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ANNE M&M MEN, JONNY JOLT HRS; WALZ RAPS HR

Anne Wrecks St. Nicks, 12-4, In St. Bart's Men's Softball

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Home runs headlined St. Anne's 12-4 victory over St. Nicholas in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League play at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 16. After a three-and-one-half inning pitchers duel between Anne ace Howie Jones and Nick mound wizard Frank Chupko, St. Anne came up with its own magic to materialize 10 of its players on home plate in innings four through six.

The mighty St. Anne "wrecking" machine went to work to accumulate 16 hits, including four home runs, a triple and two doubles. Of Anne's four homers, the most memorable was Captain Joe McEvoy's two-run slap in the fifth inning.

"I get one of those every year," said McEvoy with a grin.

"We are happy to give it to you, Joe," commented St. Nick's Mike Walch.

"I appreciate and recognize where it came from," answered McEvoy

politely. The other part of the M&M trio, Milk Monroy and Steve Murano also whacked two-run blasts. Monroy also ripped an RBI double and scored another run. Coming out of his temporary slump in a big way was Mike Jonny (2 runs scored) who also hammered a two-run blast. Tom Ulichny had a double, an RBI single and scored twice. Tom Reade (2 RBI) and Paul Leso each went 2-for-2 and John DeVito tripled and scored once. Ron

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ST. NICK SECRETARY OF DEFENSE...St. Nicholas shortstop Lou Messano made a large number of outstanding plays in the game against St. Anne. The boys from St. Anne, however, put on a hitting clinic and won 12-4.

BETAU, FUGETT TAP 5 RBI; HOELZEL GOES 3-FOR-3

St. Luke Softballers Clinch Top Spot, Stymie Judes, 8-2

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Top-notch pitching backed by top-notch fielding and clutch hitting earned St. Luke an 8-2 decision over St. Jude, while wrapping up the top-seed position in the upcoming playoffs in St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Farley Field in Scotch Plains on August 18.

St. Luke got a large chunk of its 16-hit attack from Al Betau who rapped a double, plunked a single and scored three runs off Jude pitcher Nick Barattucci. Luke Fugett scored two runs while George Gracia, Bruce Evans and Paul Morello each contributed a run. Marty Marks, Dennis Hercel, Bob Commo and Kevin St. Onge had two hits each.

Impressive fielding plays came in the second inning, via Kevin Woodring, who scooped a burning grounder to make a bases-loaded putout while Fugett followed with a slick grab at the mound. Second baseman Betau grabbed a grounder in the fourth inning, stepped on second and fired to

first for a double play (DP).

St. Jude managed to get 10 hits off Luke pitcher Fugett. Creating the most sparks was John (OJ) Simpson who finished with three hits and a run scored. Harry Semple whacked two hits and John Chupko came through

with a bases-loaded hit.

Defensively, leftfielder Tom Litterio made three fine running snags. Jim Hoelzel made a slick play at shortstop and Chupko made an outstanding shoelace catch at third.

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CONCENTRATING ON MAKING GOOD CONTACT...Awning Galore batter Bobby Clark makes contact with the ball and launches a long fly to centerfield in the playoff game against Antone's Pub & Grill.

KULIK HRS; DEROCCO, GRANSTRAND SHINE AT 2ND

Antone's Pub Flags Awnings In UC 50+ Playoff Game, 6-3

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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Strong defensive performances kept scoring spurts to a minimum in Antone's Pub & Grill's 6-3 victory over Awnings Galore in Game 1 of the best-of-three A Division semi-

final series of the Union County Senior 50+ Softball League playoffs at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 17. The second-seeded Pub men chipped away to a 6-0 lead then softened a seventh inning rally by third-seeded Awning.

Neither team committed more than one error and particularly fine performances were turned in by both second basemen - Antone's Tom DeRocco and Awnings' Brian Grandstrand. DeRocco made a spectacular running catch of a pop fly in shallow right field to close the second inning then followed with a fine scoop to close the third inning. Also, he was the middleman in a third-to-second-to-first double play in the fifth. Grandstrand also made a running snag in shallow right and was the middleman in a pitcher-to-second-to-first

double play.

In addition to initiating a double play, Awnings pitcher Tom Pasko absorbed a steaming liner. Catcher Bobby Clark got a nice relay from shortstop Bob Gausam to make a putout at home. Antone's shortstop Joe Viso made several nice plays and was the middleman in a pitcher-to-second-to-first double play. Centerfielder Don Montefusco made several fine grabs and third baseman George Brokaw made a diving stop to prevent an extra-base hit.

Brokaw also led the Pub men's 15-hit outpouring with three singles, a run scored and an RBI in his three at bats. Bob D'Meo and Don Penzinger each had two hits and a run scored, and Montefusco rapped two singles. Leadoff hitter Ron Kulik cracked a

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ALL-CORBIN TEAM ARRIVES SEPT. 14

The ninth annual All-Corbin Team will appear in the September 14 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.

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