

Tides and Sox Will Clash

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In Duel of Friendly Foes

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Sunday at Swinson
Here's to Rodney Kemp and the Carteret Tides,
Donnie Aycock's Sox on Opposing Sides,
John Turnage, Jay Garner, who will pitch
In a chips-down duel from their rubber niche.
It's a playoff preview 'twixt friendly foes,
May and better team win the victory rose.

IT'S GREAT to be young and a Yankee." Hall of Fame hurler Waite Hoyt said it not so very long ago.

The year was 1921 and, at age 21, Waite had won 19, lost 13 and was pitching for the American League champs in history's first all-New York World Series. Young Mr. Hoyt had the world as his oyster and decades of baseball ahead, with the mighty Babe Ruth and all the best.

AT AGE 19, Jay Garner finds himself in a different era, but with so many sweet years in his future. It all depends on Jay. He has the pitches and the big-league scouts recognize his potential.

Garner will toe the Newport Red Sox mound Sunday at 2 p.m. against John Turnage, Carteret Tide ace, in a Seashore League playoff preview in Swinson Park. Both are right-handers.

SO, BY THE way, was Waite Hoyt. The three disagree in one important sartorial aspect, however.

Waite enjoyed pitching with the bill of his uniform cap pointed to the sky and eyes roaming the grandstand. He didn't like to miss spotting the pretty girls.

GARNER AND Turnage differ from the old Whiz Kid in cap-wearing style. Both Jay and John pull their peaks low, to shade their eyes and even their thoughts, from the man at the plate. They glower at the hitter and then let fire.

Yet the more times change, the more they stay the same.

WHERE JAY GARNER stands today, there once stood John Turnage. As the 1968 ace of West Carteret High, the now-25-year-old Turnage had the pro scouts on his trail. John gave it due thought and then selected East Carolina University and a business career.

That decision has paid off. He mans an executive post at Belk's and his bright future doesn't hinge on the always-lurking threat of a lame pitching arm.

CARTERET SKIPPER Rodney Kemp—every week shows more impressive credentials as a born leader. He sees Sunday's Swinson encounter as a psychological challenge.

"The Tides and Sox look like sure first-round opponents in the playoffs," says Rodney. "The team that wins this Sunday will carry that important momentum into the Aug. 31 championships."

DONNIE AYCOCK, dedicated Red Sox leader, says, "We're overdue to rip the Tides. We've gone 10 innings with those guys twice now and have lost two heart-breakers."

The second-place Carteret clouters won, 4-3, May 4, then, 5-4, June 8.

DONNIE'S slugging Sox can unload some booming artillery. Big Alex Fox paces the league in home runs with 7 and shares the top in runs-batted-in with 23. Bruce Maness, who'll start in left field Sunday, owns the top batting average of .487. Richard Collins has the most stolen bases, 22.

Chuck Lewis, top Tide hitter at .426, has the most hits in the Seashore circuit, 29, shares the RBI lead with Fox and threatens Alex's home-run supremacy with 4.

CHUCK, THE splendid Carteret first-baseman, even added a Babe Ruth touch to his big day last Sunday. He calls his home-run shots.

"Don't miss this Beaufort game," Chuck told his wife and two children. "I'm going to hit a home run my first time up." And, Glory Hallelujah, he did just that. He

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