternoon in Swinson Park. It provided the tensest competition of the season. But, unfortunately, somebody had to lose and that dropped the Red Sox, one of the toughest teams in the league, below the .500 mark at 4-won 5-lost.

Sure, the victory kept the Tides galloping on the heels of the defending champion Eastern Blues with an 8-1 record. But the Blues, meanwhile, keep winning the games they must win and maintaining their highest standard, no matter what the opposition.

HENCE, the Downeasters keep sailing along and now have won 9 without a loss this season after a 14-0 sweep to the league pennant last year. The Eastern Blues lambasted their cross-county rivals, the Western Blues, 17-3, yesterday at Bogue.

That sets the stage for another showdown confrontation between the champs and the Tides next Sunday at 2 p.m. in Smyrna. But it's always "must-win" for the other clubs and the cantankerous Eastern Blues just won't open that door to the league summit.

MANAGER Donnie Aycock's Red Sox led, 2-0, 3-0 and 3-2, before Skipper Rodney Kemp's Tides surged above the high-water mark, 4-3, in the fifth. The Sox squared the score at 4-4, in the sixth.

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