

Blue Skies Favor Tides, But E. Blues Still Reign

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Blue-jacketed John Turnage and 18-year-old Kenny Randolph led the Carteret Tides to a gripping 4-2 triumph over the Salter Path Braves yesterday in the Seashore Baseball League. Both fielded brilliantly and Randolph drove in the two winning runs in the home half of the seventh in Swinson Park. Turnage outpitched Jack Daughtrey of the Braves in a classic duel.

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"IF THERE'S enough blue in the sky to cut out a pair of Dutchman's britches, it won't rain."

That proved the sage weather projection of an every-week Seashore League baseball fanette yesterday en route to Swinson Park. And the bountiful blue skies helped the Carteret caravel to hit High Tide in a brilliantly-played pitchers' duel with the battling Braves from Salter Path.

EACH TEAM deserved the victory and the 180-some fans went home singing the praise due both the Carteret Tides and the Braves. John Turnage managed to nose out Jack Daughtrey, however, to give the Tides their 10th triumph against 2 defeats. Carteret was mighty happy indeed to settle for a 4-2 win.

Both Turnage and Daughtrey hurled superlative complete games. Both received glittering support afield. Turnage turned in the most incredible play of the day when he dove head-first to nab a ground bullet fired by Douglas Guthrie. Then — mirabile dictu — John gunned the ball to first two steps ahead of Guthrie. And somehow Turnage threw a strike from a supine position of elegance.

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-old Kenny Randolph won the ball game with a 2-run shot to center to score Wayne Mobley and Rodney Kemp in the lucky seventh. They had reached third and second, respectively, with singles and stolen bases. Daughtrey retired Fletcher Poulk and Doug Landingham to set the stage for Randolph's winnig wallop.

Please paste this in your scrapbook for future reference: Mr. Kenny Randolph looks no more than two years away from being just about the best shortstop in baseball.

HE HAS ALL the physical tools. He drapes 185 pounds of grace around a 6-foot, 3-inch frame. He throws with the best in the game right now and he's just out of Sanderson High School in Raleigh. He makes good contact at bat and can hit the long ball.

Randolph has fine fielding range on these Seashore League diamonds. How he can cope with the synthetic "concrete" infield turfs in the major leagues remains to be seen.

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