

Zagorski Blasts 2 More As Sox, Greys Advance

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TIME TURNED the tables in Seashore League baseball in a way you would hardly deem possible in one year's span.



RUSTY NELSON

Turn back the calendar just 12 months, if you will. The high and mighty Carteret Tides reigned as monarchs of all they surveyed, conquerors of the mighty Eastern Blues and the Newport Red Sox.

DALLAS WAYNE Arthur ruled as King of Carteret County and something resembling a demi-deity in all his realm Down East of Beaufort. The New York Mets regarded Dallas as their prize pro pitching prospect.

Blink twice, thrice, maybe four times before you read how the mighty have fallen:

THOSE FABULOUS Coastal Greys defeated the defending champion Tides, 4-2, yesterday afternoon in the Salter Path Ball Park. Thus, the champs became the first permanent casualty in this double-elimination playoff competition.

Dallas Wayne never returned to the Mets — Heavens knows why — after a reasonable degree of success in the Marion, Va., rookie hurling brigade.

BUT, ANYWAY, Donnie Aycock's Sox hit Dallas as he has never been roughed up in his meteoric career in any level of competition.

Newport slapped the young left-hander for 13 resounding base hits, including 3 rousing home runs for a 7-2 victory over the Blues on the Smyrna School diamond.

Another ace southpaw, Charley Hardesty, slammed the door in the face of the Tides, giving up just 5 hits and hammering a home run all his own — high, high, high — over the power-alley fence in right-center.

"HUSH-PUPPY" Albert Cowan (chief chef at Capt. Bill's Restaurant in Morehead) clouted a 2-run homer for the Greys in the

7th. Alvin West went 3 for 4 at bat, with a double.

John Turnage matched Hardesty pitch for pitch in a brilliant 1-0 duel until the top of the 7th. Fletcher Pouk finished up for the Tides and paced their hitters with 2 safeties.

HARDESTY blanked the champs until the 9th.

These quotes may best explain the near-earthquake in Smyrna:

Rusty Nelson, who pitched a scintillating 4-hitter for the Sox and smashed the longest home run of the afternoon yesterday into the center-field pines:

"I REALLY HAD a team behind me last Sunday and this."

Arabid, but knowledgeable and fair Down East fan: "That (Don) Zagorski can play any position on the diamond like a big leaguer!"

Wilson Davis, Blues' manager: "This one, really, was for all the marbles."

THE SAD truth stares forth in naked candor for Skipper Wilson and his scrappy crew. They now must win 3 in a row — a single game at 2 p.m. Saturday against the Coastal Greys and a doubleheader starting Sunday at 2 p.m. over the Sox to emerge the champions.

Here are some fascinating facts about yesterday's Newport victory:

ZAGORSKI exploded his incredible 15th circuit blast in 13 Seashore games, regular season and playoffs. He went 3 for 4 yesterday with 2 homers, 4 runs-scored, 2 runs-batted-in and 8 superlative chances without an error at shortstop.

Rusty hammered his second playoff homer in his 4-for-5 afternoon at the plate.

SO NOW THE Sox draw a

bye Saturday, awaiting the winner of the Greys-Blues contest. The scheduling lacked finalization as of this morning, because more than half the Greys' roster have a job contract they're working on in Virginia on Saturday.

The site of the Sunday game between that winner and Newport also remains undecided.



DON ZAGORSKI