

All Baseball Trails Lead *Aug 21, 1975* To Braves-Sox Tussle

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DOWN EAST has reigned as the baseball capital of Carteret County since time began. That's an accepted fact with any followers of the Eastern Blues.

But Otis Pittman, manager of the Salter Path Braves, changed all that when he did his own very special war dance that must have sent shock waves reverberating past Cedar Island.

THIS WAS A dance Otis had promised himself and his constituents ever since the first ball was pitched in the Seashore League last year.

"When we clinch a berth in the playoffs, I'll do a war dance that will shake some of the pine boughs loose down in Smyrna," said Otis.

THE BRAVES just missed a playoff position last year. But Manager Pittman's Salter Path entry finally qualified for the championship round last Sunday when they bombarded the Sea Dogs, 17-9, in Beaufort.

That victory assured the Braves of fourth place, at least. And therein lies the rub. Skipper Otis got out his pencil, slide rule and sketching board and drafted his master plan for the 1975 championship of the Seashore League.

THAT WIN, combined with a forfeit by Beaufort of a rained-out replay from July 13, gave the Braves a won-lost record of 8 and 10. The Sea Dogs, eliminated last Sunday, conceded the July 13 game to Salter Path. Even a Beaufort victory in the replay no longer could land the Dogs in the playoffs.

Are you still with us? Because, as you soon will see, Otis Pittman has kept his slide rule spinning.

MANAGER Donnie Aycock's Newport Red Sox settled into a 9-8 third place in the won-lost standings with their setback by the Carteret Tides last Sunday.

Donnie's Red Sox are ready for the Salter Path Braves this Sunday in the finally-scheduled Seashore weekend of the regular season. Even a Salter Path triumph would still

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SEASHORE BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L		W	L
Eastern Blues	19	0	Salter Path Braves	8	10
Carteret Tides	15	3	Beaufort Sea Dogs	4	16
Newport Red Sox	9	8	Western Blues	1	19

GAMES SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.

Carteret Tides at Eastern Blues.

Salter Path Braves at Newport Red Sox.

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Friendly rivals indulging in Indian Wrestling? Well, you might call them friends, but they're competing for keeps. Manager Otis Pittman's Salter Path Braves and Skipper Donnie Aycock's Newport Red Sox will play their Seashore League baseball game Sunday at 2 P.M.