



READY TO RAISE THE RAIDERS' SPIRITS... The Raider cheerleaders have been working very hard in preparation for the regular season and hope to root their team to victory.

WTA Men's Masters Tennis Ladder Told:

The final regular-season results follow for the Men's Masters singles ladder. Nine qualified for the post-season playoff, the most in many years. John Mancini maintained the top spot with an 8-5 victory over Henry Williams and an 8-4 win over Jim Oslislo. With over 100 matches reported, this is now the most active year in Masters in quite a few years.

Chris Wendel easily out paced the others with the most active award for the second year in a row with an impressive 22 matches played. The playoffs started the day after Labor Day. Playoff matches should also be reported to mike987654@comcast.net. Check complete results on www.westfieldnj.com/wta

1. John Mancini (11) * &
2. Jim Oslislo (8) * &
3. Mike McGlynn (8) * &
4. Joe Donnolo (6) * DNQ
5. Chris Wendel (22) * &
6. Don Dohm (9) * &
7. Jeff Connolly (8) * &
8. Henry Williams (8) * &
9. Dewey Rainville (9) * &
10. Peter Lee (8) &
11. Hank Koehler (4) DNQ

(#) total number of matches played * Played a match in period & Qualified for playoffs DNQ Did not qualify for the playoffs.

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WTA Women's Singles Tennis Ladder Told:

The regular-season final standings of the Westfield Tennis Association Women's Singles Ladder are listed below. Names with numbers after them indicate how many matches were played through Labor Day. This season 15 players have achieved six or more matches, with a few changes occurring during this last reporting period in which 37 matches were played.

Playoffs will begin immediately after Labor Day, and each round must be completed within five days. All players involved will be notified by the ladder coordinator. Standings, Matches Played, as well as playoff draw sheets and completed rounds can be accessed on WTA's website: www.westfieldnj.com/wta.

1. JoAnn Purdy(12) 11. L. Coleman(8)
2. Lisa Sottung(7) 12. Black-Polak(17)
3. Sheri Pardo(16) 13. Perez-Santalla(5)
4. Clara Karnish(8) 14. Ellen Smith(7)
5. Sher Bender(11) 15. A.Diver-Diehl(10)
6. Jean Power(11) 16. Katie Richards(4)
7. Anna Murray(6) 17. C. DeStefano(2)
8. Jan Honymar(12) 18. Danielle Hair(6)
9. Dianne Mroz(8) 19. J. Richardson(2)
10. N. Freundlich(9) 20. Carol Healey(4)
21. Peggy Weiss(3)

GSBL Will Offer Free Entry Into TOC

Team registration into the Garden State Baseball League (GSBL) Fall Ball will automatically allow free entry into the Fall Wood Bat Tournament of Champions (a \$290 value). GSBL will kick off the fall season on Sunday, September 10 and will play doubleheader Sundays mostly in the Woodbridge area, with limited travel, until the end of October (weather permitting).

There is an affordable fall package. For more information, call (732) 382-4610 or visit gardenstatebaseball.com

WTA Men's Singles Tennis Ladder Told:

Some changes have occurred in the WTA Men's Singles Ladder regular season. Gary Wasserman has maintained his stranglehold of the top position and finished with two more impressive wins. The first was a 10-8, win over pre-season tournament winner Dan Siegel and the second was a 10-9 (7-5), win over Cristina Hastings Newsome, her first defeat after nine straight wins.

Newsome bested Tom Bauer, 10-6 to capture the second position while Tom secured the third spot with a 10-8 win over Robert Errazo. Vincent Camuto played himself into the top 10 with an 8-4 win over Melvin Diep. The season saw 198 matches played, doubling last year's total. Rich Pardo was the most active member with 29 matches played.

The single elimination playoffs will begin this week with the top 16 members in one bracket and the rest in the next bracket. Members qualified with eight matches played.

1. Wasserman(12)* 20. Warren Friss(14)*
2. Newsome(10)* 21. Paul DaSilva(5)*
3. Tom Bauer(21)* 22. Chris Conley(16)
4. Rob Errazo(14)* 23. Mike Manders(9)*
5. Dan Siegel(9)* 24. Josh Suri(15)*
6. Vin Camuto(9)* 25. Mark Jackert(7)*
7. Melvin Diep(19)* 26. Rod North(6)*
8. P. Newsome(15)* 27. Chris Wendel(14)
9. Tuyen Diep(25)* 28. David Ferio(8)
10. Weldon Chin(18)* 29. T. Bigosinski(4)
11. Chris Blaise(16)* 30. Chris Farella(1)
12. Rich Pardo(29)* 31. Andy Cohen(9)
13. Steve Parker(9)* 32. Joe Donnolo(1)
14. Mike Gonella(10)* 33. Dewey Rainville
15. A. Marotta(10)* 34. Doug Albert
16. Chris Miller(10)* 35. Ryan Brown
17. Zac Friss(13)* 36. Donald Dohm
18. L. Bouchouer(14)* 37. Steven Shane
19. Stu Gruskin(12)* 38. Marc Rock

(*) denotes match played in current reporting period

WILLIAMS 3 RBI; CORBO, PEPE, REICHLIE 3 HITS EACH

L&G Seizes U.C. 50+ Crown, Conquers Antone's Pub, 12-5

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Tony Williams' two-run double off the leftfield fence in the top of the seventh inning put the emphasis on a 12-5 victory that earned Lombardi & Greenkeepers the Union County 50+ A Division playoff title at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 31. The top-seeded L&G men, who defeated second-seeded Antone's, 16-3, in Game 1, also drugged the Pub men five times during the regular season.

In the 24-hit shelling, Williams also contributed an RBI single and scored once. Frank Pepe and Angelo Corbo, who each scored twice, and Bill Reichle (2 RBI, run scored) each tapped three singles. Keith Gibbons and Tom Lombardi, who each scored twice, Steve Pietrucha and Larry Berra all ripped two singles and added an RBI. Bill Mirto went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, Marty Santiago had a single and two RBI, Karl Grossmann had an RBI single and Malcolm Boone singled.

The Pub men served up 11 hits. George Brokaw raised the bar with three singles and three RBI in his three at bats. Tom DeRocco doubled, singled, scored once and had an RBI. Bob D'Meio singled twice and scored

twice. Ron Kulik singled and scored twice. Dave Ball, Joe Viso and Gary Weiss each had a single.

L&G turned a pair of double plays (DP) to snuff out rallies in the second and sixth innings. Pitcher Gibbons initiated the first, firing to second where Santiago tagged the bag and tossed to Berra at first. Third baseman Lombardi initiated the second DP by stopping a wicked hopper and throwing to the second baseman who fired to first for the putout. Lombardi also made a smooth leaping stab in the fifth. Centerfielder Pepe alertly fired to second to nab a Pub man who slightly overran the base.

Antone's Brokaw made a pair of fine plays as the third baseman then later smothered a sizzling grounder as first baseman. Second baseman DeRocco stuck with a difficult grounder to register the putout and leftfielder D'Meio made a brilliant running snag of foul line drive.

L&G put together six singles to dance on home plate four times in the second inning and the Pub men answered with a run in the bottom of the inning when DeRocco doubled and singled on Brokaw's single to left.

After Tom Straniero's sharp grounder was smothered by Brokaw in the third, Pepe started a merry-go-

round of six runs on eight hits with a single to center.

With three of the runs in and (Marty) Santiago at the plate, Straniero shouted, "Line drives Marty! Line drives! One run at a time! One at a time!"

Santiago listened and drilled an RBI single to left. Reichle and Pietrucha followed with RBI singles to make the score 10-1.

Reeling from the merry-go-round of runs, the Pub men failed to score in the third but managed to score twice in the fourth before Pepe squashed the rally with his alert throw to second.

"Way to hustle on that ball Pepe!" Williams shouted.

After two silent innings by both teams and Antone's coming in to bat in the sixth, Straniero suggested, "We got to have a 1-2-3 inning here."

Pepe added, "We got to shut them down here."

It worked! L&G then added the topping with Williams' two-run double in the seventh.

Not giving up, Antone's Gorman pleaded, "Let's get in the game now!" Kulik and D'Meio singled and scored but Antone's could score no more.

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Antone's Pub 010 200 2 5



UNION COUNTY 50+ A DIVISION CHAMPS... Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Tony Williams, Keith Gibbons, Bill Mirto, Tom Straniero, Frank Pepe and Bill Reichle; back row, Tom Lombardi, Brian Wilson, Steve Ferro, Steve Pietrucha, Larry Berra, Angelo Corbo, Marty Santiago, Malcolm Boone and Karl Grossmann.

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