

Champ Tides Still Rising, But Blues Erect Seawall



Five-foot, 7-inch Doug Landingham and 6-3 Chuck Lewis, the long and the short of it, won yesterday's Seashore League baseball game, 5-4, with the key hits for the Carteret Tides over the Newport Red Sox on Gannon Talbert Field.

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NO ONE HAS YET uttered that old cry of frustration, "Break up the Blues."

That would seem to offer a physical certificate of the good health of the Seashore Baseball League. Because Manager Wilson Davis' Eastern Blues just keep rolling along.

They won their 10th against just 2 defeats, 7-6, yesterday afternoon right in the home site of that Peyton Place of Carteret County, Salter Path and its showplace home of the Braves.

BUT IT TAKES a major helping of intestinal fortitude to absorb a defeat like the one dished out by the Blues yesterday. Wonder-worker Davis flim-flammed the Braves with his "now-you-see-it, now-you don't" sleight of hand and the leading Blues won their squeaker with 6 singles, their complete hit total.

Salter Path pitching wildness cost the ball game. Starting hurler Jimmy Davis walked 12, Bruce Norman passed 2 and it took that veteran trouper, Jack Daughtrey, to come in and extinguish the fire.

(The whole league joins in wishing Jack a happy 40th birthday on Wednesday).

WHAT THIS SIZZLING Seashore marathon adds up to is that the Blues aren't about to beat themselves. Somebody else has to turn the trick. And the Blues can be had all right. Mention Roxboro to them and they'll be the first to admit it.

The healthy fire-eating attitude of the other four rivals in contention best testifies to the never-say-die spirit of the league. Each of the four contenders has had its low, low moments, but has hung tough to stay in the running.

It just could be that the Eastern Blues have their troubles yet to defeat. They certainly have no soft touch this Friday at 8 p.m. in Swinson Park when they face the rebounding Newport Red Sox. You can rest assured Manager Donnie Aycock's crew will be loaded for bear.

MANAGER RODNEY KEMP called the turn to perfection when he described the weekend the make-or-break drive for the Carteret Tides. They've had their manpower troubles, but they overcame them with an 11-9 win over the Coastal Greys Friday night in Swinson Park and then

SEASHORE BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	AVG.
Eastern Blues	10	2	.833
Newport Red Sox	6	5	.545
Carteret Tides	5	6	.455
Coastal Greys	5	7	.417
Salter Path Braves	3	9	.250