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## FLANAGAN SLAMS HR, SINGER BELLOWS WITH 4 HITS

### Vintage Resolutes Eradicate Atlantic Base Ballers, 20-13

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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"Base Ball" bats made of maple wood or ash, catching the ball barehanded, unique fair/foul rules, three balls equals a walk, and a five-cent fine for verbal misconduct make up some of the rules of 1874 style vintage base ball - two words.

The original "boys of summer," the Elizabeth Resolutes, comprised

predominantly of players from the Westfield and Scotch Plains area and the Atlantic Base Ball Club (ABBC) from Brooklyn went nose-to-nose at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside on August 18 and the locals prevailed, 20-13, to improve their record to 10-11.

Mangling Mike Flanagan led the Resolutes' 24-hit bombardment with four hits, four runs scored and three

RBI and virtually insured victory by capping a seven-run seventh inning with a colossal two-run homer. Teammate Andy Singer pounded four hits, including a double, scored twice and had three RBI and Anthony Ferrone banged four singles, scored once and had two RBI.

The ABBC visitors scraped up 14 hits and were led by "Hammy" Obidienzo, who cracked three singles, scored twice and added two RBI. Henry Kwong knocked a two-run single and an RBI single and "Hawk" Dengel drilled a double and a single and scored three runs. In his two plate appearances, Tony DiMeo poked two singles and scored twice.

Defensively, the Resolutes pulled off a smooth short (Ferrone)-to-third (Matt Myers)-to-second (Steve Mauer) double play in the third inning. Flanagan robbed Obidienzo with a magnificent snag in center in the seventh inning and first baseman Rick Myers did a little showing off with two, one-handed grabs in the ninth inning. ABBC leftfielder T.C. Cannino performed several spectacular catches.



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CLEAN SWIPE OF THIRD...Atlantic Base Ball Club player, Iy Kiener, successfully slides into third after Resolute Matt Myers searches for the ball.



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SMALLS BEATS THE THROW HOME...Westfield Police slugger Mike Smalls powers his way and scores in the bottom of the first while Joe Czarnicki directs traffic in the game against Elizabeth III. Westfield defeated the Elizabeth III team, 10-3.

## WYMAN SMASHES HOMER, RIPS 2 SINGLES, 3 RBI

### Westfield Policemen Stagger Elizabeth III Police, 10-3

By FRED LECOMTE  
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"Just relax and hit singles like last time," was the word prior to game time. The Westfield Police softball machine proved it indeed was finely tuned as they smilingly amassed an 18-hit assault to claim a, 10-3, victory over Elizabeth III in the opening round of the Union County Police League playoff action at Memorial Field in Westfield on August 14.

Dave Wyman smashed a jaw-dropping home run and added two singles

to amass three RBI. Frank Padavono and Jim McCullough fired off RBI triples for "Big Blue".

"I just got up to the plate, concentrated and tried to hit the ball hard, and where it went was in the Lord's hands," said Wyman.

Aware of Elizabeth's firepower, the Westfield defense continued to rise to the occasion and performed numerous fine plays including a paralyzing double play on a Belford (short)-to-Wyman (first) double play, stalling the Elizabeth men. Veteran

pitcher chief Barney Tracy, with bull's eye accuracy, kept the opposition off-balance, allowing eight pokes.

"It's a team game," said Belford. "I just try to pitch in, everybody played good. I've been saying for years, a defense wins championships, so the better defense we play, the more championships we should win. The last couple of weeks we have been doing a lot better communicating, with the outfielders and infielders talking. Obviously the results

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## RAPHAEL LEADS LOUS; BOONE CRUSHES HR, 3 RBI

### St. Louis Passes Up Powerful St. Thomas in Saints, 12-10

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Rally quelling defensive plays coupled with crafty pitching and timely hitting on the part of St. Louis and St. Thomas made for an exciting confrontation in St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 16.

The St. Lou men appeared more than ready for the upcoming playoffs (second season) as they upended St. Thomas with an exciting, 12-10 victory. Paul Raphael had plenty of firepower as he blasted a single, an RBI double and an RBI triple. Malcolm Boone came with plenty of ammo himself, as he led the "Toms" with an RBI triple, a crushing two-run home run and a single.

St. Louis infield plays stunned the "Toms" with a heads-up 1-2-3 inning in the top of the first. An upbeat Joe Romash hollered, "We don't need a stinking outfield."

Firing at will, in the bottom of the first, St. Louis put four runs on the board on singles by Paul Raphael, Marty Marks, Ed Marchelitis (RBI), Keith Gibbons (RBI) and Jimmy Steger (RBI). Things tightened up,

however, in the top of the second when the "Toms" retaliated with three runs. Mike Rivera singled, Boone launched an RBI triple to center and Tim Deegan sailed an RBI double. Next, Joe Matuska whizzed a single over short and Al Antoine followed with an RBI single. Tom McGill

punched in the third run on a sacrifice.

Hoping to put the game away early, St. Louis clobbered away with four runs in the bottom of the third. Steve Pirella lined a single, Raphael hammered an RBI double and Marchelitis

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CHAOS AT FIRST BASE...St. Louis first baseman Joe Romash falls on top of St. Thomas base runner Bob Stratton as he shoots safely underneath the tag.

## CIEMNIECKI, 2-2, 2 DBLS, 2 RUNS; ORSINI, 2-2, 2 RBI

### Watson 'Glory Boys' Bounce Shady Lane, 4-2, in Playoffs

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Quality play rose to the top in the best of three playoff series between third-seeded Watson Avenue and sixth-seeded Shady Lane in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association. After winning game 1, 15-9, and dropping game 2, 2-1, in a down-to-the-wire thriller, the Watson Avenue "Glory Boys" outlasted the highly improved Shady Laners, 4-2, at Forest Road Park in Fanwood on August 14 to advance to the semifinals.

As it turned out, the hitting skills and incredible speed of former Westfield High School (WHS) baseball greats Brian Ciemiecki and Phil Orsini proved to make the difference in the game. In his two plate appearances, leadoff hitter Ciemiecki turned two singles into two doubles then was brought home both times by Orsini who had two RBI singles and a run scored in his two plate appearances.

Shady Lane pitcher Hal "Wild Thing" Breuninger, who in 2001 had opposing batters in a state of fear, has developed into quite a control pitcher in a short period of time and limited the "Glory Boys" to five hits while yielding just two free passes. Watson pitcher Mike Jasco allowed the Laners seven singles and two free passes and, at one point, retired seven batters in a row.

As with game 2, the defensive quality of both teams was superb. Watson committed two errors - one a non-costly drop of an infield fly - and Shady Lane had just one - a non-costly miff at first.

Assessing the excitement of game 2, Shady Laner Joe Herbert said, "It went to the bottom of the seventh. It

was the greatest game since I've been playing with this team. Both teams were making great, diving plays."

Playing left-center and right-center, respectively, Orsini and Ciemiecki left no gaps for extra base hits.

Prior to game 3, referring particularly to Ciemiecki and Orsini but also to the entire Watson team, Shady Laner Neil Kamler said, "Those guys are fast and all around 23-24 (years of age). We are 35-40 and some are older, but we've kept with them so

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MAKING A BOLD MOVE...Watson speedster Phil Orsini is tagged out by Shady's Joe Herbert after tagging up on a pop up to very shallow center.

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