

Oh, Man, Whatta Win

Alex Fox hammered a long sacrifice fly to center and two more Red Sox runs crossed the plate.

Turnage apparently tired in the seventh and Chuck Lewis moved in from first base to start the eighth.

That's when the Sox tied the score at 5-5. Lewis struck out Mann on a pitch into the dirt, but Tom reached first on the catcher's error. Waldroff gained second on a two-base error at third. Then Allen Garner's smoking double to right scored Mann and Jay Garner, designated runner for Waldroff.

THEN CAME the biggest moment of the biggest game of the season.

Mann opened the home tenth with a walk. Waldroff slashed a stinging single to right center, advancing Tom to third. Big Wally stole second and Chuck Lewis found himself in big trouble with no outs and runners on second and third.

LEWIS FANNED Allen Garner. One down, two to go.

And then came the climactic blow of the season for the Sox. Richard Collins hit a slow roller to second and Tom Mann came roaring in like the Wabash Cannonball to count the winning run.

Greene, Mann and Waldroff each stroked three hits for the Sox. Collins collected only one hit, but reached first three times and stole two bases.

TURNAGE PITCHED his heart out and appeared to have his best stuff of the season. He also smashed two hard singles and a double, batting in the Tide clean-up spot.

Kemp, Raynor and Donald Leatherman each smacked two hits for the Tides. Despite an occasional error, both teams fielded with amazing talent in the Sahara-like wind.

So, it's back to Swinson Park next Sunday at 2 p.m. for the Seashore League championship clincher. Who could have foreseen that this Seashore League could produce such fantastic baseball in this, just its second year of existence.