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PAT O'SULLIVAN SLAPS WINNING RBI, GILMORE HRS, J. 'HOY' GOES 4-4

Fan Tran Revs Engine With 6 Runs in 6th, Drains Pep, 14-13, With Winner in 9th

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Fanwood Transmission proved that it still had enough fuel not only to rev back from a six-run deficit but to score a run in the bottom of the ninth at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 6 to drain Pep Again, 14-13, in game 2 of the best-of-five championship series in the A Division of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League. Pat O'Sullivan, No. 10 in the lineup of 11 players, drilled an RBI sacrifice liner to right to bring home Ron Corcoran with the game winner.

As a matter of fact, the bottom five Fan Tran batters definitely held its own with the "metal stick", accounting for eight runs scored, seven RBI and 10 of the team's 24 hits. Danno Serido led that pack of comeback kids with three singles, two runs scored and two RBI. Pat O'Sullivan went 2-for-2, with two RBI and a run scored, and Corcoran thumped a triple, singled and scored twice. Paul O'Sullivan had two RBI and scored a run and Dave Serido singled twice and scored twice.

No. 5 man, Jerry Watter led all Fan Tran batters with four hits. Rob Tumulo and Nick Piscopo, No. 3 and No. 4, respectively, both went 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored.

Pep pounded 19 hits, including five doubles and a Curtis Gilmore home run. Jayson Hoynowski supplied the most energy, going 4-for-4

with two doubles, four runs scored and two RBI. Gilmore finished 3-for-4 with two RBI and crossed the plate twice. Pitcher Dave Legg contributed two singles and a double, two RBI and a run scored and energizer Mike Parkhill poked an RBI double and an RBI single. Pat Peterpaul powered two singles, scored once and had an RBI.

The Pep boys outlasted Fan Tran,

23-18, in game 1 at Brookside Park the night before in what had been rumored as a comedy of errors. With the Pep boys boasting a 16-game winning streak, prior to the showdown, Fan Tran considered the importance of game 2.

"If we lose this game, we will never recover," whispered Fan Tran's Piscopo.

Although there were some, there

definitely were not as many errors in game 2. Also, Fan Tran turned two crucial double plays (DP) that definitely prevented more Pep boys from pouncing on the plate. In the second inning, pitcher Mike Petersen fielded a grounder, fired to shortstop Dave Serido covering second who, in turn, flicked to first baseman Tumulo. In the fifth, Serido scooped deep in the hole to scoop Peterpaul's grounder, wheeled and tossed to Danno Serido

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Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SERVING UP A RUN...Mojave Grill's Mike Carnevale stokes up the dirt as he skids under the tag of Electric catcher Mike Tenten in the second inning. Mojave went on to beat Trinity, 10-9, in Game 5 for the title. (See page 14 for results)

CHEZ, CAMPANELLA LEAD WITH 4 RBI, BORNIK 3

Theresa's Mojave Grillers Fry 'Electricians', 21-8, in Game 2

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The Grill was already heated when Theresa's Mojave Grill served up a 12-7 victory on August 5. Then the Grillers turned the burners on high and dominated Cellular/Trinity Electric, 21-8, in game 2 of a five-game championship series in the B division of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 6. The Grillers served up 23 hits led by Bobby Chez who amassed three singles and a double, and four RBI.

Griller John Campanella stoked the fires with an RBI single and a three-run triple, Tom Gionnone amped up three singles and two RBI for the Electricians.

"Electric" power surged and jolted the Grill infield into miscues resulting in one run in the top of the first. Mike Bernard and Neil Leitner reached safely on back-to-back miscues then Gionnone yanked a RBI single.

Chez hollered, "Can we have a mass substitution? No, no, actually what I'd like to do is bring in a whole new team." Fired up, Mojave burned Trinity with 13 runs on 13 hits in the second led by Campanella with four RBI. Chez added two RBI and Pete

Cerillo, Billy Scott, Ollie Androsko, Steve Barba, Randy Tarnofsky and Joe Bornik each had one.

Later, Chez commented, "After we made that full move with replacement players, we had a big inning. Everybody participated and everybody was hitting."

Meanwhile Electrician third baseman, Jordan Sher, countered, "It

ain't over till it's over, boys!"

The Electricians turned up the amps with five runs in the second. Mike Tenten and Scher slapped back-to-back singles. Tenten scored on an overthrow, Frank Mastrocola zapped a two-run single and Anthony DePinto powered an RBI double. Bernard and Leitner added RBI sac-

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Seth Augenstein for The Westfield Leader and The Times
RECEIVING MORE COVERAGE...Since the Elizabeth Resolutes Vintage Base Ball team was first covered by The Westfield Leader and The Times three years ago, the word has gotten out these base ball games are indeed unique.

PADOVANO SMASHES HOMER, 6 RBI; NORTON, 4 RBI

Westfield Policemen Tune Up; Stall Elizabeth PD Blue, 23-4

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The Westfield Police softballers definitely have their engines finely tuned and should be in a good spot by having placed first or second in the division in preparation for the upcoming Union County Police League playoffs. The full-fledged squadron that occupied Memorial Field in

Westfield on July 8 was simply awesome both offensively and defensively as they caused major instabilities in the Elizabeth softball ranks. After the dust settled, a stunned Elizabeth team retreated, suffering a major, 23-4, setback in six innings.

Westfield's Frank Padovano rumbled with six RBI including a colossal two-run homer. Not only

did Ed Belford hammer a homerun into never-never land, but he also added three singles. Nick Norton added four RBI, including a two-run triple. Jamie Colon jumped on Barney Tracey's first pitch in the third inning for a two-run homer for Elizabeth Blue.

On the mound, Westfield chief Tracey displayed top form, yielding four runs in four innings and slammed the door the rest of the way. "Our plan coming into this game was just to relax, trying to hit singles, because in the playoffs you got to score runs," said Tracey. "We were planning not to over swing, just hitting singles and seeing how we would fair against this usual good Elizabeth team. They didn't have a good day today. As far as the pitching was concerned, they didn't take a lot of pitches, which made my job pretty easy. I tried to mix it up a little, some high, some low; some in, some out, but they kind of helped out, swinging at bad pitches. But I think, once you're up by a big lead, you sometimes get discouraged and just get up there and swing. But, I think we're ready. All the guys are back from vacation and well rested."

Westfield scored four runs in the
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Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
REVING UP WITH POWER...Nick Norton ripped a two RBI triple in the bottom of the first, an RBI single in the third and an RBI sac in the fourth.

ARCHDEACON HRS; PASKO TRIPLES, SCORES WINNER

Legg Mason Wins by a Step, Clouds Comcast Cable, 10-9

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By the reactions of the players and spectators, no one seemed to believe that the final regular-season game between Legg Mason and Comcast Cablevision really meant nothing. After several fine defensive plays by both teams, a total of 35 hits, some rules discrepancies, boos and jeers, and some strategic intentional walks, Legg Mason scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to disconnect Comcast, 10-9, in Union County 50+ Men's Softball League, Division 1 action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 8.

Whether winning or losing, Comcast would still keep the top seed in the division and Legg Mason would remain in the same position.

According to Legg Mason captain Bob Clark, "this game has no bearing for position in the playoffs. If Comcast loses, they will still be in first because they beat Antone's two out of three games this season." Clark added, "There are about five good teams in this division. These guys (Comcast) come consistently to all the games. We can't always get everyone to our games."

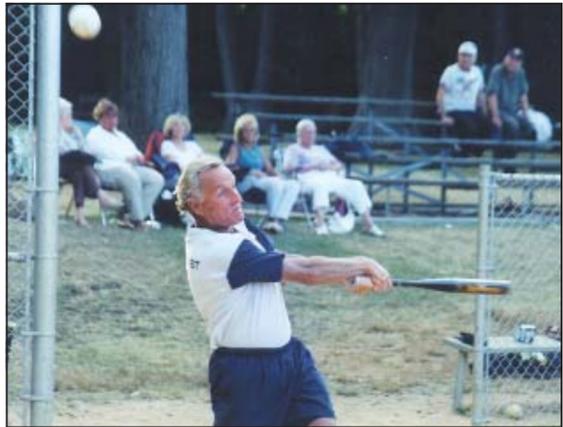
The Legg men did have just enough players this particular evening and banded 20 of the 35 hits, including legging out a double,

three triples and a home run. Chuck Archdeacon (3-for-4, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI) got off on the right foot and crushed a two-run homer in the bottom of the first inning and Tom Pasko was right in stride when he tripled and scored the winning run on Gary Falcher's (3-for-4, 1 RBI 1 run scored) single over third.

Timing was everything to Legg

Mason right-center fielder John Yanuzzi (3-for-4, 1 triple, 2 runs scored), especially in the top of the ninth where took the proper steps and made a lunging snag to rob Cableman Steve Ferro of an extra-base hit. Centerfielder Bob Ranenfuher wasted no time firing a rifle to home in the fifth inning to

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GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION...Comcast slugger Bill Reichle fouls off the ball then later lofts an RBI sacrifice fly to center.

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