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AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 - PENCE GOES 6-FOR-6, DEITCH 5-FOR-5; CHAZ BROWN'S BERWICK, DECKER 3 HITS

American Leg. Post 3 Blankets Charlie Brown's in Semis, 23-3

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Second-seeded Charlie Brown's had reservations about Game 1 of their best of three Scotch Plains Men's Softball League semifinal showdown with the third-seeded American Legion Post No. 3 since they were without their Linus blanket and the services of several key power hitters at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 1. And rightly so as the Legionnaires, being well aware of Charlie Brown's mental distress, proceeded to pummel them with a 23-3 pounding, similar to the Washington Nationals' 25-4 thrashing of the New York Mets a few nights earlier.

The American Legionnaires' 37-hit barrage was quite impressive but the pitching of veteran John Deitch was even more impressive as he managed to scatter 10 hits and hold Charlie Brown's to just three runs in the nine-inning game. Deitch also banged the ball quite well at the plate, going 5-for-5 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored.

Post No. 3 man Jarrod Pence singled in all six of his plate appearances, scored twice and added two RBI. Chris "Roc" Sama rapped four hits,

including a triple, scored twice and had two RBI. Chris Williams whacked three singles and a double, scored twice and had three RBI. Kevin Spellman slapped three singles and a double, scored twice and had one RBI, and Jeff Bendix belted four singles, scored once and had two RBI. Nick Bandoni blasted a two-run triple and an RBI single and scored twice. Gus Alvarez had trip RBI singles and scored twice. Dennis DiMascio (RBI) doubled twice, singled and scored three times. Leadoff hitter Billy Aumenta had a pair of RBI singles and scored twice, and Kyle Williams scored twice and had an RBI.

Charlie Brown's leadoff hitter and No. 2 hitter, Josh Decker and Kyle Berwick, respectively, did the majority of the offensive damage. Decker went 3-for-4 and scored twice and

Berwick went 3-for-4 with a double and scored once. Brian Piccola had an RBI single and an RBI sacrifice fly and Tom Giannone singled and added an RBI sac fly. Rob Rowland and Tom Hercel each added a single.

Despite the devastating difference in the score, excellent defense could not be overlooked. From his short-stop position, Decker made a number of fine scoops that he converted to putouts then patiently awaited a "homerun in an elevator shaft" popup off the bat of Chris Williams to haul it in for the out in shallow leftfield. Berwick made several running snags in centerfield and added a pair of gun downs at the plate. Bryan Bollante made a couple of smooth running grabs in right-center.

Legionnaire Bendix was a marvel at shortstop, vacuuming nearly everything that entered his domain, which included sliding on his knees to scoop a sizzler then converting it to a putout at second. Second baseman Aumenta also made a number of startling snags, the most memorable being a running catch of a fading blooper into mid-right field. Sarna in right-center managed to avoid a collision



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NAILED AT THE PLATE...American Legion Post 3's Gus Alvarez gets gunned down at the plate after Charlie Brown's catcher Tom Hercel got a great throw from centerfielder Kyle Berwick in the sixth inning at Jerseyland Field.

ALL-CORBIN TEAM ARRIVES SEPT. 6

The 21th annual All-Corbin Team will appear in the September 6 issue of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*. Be Ready!

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RIGHETTI, MUCCI 3B, 2 RBI; GELB 2 RBI; FASTIGGI 3 RBI

Contact Holds Back Riverside In UC Sr. 50+ Softball, 15-12

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Mother Nature may have allowed the Contact Lens & Vision men to see their way to victory in a very crucial Union County Senior 50+ B Division Men's Softball League game against the Riverside Inn at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 2. With Contact Lens & Vision leading by nine runs entering the bottom of the fifth inning, the Riverside Inn men came storming back with a deluge of six runs but Mother Nature's storm that came afterwards was more impressive and the game was called allowing the Lensmen to escape with a 15-12 win.

The significance of the game was more than just for pride or onepmanship. It would determine who would get the second seed for the B Division playoffs. As of August 2, Roselle American Legion held the upper rung with a 15-5 record and Contact Lens & Vision was second at 14-7 with the Riverside Inn right behind at 13-7. The bottom tier B Division teams were Cranford VFW at 9-

11. Garwood Metal at 8-11 and Advanced Financial at 6-11.

Contact Lens totaled 16 hits and only two Visionaries had three plate appearances. Leadoff hitter Brian Dayton went 2-for-3, scored twice and had an RBI, and Matt Kasper went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Dan Righetti rapped an RBI triple and an RBI single and scored once. Anthony Muccio bashed a two-run triple and scored once. Kerry Gelb smacked an RBI double, added an RBI sacrifice fly and scored once.

In his two plate appearances, Contact veteran Dave Rothenberg made contact twice with a pair of RBI singles, while scoring once. Peter Byer went 1-for-1, walked once, scored twice and had two RBI. Neil Kaufman tapped an RBI single and scored once. Steve "Wiz" Wiczczak singled once, walked once and scored both times.

The Riverside put together 20 hits, which included three doubles. Rich Polinitza pounded a two-run double, singled and scored once. Mark Merriman cracked an RBI double, singled and scored twice as did Mark

Capizzi. Pitcher Mario Fastiggi slashed a two-run single and added an RBI sacrifice fly. Paul Newton singled twice, scored twice and had an RBI. Tom Wolensky (RBI), Dennis Maluchnik and Jim McCormack each singled twice and scored once.

Contact scored twice in the top of the first inning. Kasper singled, Byer walked and both scored respectively on Kaufman's single to right and Gelb's sacrifice fly to leftfield. The Riverside responded with a five-run gush. John McClung and Maluchnik both singled. After a fly out to right, McClung scored on the overthrow. Newton plopped an RBI single into shallow right field, Polinitza ricocheted a hard single off the first baseman's glove then Merriman reached on a force out at second. Capizzi looped an RBI double into right and Fastiggi lined a two-run single to right.

Contact's second inning also produced five runs and it began with a benign walk to Wiczczak. Righetti hammered his RBI triple and scored

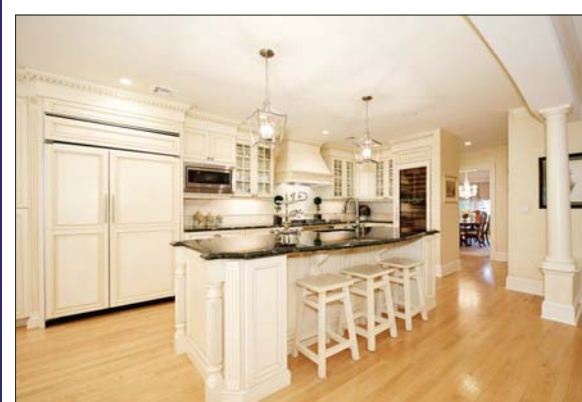
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GETTING HOME AHEAD OF THE THROW...Riversider John McClung beats the throw home as Contact Lens catcher Bob Biner prepares to field the ball in the first inning at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 2.

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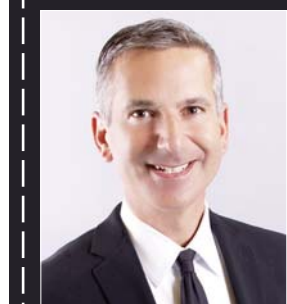


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