

2 P.M. Sunday at Swinson

# Final Blues-Tides Game Will Decide '77 Crown

By TOM DOYLE

FOR THE FINAL TIME in this long Seashore Baseball League season, the two powers will meet. And this one will decide the tournament championship once and for all (or at least until next season). The meeting, of course, will involve the Eastern Blues and the Carteret Tides at 2 p.m. Sunday in Swinson Park.

There's no telling what might happen when these two teams meet. Counting their most recent tournament game, this year's Blues-Tides series is all tied up at three games apiece.

THE BLUES WON THE FIRST game 3-1 at Swinson park, played before the all-star contest in July. The

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Night at Swinson Park as the Tides pitcher struck out 21 Blues and the Tides scored 12 runs in a runaway victory. They met in a doubleheader down east late in the season and split two games, each winning on last-inning honors.

two teams met again in August. That was the Jim Raynor Show on a Friday

Then came the tug of war, the struggle or whatever you want to call it — 19 innings of baseball. The Blues scored two runs in the 19th frame and the Tides could only get one, which produced a 4-3 victory for the Blues. Both starting pitchers went the distance.

THE TIDES WON THE most recent game down east in 11 innings, 7-6.

This is a double-elimination tournament. The Tides have no losses and the Blues have one. If the Blues win the first game Sunday, they will play another game right after the first one to decide the championship. Just one win for the Tides and they can claim the title.



## It's Gametime

By Jeff Jones

### Tides Nip Blues 7-6 In 11-Inning Contest

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AN ELEVENTH-INNING, two-run homer by Tides' superstar Andy Raynor gave the Carteret Tides a 7-6 victory Sunday over the Eastern Blues at Smyrna in the second round of the Seashore Baseball League tournament.

Neither team scored until the fifth inning. The Tides drew first blood, when Doug Landingham scored on Fletcher Poulk's double. Andy Raynor then stepped up and ripped a shot into the center field trees off of starting pitcher Dallas Arthur.

THE BLUES COUNTERED when Ronnie Fulcher singled and moved around the bases on a passed ball and wild pitches. This made the score 3-1.

The Tides scored again in the sixth. Cecil Lilley went home from first on Doug Landingham's double. Landingham then scored from second on a short hit fly ball that

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Tides — 7		Sunday at Smyrna		Blues — 6	
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LP — D. Arthur					
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### Tides Get by Blues

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was dropped by the Blues' left fielder, making the score 5-1.

THE BLUES SCORED again in the eighth on Fulcher's home run and tied it up at 5-5 in the ninth. With Dallas Arthur and Dale Lewis on first and second, Fulcher doubled both home to cut the lead to one run. Fulcher then scored on a single by Crawford Pigott.

In the eleventh, Poulk led off with a walk. Raynor hit his second home run of the day, on relief pitcher Brad Piner. The Blues' Paul Darnen homered to cap off all the scoring as Pigott popped out to end the game.

The Salter Path Braves scored an anticlimactic 10-3 victory over the hapless Western Red Sox in other Seashore League tournament action Sunday.

league's bylaws. Coach Cutts explains that he barely has enough players to field a team right now, but should return to a 21-man roster, at least, when a number of injuries have healed.

Three area jayvee clubs will see action tonight. The little Patriots of West Carteret will be at home against Swansboro and the Havelock junior varsity will travel to Lakewood. Both games will begin at 7:30.

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