

Blues Up Seashore League Lead After 19-Inning Duel with Tides

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IT LASTED 19 innings. Both starting pitchers went the distance, and when it was over, there were plenty of sore arms, legs and muscles. But the Eastern Blues could put on a smile of relief as they realized they had just taken the Seashore Baseball League lead by defeating the Carteret Tides 4-3 in a record pitchers' duel.

The Tides tallied first in the second inning as John Turnage scored from second on Rodney Kemp's double.

BRAXTON PINER tied the score in the fifth inning with a solo home run. Then in the sixth, Richard Arthur singled. Tony Hancock hit a grounder to second. Richard Arthur was forced out at second, but the Tides could not

get Hancock at first. Tony attempted to steal second. The catcher threw the ball down and no one was there, so Hancock went on to third. The umpire then made a controversial balk call after a pick-off attempt at third, which gave the Blues a 2-1 lead.

It was not until the bottom of the ninth when the Tides

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