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IF ONE were to ask Dallas Wayne Arthur, "Which is the best game you ever pitched?" the Eastern Blues' left-hander would probably find himself at a genuine loss for words.

You'd certainly have to count his May 6 one-hit 8-1 conquest of the Western Red Sox on a chilly night in Swinson Park one of his best, surely in his four years in the Seashore Baseball League.

He kept the crowd tingling with electric warmth when he missed a no-hitter by just 2 minutes and 2 outs when Bobby Shelton lined a clean single to right field in the 9th.

IN THIS MAGNIFICENT effort, Dallas also managed to strike out 18 of the toughest hitters in the league. The Sox scored their only run in the seventh when an error and Dallas' only wild streak of the night walked in Jimbo Hodges with the bases loaded.

The Blues' ace southpaw issued just 4 base-on-balls over the full nine innings. He also aided his own cause at bat with 3 for 5, a stolen base and 2 runs-batted-in.

Kenny Lewis and Ronnie Fulcher gave the Blues what additional help they needed at the plate with 3 for 4 apiece. Kenny's torrid shots included his third home run of the year and 2 RBI's.

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innings of dazzling relief ball for the Sox, yielding just 2 runs, 1 walk and fanning 9. But the support came too late. The Blues jumped away to a 6-0 lead in the first three innings.

Big Paul Damren, the Downeasters' herculean first-baseman, offered one clue to the Blues' dominance of the league: Their total team solidarity.

"I've seen Dallas pitch some great games, but I never saw him faster than he was tonight," said Paul after the game. To the Blues, each victory their ace southpaw chalks up ranks as his greatest.

ALWAYS THE TEAM to beat, the Blues extended their won-lost record to 3-0 with a 12-1 victory over the Coastal Greys in Smyrna in much brighter weather Sunday afternoon.

The Blues made it no-contest, really, in the very first inning. Kenny Lewis, now leading the league in home

runs, smashed his 4th. Paul Damren followed with an awesome blow long-gone in the left-field pines — but foul by inches.

Paul took care of that little matter on the next pitch by detonating an even more majestic four-master which vanished in route to outer space in straightaway center.

MOST IMPRESSIVE of all, the Blues quelled the Greys with the Downeasters' comparatively unsung right-hand mound ace, Brad Piner. The latter continued his masterful control pitching with a 7-hit gem for his second Seashore victory in 2 starts.

If you're looking for prospects — and the pro scouts are following the County as it deserves, for a change — Brad has it all. He can fire that ball, snap off crackling curves, change

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