

# Greys Smile Through Cloudburst After Curfew Loss to the Blues

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IN THE SUNSET of his whirlwind career, Ty Cobb once told another aging ball player: "When playing baseball ceases to be fun, hang 'em up. Call it quits."

That's the way it must have seemed to the Coastal Greys in Friday's nightmare of a Seashore League farce when the Eastern Blues and a dash of Fate beat them, 8-4.

But then fortune turned in favor of the Greys yesterday afternoon and they beat the Newport Red Sox in one incredible inning, 8-5.

Both these games struggled to their bitter finish in Swinson Park.

MEANWHILE, RAIN failed to dampen the unquenchable enthusiasm of the Salter Path

## SEASHORE BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	AVG.
Eastern Blues	7	2	.778
Coastal Greys	5	4	.556
Newport Red Sox	5	4	.556
Salter Path Braves	3	6	.333
Carteret Tides	2	6	.250

Braves, who defeated the defending champion Carteret Tides, 9-5, on one of the two best baseball fields in the county.

The Braves charged out of their dugout with a resounding war whoop and rattled a tattoo of base-hits off Tide pitching selections Steve Dudley and Fletcher Poulk over the full 9-inning rain-drenched route.

So now the prestigious Eastern Blues, leading the Seashore circuit by 2 full games, will play the All-Star team selected from the rest of the league, again in Swinson Park.

The Seashore schedule lists the time of this All-Star game as 8 p.m., July 3. The league should stick to this starting time, despite all the creative Bicentennial festivities listed as showcase preliminaries.

A league meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the county courthouse annex will work out the details.

THIS WRITER HAS an unorthodox theory that baseball itself takes precedence over all sideshow hoop-la. Bill Veeck, the master showman, has proven that he can increase attendance. Bill's pennant record, however, could stand some improvement.

Dale Lewis, one of the finest all-around ball players in the league, hit the blow that decided Friday night's game in favor of the Blues. The Coastal Greys led, 4-2, when this grand trouser hammered a bases-loaded home run that put the Downeasters ahead to stay.

A LACK OF COMMUNICATION between the Seashore League and plate umpire Ron Fernandez helped beat the Greys. He refused to listen to the verbal agreement by the league managers and arbitrarily halted the contest at 12:15 a.m. after 8 innings.

Faulty arc-lights, too-low light poles and missing fixtures contributed to the tension and less-than-standard baseball before by far the largest crowd of the season, perhaps 4,000 or more fanatics.

Joe-Boy Willis went 2 for 5 at the plate for the

Blues and Ronnie Fulcher whacked a double. Willie Ray Johnson hit a double and Wardell (Batman) Johnson stroked a double and single in 3 trips for the Greys.

DALLAS WAYNE ARTHUR struck out 20 in 8 innings, but walked 8, gave up 8 hits and 4 earned runs. Mike Dudley walked 11 and John Reels issued 3 base-on-balls. The sub-standard candle power hampered the pitchers and fielders, just about as it did the batters.