

Blues Win, Will Meet Tides in Title Fight

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THE EASTERN BLUES, by virtue of their 5-3 victory Sunday over the Salter Path Braves, earned the right to advance to the Seashore Baseball League championship game against (who else?) the Carteret Tides. The Blues-Braves game was played at Smyrna.

The Blues got off to a quick lead when they scored two runs in the first inning. They were only behind once after that.

Salter Path scored three runs in the top of the sixth on Bruce Norman's bases-loaded single that the Blues left-fielder mishandled, allowing all three to score.

THE BLUES CAME up with two more runs to pull ahead for good in the home half of the sixth on Braxton Piner's two-run homer.

The Blues added the clinching run in the seventh, when first baseman Paul Damren placed one of those little white round things in the trees in left field to make the final score 5-3.

Blues — 5

Braves — 3

Sunday at Smyrna

WP — Brad Piner

LP — N. Smith

Braxton Piner, Blues — 2 for 4 (1 HR, 3 RBI)

D. Lewis, Blues — 2 for 4

Lippert, Braves — 2 for 3