

THE WEEK IN SPORTS



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THE PITCH... Ed Nugent of A. J. Jersey releases the pitch to a Charlie Brown's batter.



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SAFE AT HOME... Leo White of A. J. Jersey safely slides into home in the third inning against Charlie Brown's. Charlie Brown's beat A. J. Jersey, 14-3, at Tamaques Park in Westfield on July 13.

BATTILORO BATTERS A HR; PEANUTS ADD 11 RUNS IN 5TH

Charging Charlie Brown's Stuns Unsuspecting A. J. Jersey, 14-3

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Charlie Brown, Linus and his blanket, Pig Pen, Schroeder, Lucy, Woodstock, Sally, Snoopy and the Red Baron showed up in full force and defeated A. J. Jersey, 14-3, at Tamaques Park in Westfield on July 13. They were motivated with their previously short-handed, 17-1, loss to the Mattress Factory on July 7.

A. J. Jersey Forklift, located in South Plainfield, dug up a run in the top of the first. Leadoff hitter Billy Beehner belted a single to center and later scored on a sacrifice fly by John Kolas.

Jersey pitcher Ed Nugent easily retired the regrouping Peanuts characters, cosponsored by Taylor and

Love Century 21 Realtors, in the first and the A. J. Jersey lifters returned to the plate in the second. Nugent one-hopped a single past short and Drew Koski hacked a one-out single to center. Charlie Brown pitcher Neil Kamler struck out the next batter and got the following batter to ground out to first.

Nugent held Charlie Brown's scoreless in the second and A. J. Jersey returned to the plate and scored a run in the third. Leo White whacked a single to left, then scored on an error in left field.

Down 2-0 and with two outs in the third, Charlie Brown's came to life. Ed Schinik drew a walk and Jeff Battiloro stepped to the plate and battered a two-run homer to deep

left field. John Stagaard lined a single to left, Jim Ruta ripped a single to center, then Mike Emery put Charlie Brown's in the lead with a single to left.

Jerry Lipshitz led off the fourth with a double to left; however, A. J. Jersey failed to produce any runs. Ralph Notarmano and Chris Curty began the fourth with singles for Charlie Brown's; however, no runs were scored.

Beehner bopped a single to left, but Kamler quickly retired the next three Jersey batters. The wrath of the Peanuts characters was about to begin.

Battiloro benignly beat out an infield single. After Stagaard walked, he became the victim of a force play.

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ANDERSON, WEINSTEIN, LAYTON COMBINE FOR 10 RBI

Westfield White Washes Out Summit 10's in Baseball, 22-2

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Jason Anderson, David Weinstein and Tommy Layton went on a runs-batted-in (RBI) rampage, combining for 10, and propelled the Westfield White 10-year-old baseball team to a 22-2 washing of the highly improved Summit Maroon team at Gumbert Field in Westfield on July 15. The White solidified its first-place lead in the Central Jersey All Star Baseball League with the victory.

Summit took an early 1-0 first inning lead. Fred Bernard looped a single to right field, then stole second. Taylor Robinson walked, then Bernard was thrown out at the plate on a fielder's choice initiated by Westfield third baseman Vinnie Fiorino. Bernie Grishman walked to load the bases and Sam Zukoff bunted an RBI single to score Robinson.

Zukoff, the Summit pitcher, retired the first three Westfield batters and the Maroon came to the plate in the top of the second. Woody Shepard led off with a single past second and Don Bogdon bounced a single to left.

Later in the inning, Shepard scored on an error to give Summit a 2-0 lead. Westfield clearly woke up in the second. Layton led off with a single to left field, Alex Zierler zapped an RBI double deep into left field and Brandon Cuba brought Zierler home with

a chopper toward shortstop. Fiorino and Tom Meylor both walked to load the bases, then Woody Handza hit a back-spinning RBI single toward first. With three runs already in, Weinstein hacked an RBI single by

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SAFE AT THIRD... Brandon Cuba of the Westfield White Team slides safely into third in the second inning against Summit on July 15. The White 10's defeated Summit, 22-2.

KYLISH CLOBBERS A HR; MARVELLI MASHES A HR

Hunter Ave. Bags a Big One; Darkens Sun Valley, 21-10

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Hunter Avenue blasted its way into first place in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association standings by blitzing Sun Valley, 21-10, at La Grande Park in Fanwood on July 14. The mortal wound came in the second inning when Hunter ambushed Sun Valley with 10 runs.

The assault started benignly when Paul Ewing, the second of seven left-handed batters in the Hunter lineup, lashed a double to left field. Phil Wein stepped to the plate and drove Ewing home with a single up the middle.

Sun Valley took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second. Dan Pasquariello, Dan Cruz and Kevin Woodridge all drew walks. Tony Spotto hit into a fielder's choice to bring Pasquariello home, then Bill Marvelli sacrificed Cruz home.

Sun Valley pitcher Al Manzi retired the first two Hunter batters and everything appeared to be under control.

Frank Cuccaro cracked a single to center and Kevin Grimmer looped an RBI single to center, then moved to second on an error. Corey May followed with an RBI single to right field.

The destruction of Sun Valley was only just beginning. Frank Marcazzo squibbled a single past the second baseman. Lance Wildstein whacked

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WHACKING A SINGLE TO CENTER... Phil Wein of Hunter Avenue whacks a single to center in the first inning against Sun Valley.

HOEZEL, BALESTRIERE SCORE 4; MAHER HAS 4 RBI

The St. James 'Gang' Dims The Spirit of St. Louis, 20-4

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The St. James "Gang" ran rampant over St. Louis, 20-4, in St. Bart's Oldtimers Softball League action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains because there was no posse to contain them. Jim Hoelzel and Lou Balestriere each crossed the plate four times and Tom Maher led the "James Gang" with four RBI.

The "James Gang", sponsored by Standard Pest Control of Scotch Plains, attacked heavily in the first inning and got away with a lot of seven runs to immediately dim the spirits of St. Louis. Pete DeChristofaro blazed a leadoff single past third and Hoelzel zipped a single down the third baseline. Balestriere banged an RBI single over third and Hoelzel scored when Stan Grausso reached first safely on an error. Maher mashed an RBI single to left and Joe Matuska followed with an identical RBI single.

Joe Scarfuto grounded out to first to drive in Maher for the fifth run and Henry DeProspero drilled an RBI single to center. Finally, Jack Quinn stepped to the plate and whacked a two-run double down the third baseline.

Although with dimmed spirits, St. Louis, winners of its last three games, mounted a scoring threat in the bottom of the first with singles from Bill Mirto and Bob Veeck; however, "Gang" pitcher Matuska escaped the inning without yielding a run.

Hoelzel led off the second inning with another single to left, Balestriere bounced a single by third and Grausso battered an RBI double down the left field line. Maher lofted a sacrifice fly to center and Balestriere tagged up and scored. Matuska hit a sacrifice fly to left and the St. James "Gang" had

robbed St. Louis for another three runs. Glen Walz singled in the second but St. Louis, sponsored by Rossi Funeral Home of Scotch Plains, was unable to score. DeProspero singled in the third for the "Gang", but became the victim of a double play when St. Louis center fielder Billy Hicks caught a fly ball, then fired the ball to first in time to catch him off base.

The St. James "Gang" was on the loose again in the fourth as they ransacked St. Louis for five more runs. DeChristofaro bopped a single to right, Hoelzel beat out a throw to first and Balestriere belted an RBI single to left. Grausso grilled a single to center as Hoelzel scored and Balestriere scored when Maher hit into a fielder's choice. Scarfuto slapped a chopping double down the

first baseline to drive in Maher and Matuska and the "Gang" had seized a 15-0 lead.

St. Louis soothed its blues somewhat in the fifth. Art Hobbie wobbled a single to left and Marty Lillis lashed a single to right. Walz hit into a force play and Hicks hit a spinning single back to the mound. Joe Metzger brought home Lillis with a fielder's choice and John Chupko outran the second baseman's throw as Walz walked home for the second run.

The "Gang" was quite quiet in the sixth, then St. Louis added two more runs in the bottom of the inning. Gary Cardinale drew a walk and Tom Ulichny punched a single up-the-middle. Chris Reimers rapped a sacrifice fly to center and Cardinale flew

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LEADER OF THE "JAMES GANG"... St. James team captain Jim Hoelzel safely performs a perfect slide into home as St. Louis catcher Gary Cardinale attempts to put on a tag. The "James Gang" made a clean, 20-4, getaway from St. Louis at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 16.

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