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Blues Lose Like Champs; Sox Play Tides for Title

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TODAY'S story is a simple one. But, saddest of all, it's all too true.

Manager Donnie Aycock took his Newport Red Sox — all ten of them — all the way to Smyrna yesterday and upended the defending champion Eastern Blues, 4-1, in the very first round of the Seashore League baseball playoffs. Blues' Manager Wilson Davis called on 13 of his players and had a few more sitting in the dugout in reserve.

YOU MIGHT say, in a manner of speaking, that David outslung Goliath.

But time out right now for a very special message for the younger Down East Fans.

LOOK, GUYS, you idolized your Blues and you did right. They're fine men and splendid ball players, all of them. Keep them as worthy examples, because they're worth it and they're your home team, win or lose.

But perhaps your biggest reason of all to respect these wonderful guys is that they can hold their heads high in defeat. They played their hearts out and they lost.

THAT'S LIFE, fellows. Some times you win and some times you lose. But you always give everything in life your best shot, be it sports or school or your job or whatever.

And, when you give it your best, you can always walk with pride. Be proud of those wonderful Blues, because they're great guys and worthy of your very special esteem.

IN FACT, this entire league consists of some 100 or more athletes who deserve everybody's respect. They love the game and give it everything they've got. They work long, hard hours

and then they go out and practice.

And what do they gain? Think about it. Call it fun, a better way of life and toss in for good measure a real big heap of self-respect.

TAKE THE Carteret Tides, for example. You'll never find a nicer bunch of sportsmen, win or lose. And it so happened that they won yesterday, 11-5, over the Salter Path Braves in Swinson Park.

So now it's the Red Sox against the Tides next Sunday at 2 p.m. in the

opening game of their 2-out-of-3 final playoff for the Seashore League championship. By virtue of their second-place finish in the regular season, the Tides get the home-team advantage of this opening contest in Swinson Park.

YOU'VE HEARD of a team being "up" for a game? You should have seen those Red Sox yesterday. They chattered up a storm, they hustled, they fielded a ton.

Joe Willis, one of the bluest of all the Blues, summed it

up best when he congratulated Manager Aycock after the game:

"CONGRATULATIONS, Donnie. You outdid us. You outplayed us. You were the better ball club today. You deserved to win."

Joe-Boy Willis offers a pretty good example of why you can call the 1974 Seashore champions "True Blue."

BUT, OOH, those Sox.

Richard Collins ripped into starting Down East pitcher George Zurenko for a single to right, stole second and scored on a sharp single to center by No. 1 Newport Holler-Guy Alex Fox.

THE BLUES tied it just as quickly at 1-1 in the bottom of the first. Dale Lewis beat out a hit to third, stole second and scored on Joe Willis' smoking double to left.

And, believe it or not, that's all she wrote for the Blues. Big Wally Waldroff, 6-5 230-pound sergeant in the United States Marine Corps at Cherry Point, and 120-

SEASHORE BATTING AVERAGES

PLAYERS	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	AVG.
Bruce Maness, Red Sox	39	9	19	4	0	2	.487
Kenny Lewis, E. Blues	50	13	22	7	1	3	.440
Fletcher Poulk, Tides	72	18	31	5	0	11	.431
Chuck Lewis, Tides	75	22	32	6	0	4	.427
Ronald Greene, Red Sox	31	10	13	4	0	0	.419
Dale Vogler, Red Sox	24	8	10	1	0	0	.417
Bob McIntosh, Braves	56	17	23	3	2	5	.411
Ronnie Willis, Braves	70	11	28	1	2	3	.400
Fred Nelson, E. Blues	30	17	12	1	0	4	.400
Craig Weber, Braves	73	21	29	5	3	1	.397
Alex Fox, Red Sox	66	22	26	4	0	7	.394
Dallas Arthur, E. Blues	31	4	12	0	0	1	.387
Ken Randolph, Tides	29	8	11	0	0	0	.379
Brink Willis, Braves	11	3	4	0	1	0	.364
Ronnie Fulcher, E. Blues	70	17	25	4	2	1	.357
Robert Salter, Braves	14	6	5	0	0	0	.357
Donald Leatherman, Tides	48	9	17	3	1	0	.354
George Gilbert, Tides	64	18	22	3	0	2	.344
George Viereck, Braves	67	21	23	4	2	1	.343
Crawford Pigott, E. Blues	38	12	13	1	2	0	.342
Jerry Pittman, Braves	21	0	7	1	0	0	.333
Richard Arthur, E. Blues	18	7	6	0	0	0	.333
Donnie Aycock, Red Sox	58	19	19	4	0	3	.328
Randy Grady, E. Blues	45	23	21	1	3	1	.323
Richard Collins, Red Sox	31	5	10	0	0	0	.323
Cecil Hardsley, Red Sox	62	19	20	4	1	1	.323
Manley Gaskill, E. Blues	28	5	9	2	0	0	.321
Carroll Hill, E. Blues	47	20	15	0	0	2	.319
Joe Willis, E. Blues	23	6	7	0	0	0	.304
Braxton Piner, E. Blues	63	15	19	5	0	1	.302
Tom Mann, Red Sox	72	12	21	2	1	1	.296
Neal Smith, Braves	31	3	9	0	0	1	.290
Ted Willis, Braves	70	10	20	2	0	1	.286
George Mettrick, Red Sox	56	15	16	0	0	0	.286
Rodney Kemp, Tides	49	15	14	2	0	2	.286
John Turnage, Tides	60	27	17	0	0	0	.283
Milton Scott, E. Blues	71	17	20	5	2	0	.282
Wayne Mobley, Tides	43	8	12	3	0	3	.279
Philip Moran, Tides	33	8	9	1	0	0	.273
Harold Anderson, Braves	59	15	16	2	0	1	.271
Andy Raynor, Tides	53	14	14	2	2	1	.264
Douglas Guthrie, Braves	31	7	8	3	0	0	.258
Jack Daughtrey, Braves	34	8	9	1	0	0	.250
Kerry Williams, Red Sox	20	1	5	0	0	0	.250
Spencer Smith, Braves	63	23	15	0	1	0	.238
Dale Lewis, E. Blues	38	4	9	1	0	0	.237
Artie Frost, Braves	18	5	4	0	0	0	.222
Mitch Lawrence, Tides	18	0	4	0	0	0	.222
Brad Piner, E. Blues	59	10	13	2	0	0	.220
Allen Garner, Red Sox	52	11	11	0	0	0	.212
Doug Landingham, Tides	53	5	11	1	0	0	.208
Jay Garner, Red Sox	15	3	3	0	0	0	.200
Jeff Stamps, Red Sox	17	3	3	1	0	0	.176
David Waldroff, Red Sox	23	4	4	1	0	0	.174
Don Smith, Braves	28	0	4	1	0	0	.143
George Zurenko, E. Blues	14	1	2	0	0	0	.143
Kenny Davis, E. Blues	20	7	2	0	0	0	.100
Benny Goldstein, Braves							