

Seashore Baseball League

Tides, Blues Will Clash at Smyrna Sunday in Important Double-Header

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EMOTION SHOULD PREVAIL Sunday at Smyrna as arch-rivals, the Eastern Blues and the Carteret Tides, clash in a doubleheader that could decide the Seashore Baseball League regular season championship. The first game will begin at 2 p.m.

The Tides, with an 11-4 win-loss mark, recently defeated the Blues 12-1, a loss Blues fans will not easily forget.

THE EASTERN BLUES, though, hold a definite advantage in the three-year Tides-Blues series, having won seven of their past ten outings.

Mostly Tides and Blues lead statistical categories in the league, so let's have a little fun and give points for placing in the top five in each category. We'll give 5 points for first, 4 for second and so on down the line.

IN BATTING, two Tides and two Blues are in the top five. Tides take first and third; Blues take second and fourth by batting average.

The Score: Tides 8, Blues 6.

IN PITCHING, Blues and Tides fill all five places in the ERA department, two Blues and a Tide in strikeouts. Blues take second, third and fifth in earned run average, while the Tides get first and fourth. In strikeouts, the Blues take second and fourth, the Tides take a third place.

The score is now Blues 20, Tides 18.

EITHER A TIDE or a Blue leads in three of four offensive categories, home runs, RBI's, runs scored and stolen bases.

After figuring up all of these, the Carteret Tides come out with a total of 43 points, the Eastern Blues, 39 points.

OF COURSE THIS is no indication of the

scores in Sunday's doubleheader, but it do show how evenly matched these teams are. Always, when they get together, there are fireworks. This Sunday should prove no different.

In other games this weekend, the Western Red Sox will meet the Coastal Greys at 8 o'clock Friday night at Swinson Park, Morehead City. These two teams will be fighting for a playoff berth. This game is crucial because the two clubs will not meet again this season.

In Sunday's other game, Salter Path will meet the Coastal Greys at Swinson Park at 2 p.m.

Standings

	W	L	Pct
Eastern Blues	13	3	.81
Carteret Tides	11	4	.73
Salter Path Braves	5	10	.33
Western Red Sox	6	12	.33
Coastal Greys	4	10	.28

Top Twenty
(based on 30 at bats)

Name — Team	AB	R	H	Pct.	G
Andy Raynor, Tides	43	26	31	.584	14
Paul Damron, Blues	49	22	22	.448	15
Fletcher Pouik, Tides	57	16	25	.438	14
Ronnie Fulcher, Blues	41	13	16	.390	11
Richard Collins, Greys	58	12	22	.379	15
Chuck Lewis, Tides	56	12	21	.375	14
Ronnie Willis, Red Sox	43	10	22	.349	18
Wayne Mobley, Tides	43	13	15	.348	12
Richard Arthur, Blues	32	5	11	.343	10
Dallas Arthur, Blues	41	11	14	.341	11
Alex Fox, Greys	44	10	15	.340	14
Jimmy Davis, Braves	39	10	13	.333	12
Mike Burchette, Red Sox	53	14	17	.320	15
Tony Nauman, Braves	36	9	12	.315	12
Cecil Lilley, Tides	26	8	11	.305	14
John Turnage, Tides	44	18	13	.295	13
Kenny Lewis, Blues	58	16	17	.292	15
Johnny Lippert, Braves	48	9	14	.291	13
Manley Gaskill, Blues	55	10	16	.290	14
Neal Smith, Braves	43	5	18	.285	15

Top Five Pitching
(based on ERA)

Name — Team	Ip	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Jim Raynor, Tides	27.3	21	8	44	4	0	1.31
Dallas Arthur, Blues	47.3	28	35	72	4	2	2.92
Richard Arthur, Blues	34	26	10	29	4	0	3.29
Gary Raynor, Tides	37.3	28	14	24	2	2	3.31
Brad Pinar, Blues	55.4	42	29	37	5	1	7.50

Strikeouts
Dudley, Greys — 92; D. Arthur, Blues — 72; J. Raynor, Tides — 64; Brad Pinar, Blues — 57; Jeter, Red Sox — 48; Vincent, Red Sox — 45; Waters, Braves — 39; Davis, Braves — 30; R. Arthur, Blues — 29; Hardesty, Greys — 22.

Statistical Leaders

Home Runs
Damron, Blues — 10; A. Raynor, Tides — 8; Turnage, Tides — 4; K. Lewis, Blues — 3; Gaskill, Blues — 3; Brax Pinar, Blues — 3; R. Willis, Red Sox — 3; Fox, Greys — 4; Stied with 3.

RBI's
A. Raynor, Tides — 24; R. Willis, Red Sox — 22; Pouik, Tides — 21; Damron, Blues — 18; K. Lewis, Blues — 18; Fox, Greys — 17; Mobley, Tides — 17; Gaskill, Blues — 17; Turnage, Tides — 14; C. Lewis, Tides — 12; N. Smith, Braves — 11.

Runs Scored
A. Raynor, Tides — 24; Damron, Blues — 22; Turnage, Tides — 18; Hancock, Blues — 16; Pouik, Tides — 16; C. Lewis, Tides — 15; K. Lewis, Blues — 15; Burchette, Red Sox — 14; D. Lewis, Blues — 14; R. Fulcher, Blues — 13; Mobley, Tides — 13; Gilbert, Tides — 13.