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# Blues, Tides, Sox, Greys Vie for Seashore Crown

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DAVID (ALIAS Manley Gaskill) stopped Goliath (otherwise known as Don Zagorski). And so the Seashore League baseball season ended as it started. The Eastern Blues led all the way and wound up with first place in regular season.

They did it by outscoring and outshouting the Newport Red Sox, 12-6, Saturday night in Swinson Park. The Sox came back yesterday afternoon, however, by nosing out the Coastal Greys, 10-6, again in Swinson.

Thus Newport winds up in a tie for second place with the Carteret Tides, because the defending champions subdued the Braves, 8-1, in that showplace of the County, the Salter Path Ball Park yesterday.

So, now, the Blues, Tides, Sox and Greys advance to the title playoffs, beginning next Sunday.

**BUT BEWARE** the Ides of March. Because that's when those fire-eating Salter Path Braves go into their war dance in preparation for the 1977 title and all the wampum.

John Turnage pitched perhaps the best game of the year in stopping the Braves with 6 hits and nary an earned run. He didn't issue a base on balls until the 9th. He struck out 7 in posting his 8th victory against 2 defeats in a game that consumed a bare 2 hours.

Mason Lilley pitched his heart out, despite a desperately sore right hurling

## SEASHORE FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	AVG.
Eastern Blues	16	4	.800
Carteret Tides	11	9	.556
Newport Red Sox	11	9	.556
Coastal Greys	7	12	.368
Salter Path Braves	4	15	.211

elbow and Salter Path trailed, 1-0, going into the 7th. Then this gallant youngster just plain ran out of steam. Chuck Lewis paced the hitters with his 3rd home run of the season and a single in 4 at-bats. Steve Burnette led the Braves with 2 for 4.

NOW BACK TO THE Blues and Giant-Killer Manley Gaskill. He stopped the league's home-run king, Don Zagorski, with not a hit in his one official trip. Ronnie Willis paced the distance hitters with 2 circuit clouts in 4 appearances. George Viereck smacked 2 doubles in 5 at-bats.

Braxton Piner led the Blues with 2 doubles in 5 attempts. Gamecock Randy Grady cracked 2 smoking doubles in 4 tries. Dallas Arthur and his cousin, Richard, each smacked a triple.

The Sox regained their self-respect yesterday by playing errorless ball in their 10-6 win over the Coastal Greys. Zagorski, playing with a mighty painful back sustained in Saturday's dank night chill, contributed 2 singles in 4 trips. Alex Fox and Robert Hill each cracked home runs for the Greys.

? So, now, after The Long Hot Summer, the boys start shooting for all the marbles. ?