

Blues Win First Game 11-9

Tides Squeeze Out 11-10 Victory To Win Seashore League Tournament

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TWO FULL nine-inning games, yet in the end only one run separated the two teams that seem to battle it out every Seashore Baseball League season, the Carteret Tides and the Eastern Blues. The doubleheader, a tournament finale, took place Sunday at Swinson Park near Morehead City.

The first game was an 11-9 victory for the Blues. That forced a second contest to decide the double-elimination tourney. Though the Blues led most of the second game, the Tides were not to be denied as they fought back to claim an 11-10

win and the Seashore tournament crown.

THE TIDES jumped off to a quick, 7-3 lead after five innings in the first half of the doubleheader, but that was it for the Tides. The Blues scored three runs in the

eight on a three-run homer by Braxton Piner. Then in the ninth, with three men on, Paul Damren got a double to score all three, and Ronnie Fulcher tapped one high and long over the right field fence.

The Tides managed to get

two more in the ninth on a two-run shot by John Turnage, to finish two runs short. The Blues held on to win it 11-9.

THE SECOND GAME started off just the opposite. After five, the Blues held a 6-3 lead. That lead was increased to 8-3 in the seventh on a Paul Damren homer and a single by Dallas Arthur that scored Ronnie Fulcher from second. Then the Tides came alive, thinking of nothing but the championship. They scored four times in the seventh. Doug Landingham and Gary Raynor came home on a single by George Gilbert;

Fletcher Poulk and Andy Raynor scored on a Chuck Lewis single. That cut the margin to one, 8-7.

THE BLUES didn't score in the eighth, but the Tides did. Landingham led off with a double. Gary Raynor walked. Then George Gilbert hit a long shot in the ditch over the right field fence. Fletcher Poulk followed with another blast to give the Tides an 11-8 lead.

The Blues scored two more in the top of the ninth, but with two men on and two out, Tony Hancock hit a line drive to center fielder John Turnage that ended the ball game and the season.



Blues — 11		Sunday at Swinson		Tides — 9	
				R	H
Blues	061	020	035	11	14
Tides	212	200	002	9	9
WP — R. Arthur				LP — G. Raynor	
				R. Fulcher, Blues — 3 for 5 (double, HR, 2 RBI)	
				P. Damren, Blues — 2 for 5 (double, 4 RBI)	
				R. Arthur, Blues — 2 for 3 (HR)	
				F. Poulk, Tides — 1 for 2 (HR)	
				R. Kemp, Tides — 2 for 3	

Tides — 11		Sunday at Swinson		Blues — 10	
				R	H
Tides	200	100	44x	11	18
Blues	104	010	202	10	13
WP — J. Raynor				LP — B. Piner	
				A. Raynor — 3 for 5 (HR, 3 RBI)	
				G. Gilbert — 2 for 4 (HR, 5 RBI)	
				F. Poulk — 3 for 5 (HR, RBI)	
				Braxton Piner — 3 for 4 (HR, RBI)	