

On Target

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Regatta

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WITH TEN WEEKS to go, leading up to tournament time in Seashore League baseball, let's try a quote worth a note.

Craig Weber, Newport Red Sox: "You say the Eastern Blues can beat most anybody in the state, with or without a Dallas Wayne Arthur, a Brad Piner or a Richard Arthur. How come the Sox and the Braves in our own league have beaten them already this season?"

Craig, you have just scored some telling points. But how about this in rebuttal? In the opinion of this writer, the Sox and Braves and, for that matter, the Coastal Greys and the Carteret Tides rank with the best in the state. The National Baseball Congress competition and the grand climax of our own Seashore League will spell out T-H-E E-N-D to our discussion.

JOHN THOMPSON, retiring manager of the Greys: "My replacement, Ennis Stiles, has years of playing and coaching experience beyond mine. Ennis has played top-flight ball as a pitcher and catcher from here to New Jersey. He has a good baseball mind. They don't make

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

GAMES TOMORROW AT 8 P.M.

Tides at Red Sox (Swinson Park).

GAMES SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.

Red Sox at Braves (Salter Path Ball Park).
Blues at Greys (Swinson Park).

any finer gentlemen than Ennis Stiles. It's just a question of how well the Greys understand the depth of his wisdom and to what degree they cooperate with him."

Jack Daughtrey, Salter Path Braves: "I hope Manager Otis Pittman will let me pitch this evening at 8 against Russ Willan's 16 to 18-year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars in Swinson Park. I'm curious what a 40-year-old can do on the mound against a 16-year-old rival.

"Remember the age-old sage.
Difficulties are magnified
With the added days."

An unidentified Downeaster: "Where else in baseball do you hear the fans cheer every play in infield practice the way the Greys' supporters do at Swinson Park?" We'll see what we shall see Sunday at 2 p.m. when the Ennis Stiles-managed Greys tangle with the league-leading Eastern Blues.

MANAGER DONNIE AYCOCK of the Newport Red Sox: "We'll give it everything we can tomorrow night against the Tides and Sunday afternoon at Salter Path.

"We'll do well to put nine men on the field. Rusty Nelson and Tom Mann both went to the hospital right after that All-Star nightmare last Saturday.

"Maybe we can show our opponents something, though, with George Mettrick, Don Zagorsky and Bobby Shelton ready to give it their best shot.

"Our boys are just getting

acquainted, but I think we already have the best team morale in the league."

MANLEY GASKILL of the Eastern Blues has nothing to say, but his all-around play speaks for itself. Imagine a guy being charged with 3 extra at-bats, through my own personal statistical error, and not mouthing a complaint! A correction of my mistake boosted his batting average a solid 24 points.

And, by the by, in what similar league to the Seashore can you find as many hot-shot second-basemen as Gaskill, Weber, Richard Collins of the Greys, Doug Landingham of the Tides and Benny Goldstein of the Braves? They can make the double-play with the pros, breathe fire on the base-paths and spray their timely base hits.

AFTER THE ALL-STAR break, maybe it's time to identify the baseball expert who stands staunchly at the side of the official scorekeeper. She bears living tribute to the better life where the good guys never lose and sportswriters lose only their opinions.

She knows the ball players and most of the ball players know her. When you see a good picture appear with Seashore baseball in THE NEWS-TIMES, this physical education graduate from Ball State took it.

She knows when to keep her ladyship's lips silent, even when she suspects a bad call by the umpire. She's embarrassingly young, svelte and admits to having married this writer (during World War II hysteria) some 32 years ago.

leading boats in the Sunfish and San Juan classes crossed the finish line, a heavy downpour, reducing visibility to less than a hundred yards, brought an end to the race and the planned cookout.

Shelby Freeman of Morehead City, sailing a San Juan 21, the largest racing class with six boats registered, easily won the D. G. Bell trophy, finishing first by a safe distance in both races. Lockwood B. Phillips, Morehead City, finished behind Mr. Freeman for the second-place trophy, while Carl Bevins, also of Morehead City, finished third. The other three skippers competing for a trophy were Lou Balogh of Havelock, Larry Moore of Pine Knoll Shores and Mrs. Sally Lee of Beaufort.

CLUB COMMODORE Bill Ballantine of Broad Creek, racing a Sunfish, took first-place honors in this class by winning both races. Finishing second overall in the class was Dempster Wheeler, followed by Luke Gruber, third, both of Morehead City.

For the first time in three years, two Core Sounders, fiberglass renditions of the original wooden deadrise skiff, competed for the Gib Willis Trophy. The boats, skippered by Buddy Bailly of Morehead City and his son, Bill, began the first race in the handicap class but were forced to pull out of the race due to the poor wind conditions in that race. Bobby Parker of Goldsboro, sailing a Flying Scot, was declared overall winner in the handicap class, beating Charles Tharp, Morehead City, skipper of a Tanzier 16.

The next race scheduled by the yacht club will be the Crab Derby Invitational on Aug. 8. Mr. Ballantine also reports that the club's July meeting has been canceled and that the next regular meeting of the yacht club membership will be Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Marine Resources Center, Pine Knoll Shores.