

Ladies Share Spotlight As Title Playoffs Begin

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Here's to the Ladies, God Bless 'Em,
Most times they sew and some times they hem.
But the thing they do best,
Better than all of the rest,
Is to cheer on their heroes, their men.

ASK THE little woman, behind the great big man, and she'll tell you. It's been one blasted long Seashore League baseball season.

But now the big moment has arrived. This is what the almost-daily practices, the once-a-week games, the

bruises, aches, grumbles and pains have been all about. Ever since February.

NOW IT'S playoff time, for the league championship. The regular season ended last Sunday, with the defending champion Eastern Blues finishing first, the Carteret Tides second, the Salter Path Braves third and the Newport Red Sox fourth.

So, here's the way the teams open the first-round playoffs Sunday at 2 p.m.:

The Newport Red Sox at Eastern Blues.
The Salter Path Braves at Carteret Tides (Swinson Park).

AS ALWAYS, the Seashore spotlight focuses on Smyrna and the Home of the Eastern Blues. The Blues won 14 straight games last year in going all the way through the regular season and playoffs undefeated. They won 19 in a row this year, before suffering their first defeat last Sunday, 6-4, at the hands of the Carteret Tides.

That gives the Blues a Seashore League record of 33 wins and 1 defeat in the 2-year history of the competition. Yet that one loss sent shock waves reverberating all the way Down East, from Beaufort to Harker's Island.

"CAN IT be that our Blues are flesh-and-blood mortals,

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