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## PISCOPO HOMERS, TUMULO THUMPS TWO TRIPLES

### 'Fan Tran' Softballers Maroon Jade Isle, 10-7, in SP League

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
Fanwood Transmissions, formerly known as the Hideaway, has always been in contention for the Scotch Plains Softball League. A Division crown but has always come up short. This season the "Fan Tran" men seem more determined and maintained their first-place status by marooning

Jade Isle, 10-7, in the second game of a doubleheader at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on June 26.  
The "Fan Tran" men won the first game via forfeit then elevated their record to 12-3 with the victory in game 2. Sluggers Nick Piscopo and Rob Tumulo led the 16-hit bombardment. Piscopo went 2-for-4, which included a two-run homer, and

Tumulo thumped two triples, a single and scored three times.  
The Islanders, who sank to 7-6-1, totaled seven hits and were led by hustling Matt Hoelzel who ripped a two-run triple and a two-run single. Tom Straniero went 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored and Brian Walsh went 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

"Fan Tran" pitcher Mike Petersen was wicketed in the first four innings and held the Jade Isle hitless. Only Jim Lynch reached base safely on a throwing error in the second inning and Straniero reached second safely in the third by deflecting a shot off the glove of the centerfielder.

Fanwood Transmission geared up and took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Greg McComb zipped a single past third, Tumulo tapped a single to center and Dave Eckert, who went 3-for-4 with three RBI, slapped an RBI single past short. Peterson followed with an RBI sacrifice fly to left.

In the second, Dan and Dave Serido both smacked singles. Dan Serido later scored on a throwing error and Dave Serido scored on Tumulo's sacrifice fly to center. Then in the third, "Fan Tran" took a 5-0 lead when Piscopo singled, Peterson doubled and Mike Whalen lofted an RBI sacrifice fly.

High gear kicked in the fourth as  
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TUMULO THUMPING A TRIPLE...Rob Tumulo of Fanwood Transmissions thumps one of his two triples in the game against the Jade Isle.



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DETERMINED 3-RUN HOMER...Mark Wance, center, of Mortarulo's gets back to his feet after completing a 3-run homer in the fourth inning against the Misfits. Mortarulo's came from behind to defeat the Misfits, 14-12.

## NIZZARDO, WANCE, MAGLIACANE, JASON JOLT HRS

### Mortarulo Masonry Cements First Victory Against Misfits

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Mortarulo Masonry, after a flimsy start, got some solid hitting from the fourth inning on to cement its first victory of the season by downing the Misfits, 14-12, in the first game of a doubleheader in Scotch Plains Men's Softball League action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on June 25. Mark Wance and Joe Nizzardo both hit three-run homers to give the Masons the impact they needed.

The offensive statistics of each

team were nearly identical. Both teams totaled 17 hits, including two home runs and two doubles, and 12 RBI; however, the Masons added two runs via errors and collected six walks while the Misfits only had two walks.  
Al Sellinger of the Masons went 4-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored and pitcher Jim Mortarulo ripped three singles and scored two runs. Gary Jason was the fittest Misfit offensively with three hits, including a three-run blast, and four RBI. Joe

Magliacane smashed a two-run homer and a two-run double. Larry Zier ripped three hits, scored three times and had two RBI and Steve Jobst had three hits and scored twice.  
The Misfits rocked Mortarulo's and stand-in pitcher Bob Mortarulo for four runs in the bottom of the first. Jobst singled and scored on Zier's double, Jason jarred an RBI single to right and Magliacane mangled his two-run shot to left-center.  
Jim Martarulo arrived, took over  
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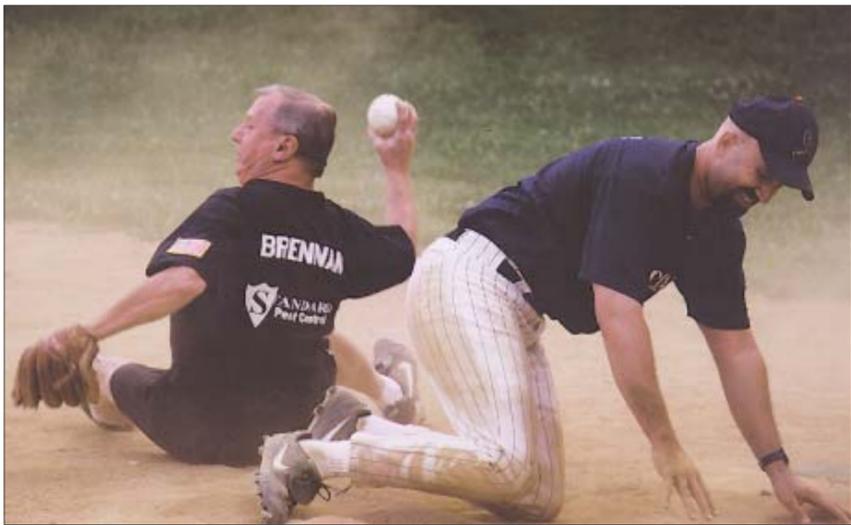
## 'WILD BILL' HICKS WINS INAUGURAL MOUND DEBUT

### St. Michael Softballers Deny Reeling 'James Gang', 14-7

By FRED LECOMTE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
Trying they did, but no cigar, as the St. "James Gang" failed once more to fire off enough rounds to carry them past St. Michaels in a St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Men's Softball League game at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains on June 25. Bill Hicks picked up the 14-7 victory, his first, in his inaugural start on the mound, yielding eight hits while walking four.  
"I got to tell you, I was a little nervous," said Hicks. "It's hard when you're trying to find the plate and trying to get the ball over. You just got to give yourself a little confidence to try to get it over and let the guys hit the ball. I had a good defense behind me this time, the guys were

great; they really backed me up. The whole team gave me the confidence to pitch so I'm happy I got the job done."  
St. Mike's pounded away with a 20-hit attack. Mike Jonny hammered three singles and a two-run double, while teammate John Esposito accumulated four RBI.  
"It feels nice to get into a good groove," said Jonny. "They kind of played back on us a little, so you just try to drop it in front of them, people get on and runs score. We also had good pitching today. Good pitching will always win a game. As far as myself getting into the league, St. Blaise team captain Tom Sherman, who lives across the street from me suggested to give the league a try, stressing that they all are a good

bunch of guys that have a lot of fun during and after the games. So here I am with a good all around team, in a good all around league."  
"Gang" leader, Jim Hoelzel performed remarkably on defense and bopped two singles with three RBI. "The only thing we need to do is find a way to win," said Hoelzel. "Furthermore, we got to make the plays, because we're giving the other teams too many outs. That's really what it comes down to, but we do have a good team, top to bottom. Everybody is hitting the ball well, but I think if we continue to hit the ball and play well defensively, we will find a way to win. It's a great team, a good team to play for."  
St. Michael ambushed the Gang  
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EVER VIGILANT AT SECOND BASE...St. "James Gang" second baseman Bob Brennan looks to throw to third after tagging out St. Michael base runner Chuck Mattson. The "Mike" men did, however, come into the game with more ammunition and ambushed the "James Gang", 14-7.

## NUBER HURLS 1 HITTER, 'D' TURNS 2 DOUBLE PLAYS

### Westfield Big Blue 13's Rock New Providence Nine, 12-2

By FRED LECOMTE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
The Westfield 13-year old Blue Devil traveling baseball team (3-2) played a gem of a game and did it with decisiveness, as they rocked the New Providence Pioneers, 12-2, in New Providence on June 29. Starting pitcher Danny Nuber was a master on the mound allowing one run on one hit, one free pass, fanning seven while recording 74 pitches in four innings.  
"I'm primarily throwing fastballs, it's a two seam along with a change up and a curve. Basically, I go out there and concentrate on getting the form right. This year, pitching from a 90 foot mound is not that much different from throwing off a 60 foot mound. It all comes down to practicing more from a longer distance. I'm really pleased to have a good defense behind me and we've been hitting the ball pretty well also."

New Providence lone run off Nuber came in the bottom of the first inning after a walk, a single and an Eric Weiss RBI sacrifice fly.  
Reliever Will Uhr was equally effective, picking up where Nuber left

off with two innings of quality pitching. Uhr allowed one run in the fifth on four hits and three walks while striking out two.  
Westfield pulled off its first double play in the sixth on a John Helfand (short) to Jimmy Thayer (second) to Erick Hoens (first) sequence then added another in the seventh when Helfand snapped a grounder, stepped

on second and flicked it to Santo Nardi (first).  
The Blue Devil firepower produced four runs in the second inning, on a single by Thayer. Phillip John followed with an RBI single to center. Next, Brian Nemeth hacked a single and Helfand's RBI single scored John. Tim Horan then bopped the ball to  
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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE BUMPY KIND...Westfield Blue base runner Bennett Scordia has a head-on collision with New Providence Pioneer catcher Tim Dempsey.

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