

On Target

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BOTH TEAMS WILL certainly go with their best Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. when the Eastern Blues duel the Newport Red Sox for first place in Seashore League baseball. Swinson Park will be the site of this first critical test of the season.

Skipper Wilson Davis' Blues and Manager Donnie Aycock's Sox currently share the league lead with one victory apiece in the week-old competition. The Down East powerhouse, twice winner of the regular-season race in the 2-year-history of the league, will probably reign as favorite over the hustling Newport challengers.

MEANWHILE, THE champion Carteret Tides will unveil their highly strengthened roster for the first time this season against the slugging Coastal Grays. The Tides drew a bye last Sunday, while the Grays showed tremendous potential in losing to the Eastern Blues, 10-2.

The logistics of the situation make Sunday's two league encounters a baseball fan's dream. This will mark the Tides' official dedication in Seashore rivalry of spacious new Gannon Talbert Field, about one mile distance from Swinson. Both diamonds abut a short jog off Country Club Road.

LICKING THEIR WOUNDS and setting the stage for the official opening of their new park in Salter Path, Manager Otis Pittman's Braves will draw Sunday's league bye.

The Salts lost a heart-breaker to Newport in last Sunday's opener, 9-7, in Swinson. But the Braves hope to show a vastly improved team when they dedicate their impressive home-built playground against the Blues on Mother's Day, Sunday May 9.

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He has a queer habit of pulling up lame.

And that is the reason I hanker and long for

The pitcher who started and finished the game.

You may rest assured George and rival Richard will do their utmost to go the route Sunday in Swinson, be it a game that lasts 9 or 19 innings.

THE COINCIDENTAL beauty of Sunday's scheduling lies in the proximity of these two key Seashore games. You can commute back and forth to keep tabs on both contests.

Co-Managers Donald Leatherman and Rodney Kemp of the Carteret

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