

# Rain Saves Leading Blues As Tides Weep, Sox Gain

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THE HEAVENS OPENED UP at 4:35 yesterday afternoon and unloaded in 6 minutes enough rainfall to solve the Raleigh water shortage for the summer.

It fell in the form of manna from heaven, however, for the Eastern Blues and like a highly undesirable oil spill for the Carteret Tides.

The torrent deluged Eastern Park in Smyrna and rained out their Seashore League baseball game after 2 full innings. And, ah, the joy or pity of it all. The Tides appeared on their way to a one-sided rout.

They led, 5-0, with John Turnage pitching a no-hitter and the defending champions clouting Dallas Wayne Arthur as if the league's ace left-hander were their own private property.

In fairness to the Blues' prize youngster, he appears to be throwing with a sore arm that should earn him a rest for the remainder of the season.

WITH PROPER CARE of that valuable salary wing, Dallas Wayne, at age 23, should have a good 10 or 15 more years of ace pitching ahead of him. And a big-league career is still by no means an impossibility — if he can regain that blazing fast ball that swirled and swerved like a snake.

Let's face it. As of right now, Dallas looks a long way from the unbeatable southpaw who has ruled the league for 3 years.

He served up the decisive pitch on Friday night that enabled the Newport Red Sox to nose out the Blues, 10-8, in Swinson Park. A crippled Tom Mann connected for the winning bases-loaded home run.

In yesterday's only other contest, the Coastal Greys

At 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Beaufort. The sailboat was towed to the airport marina. Lee of Shackleford Banks. Beaufort, which sank on the W. S. McClenahan, 16-foot sailboat, operated by same boat crew refloated a AT 3:45 P.M. Sunday, the and FN allen. McCutcheon, SN Homelin

FOOT MACON Coast Guardsmen assisted five boatmen Friday, Saturday and Sunday and evacuated a sick seaman from a Cypriot freighter Sunday. The seaman, 26 years old, was removed from the Cypriot freighter Amar, waiting offshore to load fertilizer at the Morehead City State Port. He was

Robert Hill, Dale Lewis and Bobby Shelton quite a run for the league's top home-run Gold Medal.

He led off Friday night's ball game by unloading circuit blows Nos. 3 and 4 for the Sox. He chased Dale Lewis to the center-field fence for a great catch in the 7th. He wound up with 3 for 4 and 3 runs-batted-in. An intentional walk deprived him of another chance in the lethal 9th.

Mann had a 3-for-5 night to add to his 4 RBIs and grand fielding. Jimbo Hodges made a well-nigh incredible catch in deepest center to save the game for the Sox with the bases loaded with Blues and 2 out in the 9th.

THAT SOUGHT-FOR PICTURE? The reporter's non-computerized think-machine was still sorting out the outstanding hero from 2 teams of heroes when the Swinson lights turned black at 11:45 p.m.

"Isn't it sickening," summed up the reaction by a Downeast lady fan and the sentiment of the entire Blues' community. After all, the losers led, 8 to 4, in the 4th and, 8-4, all the way until Mr. Mann spoiled things for the league leaders in the 9th.

Brad Piner, 19-year-old right-hander, was coasting to a neat 6-hit victory until the 6-run Sox rally in the 9th. He wound up the official loser and was charged with 5 of those runs.

But, after all, Dallas Wayne served up the Mann home-run pitch. Manley Gaskill homered for the Blues, Paul Damren had a double and single in his 4 trips, Dale Lewis weighed in with a double and single in his 5 hits and Milton Scott paced the league leaders with a 3-for-5 night, including another double.

SIX RUNS IN THE 7TH spelled victory for the Coastal Greys in their 9-3 conquest of the Salter Path Braves in Swinson. The win also moved the Greys into 3rd place.

Richard Collins contributed a 3-run double, Alvin West a 3-run homer and Robert Hill enjoyed a 2-for-3 day at the plate yesterday for the Greys. Delbert Sutton hurled the victory in his 7 and one-third innings, with Charley Hardesty gaining the save.

Jimmy Davis pitched fine baseball and hit 2 for 3 for the Braves, but a few men on the bench might have helped. Douglas Guthrie clouted a Salter Path home run and a double.

Come back, come back, wherever you are, all ye missing Braves.

## SEASHORE BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	AVG.
Eastern Blues	10	3	.759
Newport Red Sox	7	5	.583
Coastal Greys	6	7	.462
Carteret Tides	5	6	.455
Salter Path Braves	3	10	.231