

Sc. Pl. Men's Softball League Standings:

A DIVISION (July 5):			
TEAM	W	L	T
Dunellen Hotel	12	2	0
Deegan Roofing	13	3	0
Investor Savings	9	5	0
ACI	5	11	0
Sports Medicine	5	11	0
Trinity Electric	2	14	0

B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	T
Cepp's Vets	13	3	0
DJ's Limousine	11	3	0
Sofa Kings	12	5	0
T&J's	7	6	1
Delasal	6	9	0
Mortarulo Masonry	5	10	0
Hocus Pocus	3	10	0
Family Investors	2	13	1

B DIVISION: Hocus Pocus held on for dear life with an 8-7 victory over the Sofa King machine. Mortarulo came up big and put together seven solid innings against T&J's. Family Investors was in trouble when they had more fans than players, as DJ's quietly sent the Investors spiraling down to the bottom of the pack.

Highland Swim to Host Derry, Ireland Club

In the spirit of international competitions like the World Cup, the Highland Swim Club (HSC) of Scotch Plains will host the Derry Swim Club of Ireland for a competitive swim meet on Sunday, July 16, at 10 a.m. This competition has become a tradition for the championship Highland Swim Team, led by Coach Bill Reichle, who has coached the Highland Swim Team for more than 25 winning seasons.

St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Standings:

ANGELS DIVISION:			
(As of July 7):			
TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Stephen	6	3	.667
St. Anthony	6	4	.600
St. Blaise	4	5	.444
St. Anne	3	6	.333
St. Nicholas	2	9	.182

SAINTS DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Luke	9	1	.900
St. Jude	6	4	.600
St. Joseph	7	5	.583
St. Mark	4	5	.444
St. Aloysius	2	7	.222

St. Mark 10, St. Joseph 8
See exclusive story. St. Mark scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning and held on. Rookie wonder boy Joey DeRosa (4 hits),

UC Sr. 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ A DIVISION (as of July 8):			
TEAM	W	L	T
Lombardi & Greenkeepers	14	2	4
Antone's Pub & Grill	11	4	2
Awnings Galore	10	6	6
D&K Associates	8	7	7
SMC	2	14	2

50+ B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	T
Promptcare	10	4	4
Northwestern Mutual	7	8	8
Associated Auto Parts	5	10	10
The Office	5	11	11
Union Center National Bank	5	11	11

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	T
Creative Industries	10	2	2
IL Giardino's Ristorante	10	3	3
LA Law	5	8	8
Legg Mason	0	12	12

John Esposito (3 hits) and Keith Gibbons (4 hits) led the Mark men. For St. Joe, Scott "Scooter" Smith had three doubles and Tom "Stats" Kucin had three hits.

St. Nicholas 13, St. Jude 9
"Damon the hitting Demon" Roth's two doubles, two homers and six RBI powered St. Nick. Also aiding and abetting were Mike Walsh (3 hits) and Captain "Old Saint Nick" Dinizo (3 hits, 3 RBI). St. Jude's Pat Luongo was on fire with five RBI.

St. Blaise 7, St. Stephen 5
The Blazers got four runs in the top of the sixth inning to eke this one out. For St. Blaise, Frank Samulian had two hits and three RBI and Tony Gianacci added two hits and scored two runs. Captain Howard Bialos, "Pink Floyd" Roberts, Dan Margolis and Steve Abrunzo each had two hits for St. Stephen.

St. Jude 12, St. Aloysius 3
Tony Perfilio's St. Jude team scored in every inning but the last to notch their sixth win. A balanced attack saw six batters with two hits apiece. Russ Voorhees was the only St. Al batter with twots.

St. Luke defeated St. Anne
No score sheet was available; however, St. Anne skipper Joe McEvoy reported that St. Luke won by at least one touchdown and one field goal. For more information on our league, please visit our website www.stbartssoftball.com. Howard Bialos - webmaster.



WILD PLAY AT HOME PLATE... St. Mark slugger Keith Gibbons flies past St. Joe catcher Mike Michalisin to score in the third inning. Gibbons had three singles, a double, two runs scored and an RBI.

ST. GIBBONS GETS 4 HITS, SMITH SMACKS 3 DOUBLES

St. Mark Men Bag Joe Boys In 8 Inning Showdown, 10-8

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

St. Mark and St. Joseph fled the muddy confines of Terrill School Field to do battle on the dryer Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on July 7. The Mark men defense succeeded with a crafty intentional walk maneuver in the bottom of the seventh inning, scored two runs in the top of the eighth then held the Joe boys scoreless in the bottom of the inning to salvage a 10-8 victory in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action.

Mark man Keith Gibbons not only orchestrated the intentional walk maneuver issued to the "Strong Arm of the Law", Scotch Plains Police Chief Brian Mahoney but he also led the 18-hit offensive barrage by ripping an RBI double and three singles, while scoring twice. Two dangerous power hitters, Dennis Vuono bashed a two-run triple, singled, had an RBI sacrifice fly and scored twice, while Dave Rothenberg rapped two doubles, had two RBI and was the recipient of an intentional walk in the eighth inning.

St. Mark speedsters John Esposito (3-for-5, RBI) and Joe DeRosa (double, single) each scored twice and pitcher Tony Blasi bopped an RBI single, scored once and added an RBI sac fly. Stan Lesniewski (run scored) and Bob Brennan each belted two singles.

Scott Smith (run scored, RBI) led St. Joe's 17-hit attack with three doubles and Tom Kucin was also prolific at the plate with three singles, a run scored and an RBI. Mahoney and Matt Vastano each had two singles and two RBI. Stan Grasso and Tom Rutkowski each went 2-for-4 with a run scored and Bob Cihanowicz scored twice.

Defensively, St. Joe third baseman George Balint made a smooth diving snag of a line drive, Grasso made a fine running grab in centerfield and shortstop Smith, who initiated a great second-to-first double play in the seventh inning, made a diving grab of a

liner in the eighth. St. Mark third baseman Ed Marchelitis got his uniform dirty twice with two nice plays.

The power-hitting Mark men got off to a four-run start in the top of the first. DeRosa drilled a double, Esposito looped a single into right and Vuono cracked a two-run double to center. Gibbons and Rothenberg followed with back-to-back RBI doubles. St. Joe replied with

came alive with four runs to tighten the score to 8-7. Mike Stiller and Rutkowski singled, Kucin tapped an RBI single, Grasso reached on an error as Rutkowski scored, Vastano slapped an RBI single and Mike Michalisin brought Grasso home with a grounder to second.

The Joes tied the score in the sixth when Bill Mirto scored on Vastano's sac fly then, after silencing the Mark



GETTING UNDER THE BALL... St. Joe's George Balint gets under the ball and lofts a pop fly to center.

Mahoney's two-run single in the bottom of the inning.

Not particularly concerned with his team's 3-5 record, in the top of the third, slugger Rothenberg stated, "Mark my words! We will be playing on Labor Day (St. Bart's championship game)! We have good hitting and pretty good fielding."

Setting out to prove that statement, the Mark men added four more runs on seven hits, including RBI sac flies from Rothenberg and Marchelitis, to take an 8-2 lead. The Joes meekly answered with a run after Smith laced an RBI double in the bottom of the third.

After the Mark men had no runs in their sight in the fourth, the Joe boys

men in the seventh, victory seemed to be in their grasp with the top of the order coming to bat. The first two batters made outs and Smith knocked a double to left. Mahoney was intentionally walked and, as he strutted to first, he commented, "See! They are afraid of me."

The next batter popped out to right and the Mark men got a new lease on life. DeRosa and Esposito singled, Vuono lofted an RBI sac fly to center and Blasi lifted an RBI sac fly to right. Despite singles from Kucin and Grasso, 7-5 St. Joe failed to cross the plate in the bottom of the eighth.

St. Mark	404	000	02	10
St. Joseph	201	401	00	8

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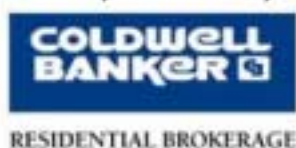


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