

# Mr. Down East' Saves Blues

und courage and compassion join'd  
ke the hero and the man complete.—  
Addison (1672-1719).

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NSLATED INTO SEASHORE League  
ll terminology, that means that a veteran  
or named John Thompson stood tallest of  
l yesterday afternoon.

manages the Coastal Grays and they  
d the defending champion Carteret Tides,  
Gannon Talbert Field. The now league-  
; Eastern Blues outscored the Newport  
x, 12-9, in band-box Swinson Park.

's fellow-educators — leaders like Donald  
rman, Rodney Kemp and George Viereck  
l John "Mr. Thompson" for several  
s. But the one that counts heaviest on my  
is simple as simple can be.

Thompson has earned their respect.

49-YEAR-OLD manager of the Coastal  
served notice on the league last week  
is team gave the Blues a battle, only to  
-2, in Eastern Park, Smyrna. And it took  
wn East Darling, Dallas Wayne Arthur,  
ched all 9 innings to turn the trick.

ger Wilson Davis showed the proper  
for the Coastal Grays. He thought it a  
recautionary measure to go the full  
e with Dallas Wayne.

ypewriter didn't invent the phrase, Down  
arling. The Down East fans have made  
Dallas their rightful hero. But just  
ber, all ye down yonder who keep  
, "You're better than he are."

Blues have quite a team to back him up.

IE DOWN EASTERS play virtually  
is ball. Catcher Randy Grady calls one  
of a ball game. Manager Thompson's  
Grays went the full 9 innings without the  
nce of a misplay yesterday. It takes a  
strong batting attack to beat exceptional

it, just remember, folks. The name of the  
after all, is spelled out T-E-A-M.

HERE IS WHAT the teams did yesterday

ey Hardesty outpitched Steve Dudley for  
orious Coastals. But he needed help from  
Sutton on the mound. Hardesty also went

SEASHORE STANDINGS		
	W	L
Eastern Blues	2	0
Newport Red Sox	1	1
Coastal Grays	1	1
Carteret Tides	0	1
Salter Path Braves	0	1

2 for 4 at the plate, including a tape-measure  
home run to straight-away center.

Wardell Johnson for the winners and Chuck  
Lewis of the Tides also hammered home runs.  
James Stanley smashed the key late triple that  
tucked away the ball game with 2 runs-batted-in  
for the Grays.

A SPLENDID ALL-AROUND ball-player,  
George Zurenko, started for the Blues, but the  
Red Sox knocked him out of the box after 2 and  
one-third innings.

Dallas Wayne pitched 5 and two-third shutout  
frames, until the Sox jumped on the ace left-  
hander for 3 hits and 3 runs in the 9th.

TALK ABOUT BASEBALL being a game of  
inches, Tom Mann sliced a furious drive down  
the right-field line that might have put Newport  
right back into the ball game. But such was not to  
be. The blow sizzled foul by a foot.

The Sox touched Dallas for 4 hits and 3 runs in  
his relief stint that earned him the victory. He  
struck out 14 and walked just 2.

He's a grand athlete, Mr. Dallas Wayne Ar-  
thur. But just remember, you Down East  
loyalists, you're doing the rest of the Blues a  
disservice when you re-act as if Lefty wins every  
game all by his dazzling self.

RONNIE FULCHER PACED the Eastern  
hitting show with a single, 2 homers, 2 runs-  
scored and 5 RBI's. Huge Paul Damren crashed  
a homer and a single and Braxton Piner went 2  
for 3, with a circuit clout.

Guess who else parked one over the center-  
field chicken-wire? That 23-year-oldster: Dallas  
Wayne Arthur.

Allen Garner and Ronald Greene each  
collected 2 hits for Newport and excelled in the  
field. Greene and Tom Mann smacked homers.

Don't discount Manager Donnie Aycock's Sox.  
They lost like the gentlemen they are.

But Dick Shelton won't you please come home?

AND HERE'S A TOAST to John Thompson, his  
Coastal Grays and their hundreds of fans. They  
made one of the most significant contributions to  
community relations that Carteret County could  
request.

They know how to lose. They know how to win,  
with grace.



Eastern Blues' leaders Sunday were, from the left, Dallas Wayne Arthur, Ronnie Fulcher and Randy Grady.