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SHORTSTOPS PATRYLO, MESSANO STAR ON DEFENSE; GOLDBLATT, BABOOMIAN ON OFFENSE

St. Anthony Slips Into First; Holds Off St. Wolfgang, 5-4

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Pitching excellence was in high gear as St. Anthony's Frank Chupko and St. Wolfgang's Ed Fernandez engaged in a duel that was not decided until Chris Millar's fly ball to right field was hauled in

with the tying run at third base during a St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League game at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 2. The result was a key, 5-4, win for St. Anthony, who just bumped St. Francis out of the first-place when the Fran

men dropped a 14-10 slugfest to St. Michael.

Interestingly just the day before it was the St. Fran men who took over the top spot when they knocked off St. George, 9-5, to record their 10th straight victory. St. Anthony had been skinned by St. Joseph, 5-4. So as of August 2, St. Anthony with a 12-6 record had placed itself a half game ahead of St. Francis, whose record stood at 10-5-1.

St. Joseph, who lost to St. Vincent, 5-3, on August 2, slid back to third place and St. George at 10-5 after beating St. Sebastian, 11-4, slipped into a tie with St. Francis for second place.

Chupko yielded 12 hits but walked no one and Fernandez allowed nine hits, while walking two batters. However, although there were some crucial errors, there were also a number of key defensive maneuvers, which included four double plays.

St. Anthony shortstop Lou Messano insured his contract renewal when he pulled off an inning-ending double play (DP) in the fourth then followed in the fifth with a diving stop that he converted into a long-throw putout at first. Anthony third baseman Bob McGuinness initiated a third-to-first DP in the second inning and was on the end of an accurate throw from centerfielder Ed DeFrancesco to nail a runner at third. Right fielder

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