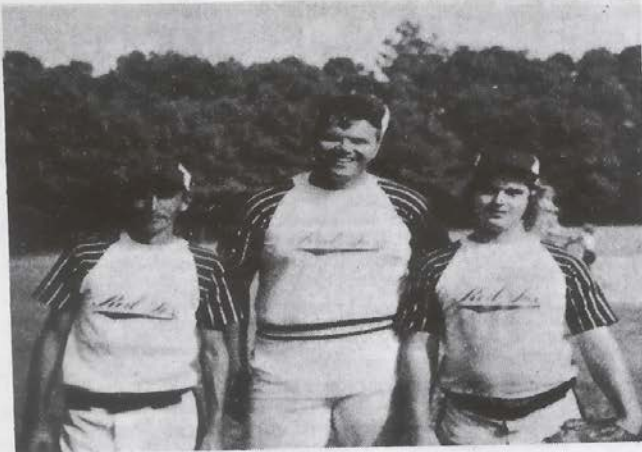


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These Newport Red Sox shared in yesterday's miracle on the Smyrna baseball diamond. From left, Durward Vinston, David Waldroff and Allen Garner chimed in with key contributions in the Red Sox surprise victory over Manager Wilson Davis' Eastern Blues, 4-1, in the very first round of Seashore League playoffs.

pound Durward Vinston stopped the Blues cold for the rest of the game.

THE SOX took a 2-1 lead in the third on Waldroff's hard single to third, Richard Collins' single to right, a walk to George Mettrick and Alex Fox's second straight one-base bullet.

Allen Garner sealed the game for the Sox in the fifth with a rising rifle-shot into the right-field pines that was good for three bases. Collins

forces Garner at home, but drew a wild throw from Crawford Pigott that enabled Rabbit Richard to race all the way home.

COLLINS, Fox, Waldroff and Willis shared the hitting honors. Richard went 3 for 4 and scored 2 runs, Alex hit safely twice in 4 appearances and batted in 2 runs, Waldroff had 1 for 3 and scored 2 runs and Willis went 2 for 5, with a double that contributed 1 RBI.

Waldroff pitched 4-hit ball in his 6 and two-third innings. He tore some ligaments in his right hurling arm and took himself out of the game with the bases loaded in the seventh. That's when Vinston stepped in to retire Willis and finish out the contest with 2-hit shutout ball.

THE SOX touched George Zurenko and Brad Piner for 10 hits. They scored all their runs off Zurenko in his 5 innings. Piner blanked the Newport power with 3 hits in his 4 innings, during which he struck out 6.

Fielding gems abounded. Allen Garner roomed all over the diamond to handle 7 difficult chances with errorless aplomb. Vinston started in left field and

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climbed into the left-field pines to deprive Kenny Lewis of a possible home run in the fourth.