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Mets Sign Dallas

Dallas Wayne Arthur, showing the form that earned him a 17-0 record in the Seashore Baseball League and a shot at pro ball, will leave tomorrow for Marion, Va., to begin playing in the New York Mets' farm organization.

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DALLAS WAYNE Arthur, 22-year-old pitching ace for the Eastern Blues of the Seashore League, will have his chance at pro baseball.

Dallas signed a no-bonus contract Friday in Fayetteville to play in the New York Mets' farm organization. He is scheduled to report tomorrow with the Mets' Marion, Va., club, front-running team in the single-A Appalachian League with a 7-1 win-loss record. He is on straight salary, plus expenses.

THE 6-FOOT, 175-pound southpaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Clayton Arthur of Bettie, is a 1970 graduate of East Carteret High School. He played for two years at the College of the Albemarle, then transferred to Atlantic Christian, where he played his final two years of college baseball.

For the past two seasons, Dallas has led the unbeaten Eastern Blues of the Seashore League, compiling a perfect 17-0 record. The Blues are 29-0 over the same two years. He is described by Sturgis Hedrick, publicist for the amateur league, as a curve ball specialist with a "major league" fast ball and an off-speed pitch. He's got infield management sense and is deceptively quick on his feet. Dallas may be as good a glove man as he is a pitcher, which is saying quite a lot.

HE HAS BEEN superb in amateur play, making use of a high-release pitch that fairly sizzles. His unassuming, almost shy, manner has encouraged a countywide fan club in his behalf, led primarily by down east youngsters and old-timers who have attended the Blues' games faithfully. Perhaps his biggest fan is younger sister Donna Arthur, who works as a hostess at Capt. Bill's Restaurant in Morehead City.

Wayne Britton, Mets' representative who signed Dallas, advised him Friday that he can expect to "get his feet wet right away," presumably meaning an immediate mound assignment with the Marion club.

Eastern Blues manager Wilson Davis, another of Dallas's down east fans, said this morning the Blues will certainly miss their No. 1 pitcher. But they wish him the best of luck in the Mets' system. The opportunity presented Dallas is the dream of a million young men.

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WHATEVER THE future may hold for made believers of the New York Mets, who signed Dallas Wayne Arthur away, Blues sought Randolph's signature as well.

Kenny declined with grateful grace. He is at Atlantic Beach and plans to enter Lenoir College in the fall. After two years in the stronghold, he hopes to enter UNC-Chapel Hill.

BACK TO THE WAR-whooping Brave "Hum, baby. Hum, baby." That was the pepper yell to his battery-mate, Daugherty. Craig backed up his chatter with approval. He is the only Salter Path runner to score home Ted Willis and Harold Anderson in.

WEBER QUALIFIED as top Brave batter. Phil Moran cracked a hard single and scored. Each went 2 for 4. Donald Leatherman led off with a line single to left in his 2 trips.

Wilson Davis' Eastern Blues still reign in the league, rain or no. They lambasted the Beaufort 17-5, in Smyrna to record victory No. 1. Wilson's horde of ground-crew toilers pulled the field dry twice before the game.

AND THE DOWNEASTERS blinked through a sprinkle of raindrops to batter Beaufort in the seventh. Cool-Head Fred Nelson led off with a grand-slam home run. C. C. powdered a solo-shot homer for the Dog. Starboard pitching sleight-of-hand Zurenko toyed with the Beaufort power, and striking out 10 over the full 9 innings.

THE BLUES GO all-out Friday, seeking to conquer in the American Baseball Congress at Roxboro. They're matched with the Fort Belknap Blues at 8:30 p.m. The Seashore League is high. Their ultimate goal is the World Series in baseball in Wichita, Kan.

The overnight cloudburst deluged the Western Blues and the Newport Red Sox. The alternative but to call their game because of no rain date has been set.

But Skipper Donnie Aycock promises to cut out a pair of Dutchman's britches next time they tangle with the Eastern Blues in the Sox.