

No Joy Today in Smyrna; Those Blues—They Lose

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FOR TWO YEARS now, the paramount question in the Seashore Baseball

League has been: How will the Down East fans react to an Eastern Blues' defeat?

Now we know. Their reaction was one of shocked silence. The Carteret Tides put the Blues and their supporters to the test yesterday afternoon when the Tides won, 6-4. And, most woeful of wonders, the Blues suffered the loss right in their own back yard in Smyrna.

COACH Jim Piner, the say-little do-much silent thinker on the Carteret bench, summed up the situation best in the ninth inning:

"You know, things are mighty quiet over there around the Blues' dugout."

ONE LOOKS in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary and finds these amplifications of the word "shock":

1 — A violent shake or jar.

2 — A disturbance in the equilibrium or permanence of something.

3 — A state of profound depression of the vital processes.

4 — Trauma.

If you're a Downeaster and sat in on the grave emotional stress, you alone

can answer which of the above definitions best describe your reaction.

BUT, WHAT-HO, ye Downeasters. People have suffered more dismal fates. After all, the Eastern Blues did win the regular-season Seashore League com-

petition. And somewhere, just somewhere, there must be a more discouraging record than 33 wins and 1 defeat over the last 2 years.

Take the Salter Path Braves, for example. These warriors of Manager Otis Pittman indulged themselves in the sweet taste of victory yesterday when they out-weathered the Newport Red Sox, 15-13, on the latter's Broad Creek diamond.

Dallas Gets Relief Chores with Mets

Dallas Wayne Arthur, once a stellar performer in the Seashore Baseball League, has made appearances in 18 games this season for the Marion Mets of Marion, Va., a farm team for the New York Mets. All have been as a relief pitcher.

So far, he has five saves to his credit in the single-A Appalachian League, which the Marion Mets currently lead. Dallas, a 22-year-old left-hander, hopes to draw a starting role, if not this season, which is nearly over, then next spring.

His father, Dallas Clayton Arthur of Bettie, reports that little Dallas has an approximate earned run average (ERA) of 2.

AND THAT gave the Braves a 9-10 won-lost record. Or consider the case

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