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Zagorski Blasts Homer As Newport Tops Greys

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DONNIE AYCOCK'S Newport Red Sox came alive Tuesday night to regain their proud stature in Seashore League baseball.

The third-place Sox looked once again like a dangerous contender in the forthcoming title playoffs as they trounced the Coastal Greys, 16-7, in Swinson Park. It wasn't so much the victory, but the way the Sox accomplished it that impressed a small band of loyal fans on a dank chilly night.

Playing with something more closely resembling their regular lineup, they played with aggressive spirit, poise aplenty and a confidence they had misplaced somewhere along the road.

ONCE AGAIN, the irrepressible Don Zagorski dominated the game. He smashed his 10th home run of the season in the very first inning and wound up with 3 runs-scored, 5 RBIs and a perfect night with 1 hit in 1 official trip.

The Greys pitched to dangerous Don just twice. He came to bat with the bases loaded in the 4th and once again clobbered a towering wallop to deepest center field. Mike Dudley hauled it in for a sacrifice fly to drive in Bud Goodlin.

The Greys walked Zagorski on purpose each of his other 4 appearances at the plate. And, oddly enough, never with first base open to set up a force play.

SEASHORE BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	AVG.
Eastern Blues	13	4	.765
Carteret Tides	10	6	.623
Newport Red Sox	9	8	.529
Coastal Greys	7	10	.418
Salter Path Braves	3	14	.176

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That would appear to be the ultimate tribute to a power hitter of awesome proportions.

ENNIS STILES' Greys ran into the shocking bad fortune that had recently plagued Newport. His best players missed the game, because they had to work. One's livelihood comes first, you know, in this powerful, keenly contested, but still amateur league.

Tommy Vincent and Rusty Nelson shared in the Sox mound victory. Tommy's arm stiffened during the long innings when Newport took a 13-7 lead. He gained his 2nd pitching conquest of the season.

BUT RUSTY took complete charge over the last 4 innings and blew his fast one past 8 strikeout victims in his 2-hit shutout relief.

Some Coastal Greys' lady fans best summed up their misfortune and yet the spiritual ideal of the Seashore League:

"We can't win tonight, so we have a lot of fun."
Amen.