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LUCCARELLI 2 TRIPLES, 2 RUNS; MASTERSON 1B, RBI

Summit 9Us Slip by SPF, 11-6, In New Providence Gold League

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

Thomas O'Connor and Jayden Dagner drove in three runs apiece as Summit defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 11-6, in a 9U New Providence Gold League game played on July 5 at Booth Field in Scotch Plains. Summit pulled away from a 6-6 tie after two innings behind lights-out relief pitching from O'Connor, who came into the game in the third inning, and Dagner, who entered the game in the sixth. Scotch Plains-Fanwood was held scoreless over the final four innings.

relief but he struggled with control as well, walking the next two batters and allowing a run. McCann got out of the inning by getting Flack to pop out to the pitcher but Summit had forged a 6-4 lead.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood came right back in the bottom of the second. Luccarelli led off with a triple into the right centerfield gap. He would score when Masterson reached first on an error, cutting the Summit lead to 6-5. Masterson would later score the tying run on a one-out single to center by McCann. The score remained knotted at 6-6 as Iocavelli retired the next

out to be the game-winning run with a sacrifice, making it 7-6. Putnam extended the lead to 8-6 on a bloop single into leftfield.

Summit scuffed the plate three more times in the fifth inning. Back-to-back walks set up Jordan Dagner to deliver the hit of the game. Dagner drove a ball deep to leftfield where it clanked off the bottom of the fence for a two-run double. Iocavelli got another run across on a ground ball out making it 11-6.

O'Connor pitched three innings of scoreless relief for Summit, recording four strikeouts in the process.



ALL SMILES...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood 9U Raiders pose for a photo after the New Providence Gold League game with the Summit Hilltoppers at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 5.

"Scotch Plains crushed us the last three times we've played them, so this feels pretty good for our kids," said Summit Head Coach Ken O'Connor. "I think we have improved as the season has progressed."

Summit scored three runs in the top of the first inning to take a 3-0 lead. O'Connor came through with a one-out, bases-loaded single that scored two runs against Raider starter Sam

two batters on ground balls to end the inning.

O'Connor would enter the game in relief for Summit and he would pitch three scoreless innings. After a scoreless top of in the third inning, Summit went back to work in the fourth against Raider reliever Brian Byrne and tacked on a pair of runs. After Jason Orbin walked and O'Connor singled, Flack brought home what would turn

Dagner closed out the game pitching a 1-2-3 scoreless frame that included two strikeouts. Summit raised its season mark to 6-9-1 with the win.

"Summit hit the ball well," said Scotch Plains Head Coach John Sponheimer. "We made some plays but they made more. Hats off to Summit."

Summit	330	230	11
Sc PI-Fanwood	420	000	6



THE TASTE OF VICTORY...The Summit 9U Hilltoppers pose for a photo after defeating Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 11-6, in New Providence Gold League action at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 5.

Galante. Ryan Flack followed with a sacrifice that drove in another run.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood answered with four runs in the bottom of the first against Summit starter Tim Iocavelli. Sean Sponheimer got things rolling with a bloop single into left. Aiden Luccarelli followed by smashing a triple down the leftfield line that scored Sponheimer. James Masterson benefited from a miscommunication in the Summit infield when his routine popup fell in between short and third base allowing Luccarelli to score from third and cutting the lead to 3-2. Brady Gelb plated two runs on an infield single to give the Raiders a 4-3 lead. Scotch Plains-Fanwood managed to load the bases with two outs but a chance to do more damage was missed when Iocavelli struck out Sponheimer to end the rally.

Summit regained the lead with three runs in the second inning. A leadoff double by Ethan Putnam followed by back-to-back walks loaded the bases for Summit. Galante struck out Adam Kanterman for the first out but then ran into more trouble with his control. Galante hit Dagner with a pitch, which brought in the tying run from third. Iocavelli came up and brought the go ahead run home on a ground ball to third base.

Ryan McCann entered the game in



MAKING GOOD CONTACT...Westfield Silver 12U hitter Owen Dunham lines a single to leftfield in the third inning against the Chatham Cougars during a New Providence Green League game at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 5.

Westfield Silver Outlasts Chatham in 12U Ball

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cluded a ground rule double, walked once, scored all four times and added two RBI. Leadoff hitter Evan Dunham went 3-for-3, walked once, scored twice and had an RBI. Korr went 2-for-2, walked twice, scored three times and had an RBI. Hilliard hit an RBI single, scored twice and walked twice. Callow had an RBI single and scored twice. Owen Dunham singled and scored twice and Victorino scored once.

Every player on the Chatham Cougars team also received four plate appearances and were shifted around defensively. The Cougars, who totaled 13 hits and received eight free passes via six walks and two hit batters, consisted of Lawrence Truppo, Gavin McEvoy, Jamie Eckles, Chris Peter, Thomas Cavallone, Brandon Thomas, Grant Zaleck, Kiernan Smith, Zach Labos and Charlie Frey.

Labos led the Cougars with three singles, two RBI and two runs scored. Smith had a pair of singles, with three RBI and two runs scored. Thomas singled twice, doubled, scored three times and had an RBI. Peter and Cavallone each singled twice, scored twice and had an RBI. Eckles tripled and scored twice. Zaleck singled, scored twice and had an RBI. Frey had three RBI and Truppo scored twice.

Malgieri started on the mound for Westfield Silver and was relieved with one out in the first by Cruz, who retired the next two batters and completed innings two through four. Evan Dunham tossed the final two innings and calmed the savage Cougars' bats, allowing just one run in the fifth and two in the sixth. Truppo started for the Chatham Cougars then Eckles en-

tered in the second inning and completed the game.

Each team scored a merry-go-round of runs in the first inning, beginning with the Cougars, who plated six runs on three hits, four walks and two hit batters. Cavallone, Zaleck, Smith, Labos and Frey collected RBI. The inning ended with diving snag by Westfield Silver second baseman Owen Dunham.

Interestingly, Westfield Silver was

three-foot single, two walks and some wild pitches to score three times in the third. The inning actually ended when McEvoy got caught in a rundown between third and home. But Westfield Silver added three runs of their own on RBI singles by Callow and Cruz and an RBI groundout by Malgieri.

Westfield Silver watched its 14-9 lead disappear when Chatham plated five runs in the fourth inning. This time solid hitting played the starring



SLIDING BACK TO FIRST...Chatham's Chris Peter, No. 27, slides quickly back to avoid being tagged out by Westfield Silver first baseman Christian Malgieri.

not intimidated because they answered with eight runs on four hits and with the help of five walks and a few wild pitches. Four of the first five batters drew free passes with Cruz in between rapping an RBI single. Korr followed with an RBI single to center and Shyposh bounced a two-run single past short. Evan Dunham plopped an RBI single over first base.

With the help of a centerfielder (Owen Dunham) to second (Hilliard) to first (Malgieri) double play, Chatham was silent in the second but Westfield Silver cashed in with three more runs to grab an 11-6 lead. Cruz led off with his ground rule double that hopped over the left-centerfield fence and scored on Malgieri's groundout to first. Owen Dunham lined a single to left and stole second. Korr walked.

When Shyposh grounded out to second, both runners advanced then Dunham scored on a wild pitch. Hilliard then slashed an RBI single to left.

The Cougars took advantage of a

role, highlighted by Thomas' RBI double to deep left and Smith's chopping single. Labos and Frey each added RBI groundouts. The Silver immediately regained the lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning.

Evan Dunham stepped on the mound in the fifth and held the Cougars to just one run, highlighted by Eckles triple to left then Westfield answered with four to take a 20-15 lead. After Cruz walked and stole a pair of bases, Malgieri invented one of the shortest RBI doubles when his infield popup very close to the first baseline baffled the catcher and the pitcher. Korr and Shyposh added RBI singles then the fourth run scored on an error at first base.

Chatham could only answer with two runs in the sixth thanks to singles by Thomas and Labos, Smith's RBI groundout and a throwing error.

Chatham	603	512	17
Westfield Silver	833	24x	20

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ORDINANCE NO. 18-17

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