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WALCH, SAMUELIAN, BRAINARD, ULICHNY HOMER

St. Blaisers Belt St. Aloysius In 'Pitcherless' Duel, 20-9

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Vacation time must have forced St. Blaise and St. Aloysius to conduct auditions for pitchers during a St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League showdown at Farley Field in Scotch Plains on August 17. The Blaisers, however, got the upper hand when they featured "blast from the past pitcher" Tom Sherwin while taking full advantage of the St. Al neophyte pitchers to cruise to a 20-9 victory.

Both teams were also undermanned and could field only nine players most of the game, except for the first two innings when St. Al centerfielder John Simpson made two spectacular catches before injuring a tendon in his left arm.

Since both teams played with only three outfielders, offense was booming. The Blaisers banged out 19 hits while St. Aloysius totaled 15 hits. Blaiser Mike Walch bashed a "St. Bart's" grand slam, scored four times,

singled and finished with five RBI. Frank Samuelian smashed a solo homer, a three-run double and a single while scoring three times. Rob Stratton tripled and had three RBI, Gerry Spitzer (3-for-5) and Tom Straniero (3-for-4) each scored twice and had an RBI and Bob Guy went 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Jim Killeen (2-for-4, 2 runs scored) and Gary Cardinale (2-for-5, 1 run scored) each had an RBI and Sherwin singled and scored three times.

Tom Ulichny led St. Aloysius with three singles and a solo homer in his five at bats. Steve Brainard hammered a three-run homer and a two-run

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"BLAISING" DOWN THE LINE...Blaiser Gary Cardinale hoofs it down the line to reach first safely as first baseman Joe Romash awaits the throw.

ALL-CORBIN TEAM ARRIVES SEPT. 8

The eighth annual All-Corbin Team will appear in the September 8 issue of The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times. The All-Corbin Team features photos of fine or unusual plays, umpires and fan shots taken at local softball league games. Additionally, All-Corbin may include youth baseball and Senior American Legion photos.

KULIK, LIEBERMAN, MONTE SPARK ANTONE'S PUB

Antone's Eliminates Linwood In UC 50+ Battle of Pubs, 4-2

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Top-seeded Antone's Pub & Grill of Cranford was given a run for its money by fourth-seeded Linwood Inn of Linden in both of its Union County Softball League 50+ Division 1 semifinal games. Antone's squeaked out a 7-5 victory in Game 1 of the best-of-three series on August 16 then held off the Inn men, 4-2, in Game 2 at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 18 to advance to the championship series.

Both pub men's defenses were at the top their game as were the pitching performances of Antone's George Brokan, who allowed nine hits, and Linwood's Harry Streep, who yielded 10 hits. Linwood shortstop Ed Kuchner made several top-notch plays, which included grabbing a grounder, stepping on second for the force out and firing to first base to complete the double play (DP). Streep also turned a DP by snagging a line drive and tossing to first to catch the runner off base. Antone's Don Montefusco made a daring, running catch in leftfield and third baseman Dave Ball made a diving, run-saving

grab in the first inning. Antone's leadoff hitter Ron Kulik cracked a double and an RBI single in his three at bats and scored once. Bob Lieberman went 1-for-1 with a double, a run scored and an RBI sacrifice fly. Montefusco drilled an RBI double

and Vic Gorman ripped an RBI single. Don Denzinger and Steve Fatula both singled and scored while Joe Viso, Randy Tenhengel and Bob D'Maio each contributed a single.

John Szymczak (1 run scored) and

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HITTING IT ON THE BUTTON...Antone's Vic Gorman of Westfield drills an RBI single to centerfield in the second inning against the Linwood Inn.



SLIPPING INTO SECOND BASE SAFELY...Greenkeeper John McLaughlin, right, slips into second base safely as D&K second baseman Cliff D'Anna scoops the relay in the third inning.

STRANIERO, GIBBONS, IVORY HAMMER HOME RUNS

Lombardi/Greenkeepers Mow Down D & K Associates, 15-4

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Pitcher Al Betau, with help from catcher Larry "Young Yogi" Berra, got very tough after yielding three runs in the first inning, limiting second-seeded D & K Associates to just one run in the remaining six innings. His team, Lombardi & Greenkeepers, cruised to a 13-4 victory in Game 1 of the Union County Seniors 50+ Softball League, Division 1 semifinals at Memorial Field in Westfield on Tuesday, August 16. After leveling Linwood Inn, 21-5, in its final regular-season game, Greenkeepers slid into the third-seeded position.

Greenkeepers clipped D&K with a 25-hit assault that began with Tom Straniero's solo blast in the first inning. Straniero also added a two-run single, while scoring twice. "Clouting Keith" Gibbons (3-for-3, 3 RBI, 3 runs scored) added a two-run homer to his list of 11 homers and "ole No. 8," Larry Berra went 3-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored. Bill Mirto singled and scored in all three of his

plate appearances and Karl Grossmann ripped a two-run single and an RBI single. Angelo Corbo had a two-run double and two singles while Betau, Steve Ferro, Tom Lombardi and John McLaughlin each

belted two singles. Ron Ivory led D&K with a two-run homer in the first inning. Second baseman Cliff DeAnna, who made several dazzling defensive plays, went

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