

Sox Square With Tides

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Time and Tide, they wait for no man?
Whoever said that didn't know Tom Mann.
Cause both time and Tide found their clocks
Did indeed reckon without the Sox.

The Carteret Tides learned to esteem
Those hustling Red Sox as a solid team.
Man, oh, man it took some time,
But Wally and Tom sure enjoyed the climb.

Now these friendly foes make this September
A 1975 month one long to remember,
Because Big Wally Waldroff and Tom Mann
Have shown the Tides, the Sox can, they can.



A team picture of the Newport Red Sox belongs in this space. But Tom Mann, left, and Tiny Waldroff — not exactly midgets — fill the photo quite adequately all by themselves. Consider them as symbols of all the Sox, who joined in a victory as Destiny's Darlings yesterday, 6-5, in ten innings over the Carteret Tides in Swinson Park.

DONNIE AYCOCK'S Newport Red Sox deserved to win yesterday and this time they did. They shocked Rodney Kemp's Carteret Tides, 6-5, in ten taut innings in Swinson Park to square the final playoffs at one game apiece for the Seashore League baseball championship.

Now it's winner take all next Sunday at 2 p.m. in this same Swinson Park for the second victory in the best 2-of-3 playoff finals.

BOTH TEAMS came to play. Only the wind and sun proved uncooperative. Powerful breezes, varying from 25-35 miles an hour, blew in from the North straight toward home plate all yesterday afternoon.

These occasional gale-force gusts wafted waves of sand that, many times, bothered batters, catchers, Plate Umpire Ron Fernandez and spectators alike. Meanwhile, the unpredictable swirls made the catch of any fly ball a feat of great skill.

STILL AND all, the game proved one of the best-played of the entire Seashore season. One hears the oft-spoken cliché of a team victory. Yesterday's triumph by the Red Sox proved anything but a cliché, but it was indeed a team victory.

Newport played all but errorless ball. And the two errors that went into the scorebook came on a fly to the outfield that was lost in the sun and a gunshot drive to the infield that came close to the too-hot-to-handle category.

MARINE CORPS Sgt. David (Tiny) Waldroff, captain of a Cherry Point airplane maintenance crew, went the full ten innings and scattered 13 hits as the Newport pitcher.

Consecutive wind-assisted doubles by John Turnage, Andy Raynor and Wayne Mobley and a dropped fly ball gave the Tides their only big inning, three runs in the third.

BIG WALLY, all 6 feet 5 inches and 245 pounds of him, kept the Tides at bay in seven other of the ten innings.

Carteret opened with an unearned run in the first when Allen Garner erred on Fletcher Poulk's drive to third. Poulk then stole second and scored on Turnage's single.

George Gilbert singled to left in the sixth, stole second and went to third on Rodney Kemp's single to short. Gilbert then tallied on the front end of a double steal.

Manager Aycock's Sox, meanwhile, just kept pecking away at John Turnage's brilliant slants for the Tides.

GEORGE METTRICK'S single to third scored Cecil Hardesty, who had doubled in the second. Allen Garner reached first on an error at third in the fifth, Richard Collins singled to right, Ronald Greene doubled to left,