

Blues, Greys to Meet In Doubleheader Sunday

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ONLY TWO GAMES remain in the Seashore Baseball League's regular season schedule. The league leading Eastern Blues will meet the Coastal Greys in a doubleheader Sunday afternoon at Smyrna.

The Carteret Tides will forfeit their remaining games. They can do no better, or worse, than second place. "What more is there to prove?" asks Rodney Kemp of the Tides. "They (the Blues) beat us. They are first and we are second."

THE BLUES EARNED the league's regular season

crown by besting the Tides 4-3 last Sunday in a record 19-inning battle at Swinson Park. The Blues boast a 14-4 mark so far.

The Western Red Sox wound up regular season play last weekend, closing with a 7-13 win-loss record. The Tides are 12-8 for the season, and Salter Path's Braves finished with a .500 season, 10-10. The Greys are 5-14, with two games to go.

Andy Raynor of the Tides will probably end the '77 season as the league's top batter with a .552 average. His nearest challenger is Paul Damren of the Blues, who is hitting .426 going into this weekend's final round.

Top Twenty-Five Batting Average
(Based on 35 at-bats)

	AB	R	H	Avg.	G
Andy Raynor, Tides	67	28	37	.552	17
Paul Damren, Blues	61	23	26	.426	18
Chuck Lewis, Tides	70	15	27	.385	17
Tony Nauman, Braves	49	12	18	.367	15
Ronnie Willis, Red Sox	69	11	25	.362	20
Richard Collins, Greys	70	14	25	.357	18
Fletcher Pouik, Tides	73	16	26	.354	17
Richard Arthur, Blues	41	7	14	.341	12
Alex Fox, Greys	53	13	18	.339	18
Johnny Lippert, Braves	59	16	20	.338	16
Jimmy Davis, Braves	39	10	13	.333	12
Ronnie Fulcher, Blues	55	13	18	.327	14
Mike Burcette, Red Sox	53	14	17	.320	15
Wayne Mobley, Tides	47	13	15	.319	14
Dallas Arthur, Blues	44	12	14	.318	12
Neal Smith, Braves	80	13	24	.300	19
Cecil Lilley, Tides	50	9	14	.280	17
George Gilbert, Tides	50	15	14	.280	16
Charlie Hardesty, Greys	47	13	12	.276	16
Kenny Lewis, Blues	64	16	18	.273	18
Bobby Shelton, Red Sox	59	10	16	.271	17
John Turnage, Tides	57	21	15	.263	16
Manly Gaskill, Blues	72	11	19	.263	18
Bruce Norman, Braves	39	4	10	.256	10
Randy Grady, Blues	47	10	12	.255	15

Top Ten Pitching (based on ERA)

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Jim Raynor, Tides	63.3	39	15	98	5	2	3.21
Dallas Arthur, Blues	66.3	42	47	94	5	2	3.60
Neal Smith, Braves	32.6	14	14	32	4	2	3.86
Johnny Lippert, Braves	24.3	24	11	24	0	1	4.43
Gary Raynor, Tides	29.3	28	16	24	2	2	5.31
Rusty Nelson, Red Sox	20.6	25	21	16	1	3	7.98
Richard Arthur, Blues	39.6	29	15	31	4	0	8.84
Bruce Jeter, Red Sox	32.3	26	28	47	3	0	8.81
Brad Piner, Blues	64.6	53	32	65	6	2	9.43
Jimmy Davis, Braves	36.6	27	25	30	2	1	17.67

SO — Mike Dudley, Greys, 108; Jim Raynor, Tides, 98; Dallas Arthur, Blues, 94; Brad Piner, Blues, 65; Tommy Vincent, Red Sox, 49; Bruce Jeter, Red Sox, 47; Keith Waters, Braves, 43; Jay Garner, Red Sox, 38; Neal Smith, Braves, 32; Richard Arthur, Blues, 31.

Team Batting	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	Avg.
Carteret Tides	651	155	192	22	4	30	17	.294
Eastern Blues	655	150	172	12	5	36	38	.262
Western Red Sox	594	88	141	20	2	15	29	.237
Salter Path Braves	604	91	143	22	1	12	26	.236
Coastal Greys	538	99	113	110	5	9	41	.210