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and shortstop Kenny Randolph patrolled their beats with the fielding class of the Tides.

NEAL SMITH, Brave shortstop, dove into the hole to his right twice and rifled out fleet-footed Tides. "Old Folks" Jerry Pittman did some super stretching at first and weighed in with a double and single.

Nice guys. All of them. And they won't finish last.

BUT YESTERDAY'S 11-inning classic settled the Tides in second place with 13 victories and 3 defeats. The Braves now have won 7 and lost.9.

You'll find it difficult, anywhere but Down East, to convince followers of the Seashore League that the Eastern Blues qualify, too, as Nice Guys.

THEY REFUSE to finish last.

And they poured it on the Sea Dogs, 10-2, in Beaufort. George Zurenko, right-handed former Boatswain's Mate, pitched 6 innings of shutout ball for the win. His Coast Guard crewman, Randy Grady, helped with two doubles:

BUT RANDY also wound up in Carteret General Hospital, rushed there by Rescue Squad, when he caught a flying bat on a badly-bruised leg.

Dale Lewis, brilliant Blue shortstop, continued his climb in the batting averages with 3 for 5, including a roaring triple. League-leading hitting star Kenny Lewis drove in 5 runs with a double and single.

EVERY ONE Down East will tell you the Eastern Blues qualify as the Nicest of Nice Guys, the Prince of Pals.

But will the fans love the Blues in September as they did in May?