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Watson 'Glory Boys' Rock Montrose for FOMSA Crown

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Watson Avenue claimed supremacy in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association (FOMSA) by rocking defending champ Montrose Avenue, 9-8, in Game 2 of the best-of-three final series at LaGrande Park in Fanwood on August 18.

Watson's "Glory Boys" bashed 13 hits and were led by Greg Freisen, who hammered a triple and scored a run. Quinton Redding slapped two singles and scored a run and scrappy Brian Ciemiecki whacked an RBI single and scored a run. Mike Fry cracked a two-run double. Jay Cook, Chris Schwarzenbeck and Matt DeMasi each went 2-for-3. Jim McKeon contributed a hit and Rock Stuart brought home the winning run.

The defensive play of the game fell in the hands of Redding, who made a spectacular game-saving diving snag in right-center for the final out in the seventh. Ciemiecki grabbed several line drives including a circus-like catch in left-center in the sixth. Cook and Fry each contributed fine defensive plays, while Koket, Freisen and Schwarzenbeck had several moments of brilliance.

Chris Kluckas, who went 3-for-4, including a double and two RBI, led Montrose's 12-hit production. Bill Swisher had two RBI singles. Scott Stroger added an RBI single and Ken Kups scored a run. Nick Beyer brought

home two runs. Chris Ferrara went 2-for-4 and Keith Slads had two hits. Jim Swisher and Bob Swisher each contributed a hit.

Montrose exhibited brilliant defense plays, including a double play initiated by third baseman Ferrara in the fifth inning. Billy Swisher had a hand with four fine putouts and Kluckas made a pair of smooth plays at short.

Watson scored a run in the bottom of the third but Montrose cashed in with four runs in the fourth, highlighted by Kups sac fly, two runs on a dropped ball and an RBI by Bill Swisher.

Concerned, DeMasi commented, "We can't afford to let down. Let's dig deep now."

Redding slashed an RBI single and Freisen tied it with a towering triple. In the fifth, Montrose's Kluckas added an RBI single but Ciemiecki answered for Watson with a sac fly.

Watson battered Montrose with four runs entering the sixth. Freisen knocked in a run. Fry rocked a two-run double and scored on the over-throw. Montrose, however, made things tense with three runs in the seventh, highlighted by a sac fly, an infield bobble and Stroger's RBI single.

"I tried to stay away from my big guys and I got lucky. It's the first time I won a championship with this group. They are a strong hitting team and

when you play a good defensive game that usually wins it. That's what it came down to today," said veteran pitcher Mike Jascow.

"Montrose were the champs for the several years, so we knew it would be a hard game. It takes us a few innings to get going and, just like today, we got it started in the fourth. The first innings, it was all about defense. Everyone played great on both sides. Mike pitched a heck of a game, a couple of hard-hit singles up the middle, aggressiveness on the base paths, along with heads-up "D" did it for us. I'm happy we won," said Redding. "When in high school, we won four-year championships, '94-'97, so Head Coach Bobby Brewster will be happy to hear that we won."

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ALL-CORBIN TEAM ARRIVES SEPT. 11

The 11th annual All-Corbin Team will appear in the September 11 issue of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*. The All-Corbin Team features photos of fine or unusual plays, umpires and fan shots taken at local softball league games. Additionally, All-Corbin will include youth baseball.



A DIVISION SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS... Investors Savings defeated Bellissima Pizza, 14-10, in Game 3 to claim the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division crown. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Neil Kaufman, Joe DeFabio, Tim Walsh, John Rachko, Nick Piscopo and Dave Martarano; back row, Jon Lehberger, Steve Barba, Todd Simo, Brian Dayton, Emidio Monaco, Mark Nies, (Alias Roho) and Corey Berger.

NIES RIPS 2-RUN HR, 4 RBI; WALSH, KAUFMAN 3 HITS

Investors Deposit 7 in Seventh; Stun Bellissima, 14-10, for Title

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David slew Goliath! Investors Savings paid dividends at the right time with seven runs in the seventh inning that led them to a stunning 14-10 victory over the powerful men from Bellissima Pizza in Game 3 at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains to claim the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division crown on August 13.

The big Bellissima machine, fea-

ture several men in the lineup who have been capable of whacking devastating home runs, finished the regular season with an undefeated, 22-0 record and had handily defeated Investors in all of its meetings. Investors, however, managed to eke out a 15-13 victory in Game 1 of the championship series but the pizza men came roaring back with a 21-5, crunching in Game 2.

"I have been in the league 11 years, been on six championship teams. Phoenix Tube, PEPCO, Investors and Geeks on Call," said Investors' Mark Nies prior to the game. "We are happy we are just back in Brookside. Three home run limit! They have big ringers. We've got to keep it (home runs) down, so it plays to our advantage. They are a great team. We only beat them once. I think we are locked and loaded tonight. We are ready to come out swinging, get the base hits and

score a lot of runs. We need to score 20 to win this game."

"Thank God we are coming off a big win last night to even the series! That helps put a little pressure back on them. We are confident in what we are going to do. And we are going to get the job done tonight," said Bellissima's Mike Parkhill, a 20-year veteran from Garwood, who had been on three different championship teams - PEPCO, Bellissima and Checchio's - that totaled six titles.

But Nies could have been called a ringer over the years, since he had been known to blast two, even three home runs in some games.

"In the right situation tonight, I will be there. I will be there for the team. I promise," he said.

Nies, who scored twice, kept his promise with a 3-for-4 evening, which included a two-run homer, an RBI

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BECOMING THE 2008 FOMSA CHAMPIONS... The Watson Avenue "Glory Boys," Champs of the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association, defeated Montrose Ave., 8-7 on August 18. Pictured front row, left to right: Mike Jascow, Ben Koket, Jim McKeon, Matt DeMasi, Maya the team mascot and Chris Schwarzenbeck; back row, Rock Stuart, Nick Geissler, Jay Cook, Mike Fry, Greg Freisen, Quinton Redding and Brian Ciemiecki.

BETAU, GIBBONS RAP 3 HITS, HR, 4 RBI, SCORE 3 RUNS

St. Patrick Jars St. Jude, 22-9, To Stay Atop Angels Division

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Five home runs, three triples and five doubles emphasized Angels Division leader St. Patrick's overwhelming 22-9 triumph over a stunned St. Jude team in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 17. The Pats needed the victory to stay just a pace ahead of the hungry St. Lukes, who keeps nipping at their heels, trailing by only one game in the win column.

Although nearly all of the Pats contributed significantly, veterans Al Betau (double) and Keith Gibbons (triple) both went 3-for-3, with a home run, four RBI and three runs scored in the 26-hit shelling. Kevin Spellman (3 runs scored) whacked a two-run homer and singled. Kevin St. Onge drilled a two-run homer and scored twice, and Jack Kennedy homered and had an RBI single. Marty Bernstein (2 runs scored) had a pair of singles and doubled, and Scott Curtis had three singles, an RBI and a run scored. Gus Alvarez rapped an RBI triple, singled and scored twice.

The bottom of the Pats' order also inflicted damage. Sal Gano (run scored) went 3-for-3. Brian Dunn (2-run double), Brian Glod (ground-rule double) and Jim Killeen (double, RBI) each scored once and Dan Margolis tripled and scored once.

After Killeen, who nearly stumbled for the cycle a few weeks ago, slapped his standup double," Gibbons pointed out, "That's his fifth double this sea-

son. He's a strong hitting team and

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