

#1A-1 Lefty Dallas Wayne Arthur, 1966-1970 ECHS



Dallas Arthur Pitching in 1974 Eastern Blues, Seashore League

- ❖ He was a Member of the 1970 Co-Championship ECHS Team and won “All Conference Honors”.
- ❖ Dallas had all of the abilities of throwing, hitting, running and defending to play in the Majors:
 - Dallas came to ECHS after being the Top Rated Babe Ruth League Pitcher, and he would go on to become the dominant High School Pitcher in the NE Conference.
 - He continued that dominance throughout his years at ECHS. Due to his hitting ability, when he wasn't pitching, he was playing outfield.
 - In 1970, he went into the last play-off game with a 6-0 record and a .163 ERA. He lost the last game and ended with a 6 and 1 Record and .275 ERA, the NE Conference top pitcher and was “Athlete of the Month” in April 1970.
 - In 1969-1970 he batted .333.

- 1968-1969 Dallas was had a 4 and 2 record and that was among the league top pitchers.
 - ❖ He received a scholarship to play for College of Albemarle for two years and then a scholarship to play at Atlantic Christian College (Barton College now) for two years. He was their leading pitcher on both teams.
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Wilson Davis and I were fortunate to get Dallas to pitch for us with the Eastern Blues Semi-Pro Seashore Team. Before signing with NY Mets –Single - A Farm Team June 30, 1975 –

- ❖ Dallas won 17 games straight with an averaged 13 strikeouts per game and a with record strike outs of 24 in one game.
- ❖ NY Mets wanted to look at Dallas and wanted the Eastern Blues to play East Carolina, and we scheduled a double header at Swinson Park to be played at night. That night the Scouts requested that Dallas through nothing but fast balls – no off-speed pitches which were his best pitches. He won the first game, and they asked if he would pitch the second game, he did and he won both games and never threw an off-speed pitch. They signed him June 30, 1975.
- ❖ After signing with NY Mets, he pitched in relief in 18 games during July and August of 1975 with 5 saves and ERA of 2.
- ❖ He had a plane ticket to go back, but because of some personal reasons he stayed home and continued to play and dominant the Seashore League through 1977 when the League ended.

After documenting the history for Baseball in Carteret County from the 1930s, Dallas Arthur is believed to be one of the best pitchers that have come through the County. He had the major league arm, and for a lefty, he could throw strikes even though every thing he threw was subject to a 1 to 3 foot movement.

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- 1970 and 1971 ECHS Baseball Coach
(1970 Co-Championship Team)
- An organizers and players of the Eastern Blues (194-1977) of the Seashore League
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