

Two, Stay In Tourney

THE EASTERN Blues, leaders of Carteret's Seashore Baseball League, stayed alive in the 16-team National Baseball Congress (NBC) eastern division semi-pro tournament for North Carolina by defeating the Roxboro Blues 3-0 Sunday at Roxboro.

Dallas Wayne Arthur struck out 10 in collecting the mound win for the Eastern Blues. The host Roxboro club got 5 hits to Eastern Blues' one, a two-run swat by Richard Arthur in the second inning, but couldn't score. Manley Gaskill got the club's other run, unearned.

THE EASTERN Blues' shutout win over Roxboro was particularly satisfying, manager Wilson Davis comments, because it was the Roxboro team that defeated the Eastern Blues in the opening round of last year's NBC tournament, a double-elimination event.

The win gives the Eastern Blues a 2-1 win-loss mark in the tournament at Roxboro. They lost their opener to the favored Durham Bees 2-0 on Friday night, July 9.

THE WINNING pitcher in that match-up was standout Wayne Gooch, who struck out 17 Blues while allowing no hits. Dallas Wayne Arthur was charged with the loss, even though he pitched a 3-hitter and struck out 12 men.

On Thursday night, the Eastern Blues defeated the Allenville Dodgers 6-5 in 9 innings. Dallas Wayne got the mound win in relief of Richard Arthur. Dallas took over in the sixth inning. Together, they gave up 5 hits.

THE BLUES won it in the last of the ninth, with 2 away, on a bases-loaded shot off the right center field wall by Tony Hancock. It would have been a double, perhaps a triple, but only one run was needed, so it went in the record book as a single, scoring Crawford Pigott from third base.

The Eastern Blues will return to Roxboro this coming Thursday night for an 8:15 meeting with the