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# CORTEZ, BUONTEMPO, HOYNOSKI HAMMER HOMERS

## No. 1 Gas House Gorillas Quiet Sofa Kings in S. Pl. Semi, 19-10

**By ALEX LOWE**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Vicki's Diner/Gashouse Gorillas played long ball in their 19-10 victory over Sofa Kings in the opening game of their best-of-three semifinal series in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League on August 1 at Brookside Park. The Gashouse gang cracked three home runs against a Sofa Kings team that had scored 24 runs in their first-round victory over Grillestone. Nick Buontempo, Alberto Cortez and Jason Hoynoski each deposited balls over the fence as Gashouse jumped out to a 16-2 lead through four innings. The top-seeded Gorillas were never threatened after that.

Gashouse got a two-run homer from Buontempo in the bottom of the first against Sofa Kings starter Brad Belford to take a 3-1 lead. Belford then gave up a solo shot to Cortez in the second as Gashouse extended to a 6-1 lead. Belford made the start for Sofa Kings despite injuring his hamstring stretching out a triple in a first-round victory over Grillestone.

Gashouse Gorillas took charge of the contest over the next two innings by scoring five runs in the third and five more in the fourth. Cortez had an RBI single in the third, while Al Dente added a two-run single. In the fourth,

Matt Hoynoski drove in a run with a sac fly before brother Jason smashed a three-run homer over the centerfield fence. Dente added another run on a single to left.

Gashouse extended the already bloated lead to 18-2 in the fifth on an RBI single from Al Genova and a sac fly by Cortez. It was a big game for Cortez who delivered three RBI in addition to his solo homer.

"I'm happy to be playing with these guys again," said Cortez. "I played with them three years ago but left to join Modern Trucking for two seasons. The team folded and I was happy to come back here and I'm glad I've been able to contribute."

Everyone contributed on this day for Gashouse Gorillas. Jason Hoynoski, who usually brings the heavy artillery to the plate with him, did fine work as a pitcher in this game as well. Filling in for ace Carlos Rego, Hoynoski held the potent Sofa Kings lineup to just two runs through the first five innings. Sofa Kings was unable to get much going against Hoynoski until the top of the sixth inning when they rallied for three runs. The Kings got a two-out rally going with a couple of walks before veteran Steve Barba stepped to the plate and came through with an RBI

single into leftfield. Kyle Adams then rapped a two-run double into the right-centerfield gap to cut the deficit to 18-5. The rally ended when Brian Schiller popped out to Hoynoski.

Sofa Kings added three more in the eighth courtesy of Dom Centanni's two run homer deposited over the leftfield fence and an RBI single by Schiller to close to within 19-8. The Kings got two more in the ninth on a sac fly by Mike Chronic and an RBI double from Centanni. But it was too little too late and simply served to make the score more respectable at 19-10.

"We've got to do a better job of hitting down on the ball," said Sofa Kings vet Doug Delle Donne. "Too many fly balls and trying to hit it over the fence."

Frankly, it could have been worse as Gashouse Gorilla player Joseph Ondi was denied a pair of home runs due to the home run limit rule. Still, these two teams have a rich recent history between them and opening game blowouts do not always translate into series victories for the winner. The two teams were scheduled to meet again in Game 2 this week.

Sofa Kings	100	103	032	19
Gas House	335	520	10x	10

## 'YAZ' BEATS OUT 2-RUN HR, 5 RBI; ADAMS 4-FOR-5, 2 RBI

# Sofa Kings Chill Gashouse, 8-7, In Game 2 of Semifinal Playoff

**By ALEX LOWE**  
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Tyler Yasinski (Yaz) beat out a two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to rally Sofa Kings past Vicki's Diner/Gashouse Gorillas, 8-7, in Game 2 in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League semifinals held on August 6 at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains. Yaz's round tripper forced a Game 3 since Gashouse destroyed Sofa Kings, 19-10, in Game 1.

cover a lot of ground."

This game was an instant classic. The two teams had combined for 29 runs in their first meeting with Gashouse belting three home runs. But Game 2 took the form of a defensive battle with each team turning in several spectacular plays.

Gashouse scored first with a run in the first inning. Jason Hoynoski worked a walk, moved to second on a sac fly by Nick Buontempo then used his speed to score from second on a long sac fly by Al Dente.

Sofa Kings answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first. Mike Chronic singled to right then scored when Adams singled to the same spot. Chronic hustled to third then advanced home when the throw into third was wild. Adams would score on a sacrifice by Yaz.

Sofa Kings added two more in the second when Adams and Yaz rapped RBI singles. Gashouse cut the lead to 4-3 in the fourth. Joseph Ondi's single to center got under the glove of Adams allowing Dente to score from first. Then Cortez cracked a two-out single to center that scored Ondi from third.

Defense ruled from there with neither team able to score in their next three at-bats. Gashouse did have a shot at a big inning in the third but Buontempo's two-out, deep fly ball was tracked down by Sofa Kings centerfielder Dom Centanni to save two runs.

Gashouse returned the favor in the sixth when Cortez robbed Belford of an extra base hit with a running back-handed stab for the first out. The play became crucial as Sofa King batters singled in their next two at-bats before

Josh Finkelstein hit into a 1-6-3 double play to end the threat and keep the score at 4-3.

Sofa Kings added a run in the seventh when Yaz delivered a two-out double to centerfield that scored Chronic from second. Jason Hoynoski's three-run blast helped Gashouse grab the lead in a four-run eighth inning. Sofa Kings cut the lead to 7-6 in the eighth on Doug Delle Donne's RBI single. But Sofa Kings could not pull even or take the lead as Chronic tapped back to the pitcher for the third out, stranding the tying and go ahead runs on base.

The defense kept Sofa Kings within striking distance in the ninth. Cortez poked a leadoff single. Mike Patrone smacked a one-out single into the left-center gap. Cortez attempted to go from first to third but outfielder Johnny Lyp got to the ball and delivered a perfect strike to Finkelstein to nail Cortez as he slid into the bag. The play kept Sofa Kings in range to forge the game-winning rally in the ninth.

"I thought I got in there ahead of the throw," said Cortez. "But it was a good throw and you have to give credit for that."

Yaz finished 3-for-4 with five RBI, a double and the homer. Adams went 4-for-5 with two RBI and scored the game tying run in the ninth.

"It felt good," said Adams. "Especially after I misplayed a ball earlier in the game that led to a run for them. When I hit the ball in the ninth, I really thought he (Cortez) came up with it but then I saw it pop loose when he was on the ground."

Gas House	100	200	040	7
Sofa Kings	220	000	112	8



ROLLING TO THE SEMIFINALS...The Sofa Kings burned Grillestone, 24-13, to advance to the playoff semifinal round.

## CRONIC RAPS 3 HITS, 6 RBI; DELLE DONNE 3 RBI, 3 HITS

# Sofa Kings Burn Grillestone In Scotch Plains Playoff, 24-13

**By ALEX LOWE**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Mike Chronic drove in six runs on three hits, while Doug Delle Donne chipped in three RBI on three hits to lead Sofa Kings to a 24-13 victory over Grillestone in the opening round of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League playoffs held on July 31 at Farley Field in Scotch Plains. The victory advances Sofa Kings to a second round best-of-three match up against top-seeded Vicki's Diner/Gashouse Gorillas. It is the third straight year that these two teams will meet in the playoffs.

"It always seems to come down to Gashouse Gorillas and us at some point," said Sofa Kings vet Brian Schiller.

Sofa Kings, the Number 5 seed, left little doubt that they would advance to the next round as they brought the big bats with them in their opener against Grillestone. Sofa Kings jumped out to a 5-0 lead, scoring a pair in the top of the first and three more in the second against Grillestone starting pitcher Paul Bengivengo. Delle Donne and Chronic started their big offensive days with RBI singles in the third. Kyle Adams added a sac fly for an RBI to make it 5-0.

Grillestone rallied with four runs to tie the game at 9-9 in the fifth inning. But the Sofa Kings offense took over the game from there. Sofa Kings scored 13 runs over the next two innings to take command of the contest. In the sixth, Sofa Kings scored seven runs with big hits coming from Tarullo (RBI single), Chronic (RBI single) and Dom Centanni on a three-run inside the park home run.

Sofa Kings added six more in the seventh. Adams cracked a two-run in

the park home run deep into the right centerfield gap. Centanni had an RBI double during the rally. Trailing 22-11, Grillestone scratched out a couple of runs in the bottom half of the inning to close to within 22-13. Brett Kovacs had an RBI single in the inning. But Grillestone could get no closer.

Sofa Kings erased Grillestone's progress by scoring two runs in the eighth on Chronic's RBI single that made it 24-13. Grillestone managed just one hit over the final two innings.

Sofa Kings	230	317	620	24
Grillestone	021	242	200	13

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TEAM	W	L	T	Pct
St. Michael	12	5	1	.694
St. George	11	5	0	.688
St. Francis	9	5	1	.633
St. Anthony	9	8	1	.528
St. Wolfgang	8	8	0	.500
St. Vincent	5	11	0	.313
St. Joseph	5	11	0	.313
St. Sebastian	4	10	1	.300

hits for St. Michael. Russ Voorhees and Todd Feinburg each collected multiple hits for St. Joseph.

**St. Vincent 10, St. Anthony 8**

Four hits from Luis Fraguas helped lead the way for a short-handed St. Vincent squad over St. Anthony at Forest Road. St. Vincent's offense was led by Fraguas (4-5, HR, 5 RBI), Walt Patrylo (3-4, 2 RBI), Chris Johnston and Rick Wustefeld, who each collected multiple hits. Mike Surbrug, Steve Burton, Bruce Logan, Mike Abram, Rob Del Cid and Jack Kennedy each had multiple hits for St. Anthony.

**St. Michael 8, St. Wolfgang 7**

It came down to the wire with St. Michael claiming victory on a dramatic walk-off groundout by Kevin Caggiano in the bottom of the ninth that sealed their win over St. Wolfgang. Losing 5-3 heading into the bottom of the sixth, St. Mike mounted a charge behind hits from Geoff Dickstein, Sweet Lou Balestriere, Chris "Rock" Sarna, Harold "Hop" Hoppler, Pete Chemidlin and Caggiano to take a 7-5 lead into the final frame. The Wolfgang pack rallied for two in the top of the seventh to tie the game before St. Michael prevailed in extra innings. Balestriere, Caggiano and Dickstein all had three hits to lead St. Michael. Brian Weber, Bryan Healy, Daryl Palmieri and Ryan Peters each collected multiple hits for St. Wolfgang.

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**St. George 11, St. Anthony 4**

With the game tied at four after four innings, St. George, fueled by light snacks and a grand slam home run from Chris San Juan, scored seven runs over the next two innings and cruised to victory. St. George pitcher Erik "Nails" scattered 11 hits and did not allow a run after the second inning. Paul Bifani (5-5), San Juan (3-4, HR, 5 RBI), Vinny Fumero and Josh Baik paced the Georgie's offense. Bobby Camisa, Bruce Logan and Jack Kennedy each collected multiple hits for St. Anthony.

**St. Michael 9, St. Joseph 3**

League leader St. Michael scored early and held on for the win over St. Joes at Brookside Park. St. Mike's pitcher Harold "Hop" Hoppler held St. Joseph scoreless through four innings. Lou Balestriere, Pete Chemidlin, Dan ("Come get some!") Shneyder and Bob "Cheeze" Cihanowicz each racked up multiple

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**BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARIES ORDINANCE 18-12-S**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on August 6 2018 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$135,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$128,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

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