

Blues

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second and third. Cool-Head Fred Nelson hit 2 homers of his own to boost his league total to 4. He's hitting .389.

Fulcher, Randy Grady and Carroll Hill all chimed in with two hits apiece, so that the victory added up to a superb team effort. Right-hander George Zurenko went the distance for the Blues and scattered the Tides' 8 hits.

VERSATILE George Gilbert, playing center-field yesterday, contributed a solid single and a ferocious double. But Zurenko proved a cool customer in the clutch and that Down East fielding kept the crowd in an uproar.

"We're the only club in this league that can beat those Blues," said Salter Path Manager Otis Pittman. He'll get his chance to prove it next Sunday when his Braves travel to Smyrna to challenge the champs.

A CAROLINA-style "monsoon" buried Burnett's Field in Salter Path at about 6 o'clock yesterday morning and forced postponement of the all-important Red Sox-Braves rivalry. The Western Blues failed to appear for their game with the Sea Dogs in Beaufort and so suffered a 9-0 forfeit loss.

Those closely-knit Eastern Blues and the fired-up Tides of Manager Rodney Kemp have been battling each other tooth and nail all season. Yesterday may have illustrated the finest hours for both teams.

THE BLUES showed they can win with grace and the Tides swallowed a darned nasty capsule with a wry smile and a hearty handshake of congratulations for the victors.

"To tell the truth, I'm disconsolate," said Rodney Kemp. "But you just wait till Aug. 24. You're going to see something different when we play them in Smyrna."

And Destiny's Darlings, Wilson Davis' Blues, just might see a different brand of pitching from Fletcher Poulk and John Turnage next month. They're both class athletes and tremendous competitors.



These two fancy-fielding gloves and Fred Nelson's booming bat powered the Eastern Blues to a 12-4 conquest of the Carteret Tides yesterday in Seashore League baseball at Swinson Park. From left, shortstop Dale Lewis, Nelson and third-baseman Milton Scott relax after the Blues' 28th straight victory in the Seashore League's two-year existence. Nelson's two home runs boosted his season total to 4, second high.