

ZAZZALI ADDS SPARK WITH 3 HITS, TRIPLE, 2 RBI

Trinity Electric Men 'Shock' ACI, 10-5, in SP A Division

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All season Trinity Electric has had a massive power shortage and entered the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division game against ACI - formerly known as Boo Ray - on July 6 at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains with a winless record. The Electricians, who lost only one game during the regular season last year in the B Division, played their best game

of the season and shocked ACI, 10-5. "We have been getting killed in this division," commented Trinity's Rob Rowland prior to the game.

The spark that the Electricians needed, however, was delivered by Ed Zazzali, who was also a sparkplug on the 2004 Union County champion Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team. Zazzali went 3-for-5, including a key two-run triple, and scored twice. Defensively, with his blazing speed, he cov-

ered centerfield like a blanket.

"This year, we haven't been fielding well and just haven't been getting the hits but we finally have a little speed," said teammate Mike Tenten who also added some juice with two hits and a run scored.

Trinity's Tom Giannone added some voltage in the 18-hit attack with two singles and three RBI. John Rubineti singled twice, scored once and had two RBI. Rowland doubled and singled and scored once, Anthony DePinto had two singles and two RBI and Mike Bernardo singled twice and scored twice.

ACI peeped a bit with nine hits. Lou DiBella thumped an RBI triple and an RBI sacrifice fly and scored a run. Larry Adamowsky went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Matt LaCross singled twice and scored twice and Anthony Miccio tripled, singled and scored once.

Aside from Zazzali's great coverage in centerfield, third baseman Neil Leitner damaged ACI greatly with several spectacular plays, including a third-to-first-to-home double play. Pitcher Frank Mastracola disheartened ACI by absorbing a sizzling liner and Steve Kroll chased down two shots in left-centerfield.

ACI took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when speedster Ray Hall chopped a single and later scored on an error in right field. Trinity snapped back with two runs in the second. Tenten and Leitner both singled and scored on DePinto's two-run single to right.

In the fifth, Mastracola and Bernardo singled and both scored on Giannone's sac fly near the fence in right-center to put the Electricians up, 4-1, but ACI responded with a pair of runs in the inning. LaCross singled and scored on DiBella's triple to left and Larry Adamowsky followed with an RBI sac fly.

ACI slapped together two runs in the seventh to take a 5-4 lead but the Electricians turned up the heat with three runs in the eighth led by Zazzali who skid a leadoff single past second. Giannone slashed a single to right and Rubineti yanked a two-run single past first then scored on Leitner's sac fly to left.

In the ninth, crafty "Westfield" Rob Rowland led off with a looping double over third. Bernardo walked and Zazzali zapped his two-run triple over the centerfielder's head. Giannone finalized the scoring with an RBI single to right.

Trinity Electric	020	020	033	10
ACI	100	020	200	5



INTENSITY AND ACTION...Trinity's Chris Wester, above, shows a lot of intensity as he attempts to hit the ball. Below, ACI's Anthony Miccio scores as the ball deflects off him and toward a teammate.



EAT MY DUST...Midway's Andy Mertz gets a taste of what it's like to score as Montrose catcher Jay White looks on. Midway scored two runs in the seventh to win, 11-10, in FOMSA action at Forest Park.

WHITE, BLASI HOMER; MERTZ GETS WINNING RBI

Montrose Ave. Rises in 7th, Sinks Midway Ave., 11-10

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Montrose Avenue took a big step forward, positioning itself in a tie for first in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association (FOMSA), with an 11-10, come-from-behind victory over Midway at Forest Road Park in Fanwood on July 7. The victory gave Montrose a 9-4 record.

"Softball is not about pitching. It's a game of hitting and you must score runs to win games," said Midway pitcher Tony Ciullo. "We jumped on these guys with five runs early, however we need to put these teams away. We stranded a bunch of players. You need that key hit when you have two out, runner on second and third. Those are the runs you need to get in. Pitching wise, you try to pinpoint either pitching inside or out-

side, rotate the pitches around and catch them off-balance so they hit it to someone and they are able to make some plays out there."

Midway powered five runs in the top of the first inning. Mike Fazelpoor ripped a single and swiped second. Ciullo walked and Dave Lissy cracked an RBI single. Jeff Battiloro beat out the throw to first to load the pods. A misdirected throw to first scored two runs. Paul Meade got a pitch to his satisfaction and laced it to deep left for a two-run triple.

Montrose answered with a run in the bottom of the inning. Billy Swisher bashed a leadoff double and scored on Scott Gatto's single. In the third, Montrose added three runs. Robby Corker and Kenny Barge singled, advanced on a passed ball and scored on an outfield error. Jim Swisher

ripped an RBI single.

Midway sent Montrose reeling with five runs in the fourth to up their lead to 10-4. Jay White whacked a solo home run to center and Anthony Blasi blasted a homer to remote center. Jerry Bianco earned a free pass, Steve Ditrilio fired a double to left and Fazelpoor banged a three-run shot into parts unknown.

"We got the bats back a little bit, which I'm very happy with because the last couple of games we've been struggling," said Midway captain Ditrilio. "We had some good innings and a couple of bad innings. There were a couple of key errors, but other than that I thought overall we played rather well."

Montrose countered with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Johnny Z' man tapped a single, darted to third on an infield miscue and scored on a single by Corker. Ciullo then made a nice snag and tossed to Blasi who put the tag on thief Jim Swisher but Bill Swisher followed with an RBI single to left.

In the sixth, three Montrose men scuffed the plate. Eberhart reached safely on a miscue and advanced on a passed ball. Z' man singled, Andy Mertz walked and Bobby Kurt banged an RBI double to left. Smith ripped a run scoring single to narrow the lead to 10-9.

In the seventh, Bill Swisher laid down a perfect bunt single and Gatto banged an RBI double to tie the score. Sullivan and Jim Swisher got as free pass to load 'em up and Mertz rapped a shot up the middle for the victory.

"The defense was a little shaky early on, but offensively we figured that we would get this guy since he is not their number one pitcher. We hit the ball down hard and ran hard," said Midway team captain Billy Swisher.

Midway	500	500	0	10
Montrose	103	203	2	11

SP-F Baseball Reds Capture Major Division Championship

Managed by Ian McCarthy and coached by John Mineo, Leo Perez and Dino Caminiti, the Reds finished the regular season with a 7-6 record and received the sixth seed in an eight-team bracket. The Reds defied the odds and won the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Major Division championship. The league also celebrated 50 years of pride, commitment and excellence to Scotch Plains and Fanwood Youth Baseball.

The Reds first defeated the third-seeded A's, 8-1. The A's finished the regular season 10-3. Next, the Reds topped the second-seeded Orioles, who finished the regular season, 11-2, with a come-from-behind 6-4 score.

In the championship, a best of three series, the Reds faced the fourth-seeded Marlins who upset the number

1 seed Rockies. The Reds and the Marlins split the first two games to force a third game showdown, which the Reds won, 9-3. Luke Mineo, Mike Caminiti and Jonah Offitzer shared the pitching duties for the Reds.

Reds infielders Mike Perez, John Foti, Brendon Farrell, Brendon Canavan, Sean Coloney and Julian McCarthy came up with many key defensive plays. Outfielders Matt Jegede, Alan Woodfield, Mike Riesenberg and Musa Ali did a great job with big catches and strong arms.

Offensively, Jegede, Foti and Mineo each blasted a home run. Perez, Riesenberg, Coloney and Offitzer provided key hits. McCarthy, Woodfield, Canavan, Farrell and Caminiti also contributed at the plate with timely hitting.

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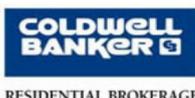
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