

On Target

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WILSON DAVIS, "the ole perffessor" of the Seashore League, said it himself: "Pitching amounts to 90 per cent of baseball."

Now this winningest manager in the history of diamond competition in Carteret County has his chance to prove his theorem. Admittedly backed to the wall, Wilson's Eastern Blues now must win three straight games to gain their coveted playoff title.

And he has the pitchers to turn the trick; to pull not one, but three, magical rabbits out of his hat. He has Lefty Dallas Wayne Arthur and right-handed Brad Piner, Richard Arthur and Manley Gaskill ready for mound duty.

THE BLUES FIND THEMSELVES one down already in this double-elimination tournament. They lost the playoff

opener last Sunday to the Newport Red Sox, 7-2.

Now they must win three in a row and do it the hard way.

Pappa Bear Davis faces a team with pitching as deep as his own on Saturday when the Blues entertain the Coastal Greys at 2 p.m. on the Smyrna School diamond.

Lefty Charley Hardesty, who hurled such a masterpiece last Sunday in eliminating the defending champion Carteret Tides, 4-2, can make all Wilson's grumbling academic.

If he can get away from his architectural designing job profession in time for the game, Charley looms as Greys' Manager Ennis Stiles' logical selection to pitch against the Blues at 2 p.m. Saturday on the Smyrna School diamond.

THEN COMES THE CRUCIBLE on Sunday. The winner of Saturday's game "for all the marbles" must face the miracle-working Newport Red Sox on Sunday in the Salter Path Ball Park.

Manager Donnie Aycock has his ace in the hole, gigantic Rusty Nelson, ready to hurl the first game at 1 p.m. Then, and only if, the Sox lose that opener, will a doubleheader be necessary. That second game, scheduled for about 4