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NOT TO BE FOOLED...St. Luke's Larry Szeni had two hits against St. Jude's crafty pitcher Pete Vanderheyden. St. Jude stunned St. Luke, 19-6, in the "Battle of the Best".

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

ANGELS DIVISION: (As of July 15:)

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Luke	8	3	.727
St. Michael	7	3	.700
St. Patrick	7	4	.636
St. David	3	7	.300
St. Joseph	3	7	.300

SAINTS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Jude	9	2	.818
St. Aloysius	6	6	.500
St. Anthony	4	6	.400
St. Stephen	3	10	.231

St. Stephen 19 St. Jude 8

A pre-game prayer to St. Jude (patron saint of lost causes) actually paid off for last place St. Stephen. A big 10-run fourth inning by the Stevie Wonders went unanswered as fireballer Howard Bialos got the win. Steve's Keith Middleton had four hits, including two home runs, and five RBI. "Not so fast" Eddie Marchelitis tapped three hits. Tom Ulichny, Brian Williams and Chris Paterak had three hits a piece for Jude.

St. Luke 8 St. Joseph 7

Joseph tied it in the top of the seventh with three runs only to be foiled by Luke feeling the force with some weird Jedi magic. Ricky "Babaloo" Regenthal, Steve Murano, and Bob "Gone Postal" Pielhau paced Luke with three hits each. Tommy "See me, Feel me, Touch me, Heal me" Straneiro and Pat "Special Delivery" Enright both homered in the loss.

St. Anthony 8 St. Aloysius 7

Karl "144" Grossmann was 4-for-4 for Anthony and "Big" Ben LoBrace led Aloysius with three straight hits. Tommy Maher's 16-year, 344-game hitting streak came to an end at the crafty hands of pitcher Joe "Born to be wild" Matuska at Farley.

St. Michael 10 St. Patrick 5

Al "pink shorts" Betau stymied the Pats. John Deitch and Russell Voorhees (3 hits each) and a big homer by Mike "On the Spot" Jonny led the Mikes. For St. Pat's, Jack "Hail to the Chief" Kennedy, Bobby "Who's that" Guy" and Tony Blasi had three hits each.

St. David 13 St. Anne 8

Anne played Goliath to David, as they could not answer a big six-run slingshot to the noggin in the seventh by the Davies. Pete "Elvis" Costello (3 hits) left the building with a home run. Dave Captain Dave Rothenberg, Bob "Can I buy a vowel?" Chianowyz and Mike Stiller also contributed three hits each. Anne Captain Joe McEvoy and Tony Radice had three hits each.

St. Luke 19 St. Jude 6

See exclusive story of the "Clash of the Titans" bumper game.

St. Patrick 30 St. Aloysius 10

Pat "Captain Jack" Kennedy brought the right nine. Pats Paul Bifani, James "Rookie Sensation" Barba, John "Fire Hydrant" DeProspero and Tony Blasi blasted five big hits each. Dan Nigro, Steve Polak and Tom Baldowski each had three hits for Al.

St. Michael 18 St. Anthony 6

Mike's hitting display was led by Al "what will I carve into my head this year?" Betau, Steve Abruzzo and Pat "can I sneak into the 50's league yet?" Nigro with three hits each. George "I own the leftfield line" Gracia paced the undermanned Tony's with four hits.

St. Anne 22 St. David 1

Dave "King of the" Hill led the Annies with five hits. Scott Curtis (2 dingers, 8 RBI) and Ron Virgilio had four hits each.



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NOT THE "WILD THING" OF THE PAST...Effective on the mound was veteran Hal Breuninger who pitched powerful Russell Road to a 16-5 victory.

Powerful Russell Road Rout MacLennan Softballers, 16-5

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five runs in the bottom of the first. Santana and Gorman each jabbed singles. Donovan launched a two-run triple to deep center and scored on Cerchio's RBI sacrifice. Gibson stepped forward and banged his solo blast somewhere deep to center. Breuninger belted a double and scuffed the plate on Ed Barlow's big rip double.

In the second, MacLennan added a run. Borchin tripled to center and scored on Colin Osborn's double. Russell Road trampled home with six runs to take an 11-6 lead in the bottom of the inning, highlighted by Donovan, who lit up the sky with his grand slam. Cerchio and Gibson triggered singles, Breuninger lofted an RBI sac fly and Ed Barlow hopped an RBI infield single.

MacLennan's hopes diminished when Russell scuffed the plate with two runs in the fifth then posted three

runs in the sixth. Sawicki and Eric Barlow each punched an RBI in the fifth, while Donovan, Cerchio and Gibson each ripped RBI singles in the sixth.

"This is a relatively new team. It's a great group of guys. We're solid and have a great chemistry for whatever reason. In past games, as you know, I have the reputation of being a 'wild thing.' I throw the ball a little crazy. Tonight I was able to throw the strike zone, had more control and movement on the ball, along with solid backing from my team," concluded Breuninger. "Things have been a little heavy lately. This is an opportunity for me to vent and get some of my frustration out and help me center, regroup and get my balance back in my head as well as in my heart."

MacLennan Road	410 000 0	5
Russell Road	560 023 x	16

St. Jude Stuns St. Luke, 19-6, In 'Battle' of St. Bart's 'Best'

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scored twice. Leadoff man Tom Ulichny tapped three singles, scored once and had an RBI. Steve Ferro slashed three singles, scored once and had two RBI. Don Rowbotham (RBI), Joe DeChiaro and Brian Williams each singled and scored twice. Chris Paterak singled and had two RBI.

Scott Smith (3-for-3, 2 doubles, run scored) and Nick DiNizo (2 RBI, RBI double, run scored) were the only Luke power men who could figure out Vanderheyden's wily pitching style. Place hitters Bob Pielhau (run scored, triple) and Larry Szeni (RBI) each had two hits. Luke Fugett had an RBI single and scored a run. Art Hobbie, Joe Tilocca and Bill McKinney each managed a single. Damon Roth and Rick Regenthal each scored a run.

Jude put together five singles to plate three runs in the top of the first inning. After the Lukes responded with just one run, Jude walked in to bat and Chemidlin commented, "Nice inning! Base hits guys!" Well! Jude's hits did not come in the second and the Lukes had high hopes as they marched in to bat but hopes fizzled when Simpson chased down Hobbie's long drive to deep center.

In the third, the Lukes were jumping on everything that Luke pitcher Steve Murano could throw. "We're not here to take pitches," said Ulichny. The barrage of singles caused some insecurity in the Luke defense, re-

sulting in miscues. Then when Appelbaum bombed his three-run shot, the Lukes went motionless like a tranquilized Wildebeest.

Trailing 11-1, still a bit groggy but coming around, as the Lukes came to the plate, DiNizo shouted, "Let's stop the bleeding!"

But the sedation had not completely worn off yet and Jude added two more runs in the fourth.

Luke mentor Keith Gibbons, still on the injury list but itching to play, snarled, "Somewhere along the way, someone forgot that we're in first place too."

Smith whacked a leadoff double and DiNizo followed with an RBI double. Regenthal reached safely on an error as DiNizo scored.

"Tilocca hollered, "They got more mistakes in them!"

Fugett punched an RBI single. Murano walked and Pielhau grounded into a force out but another error ensued and Fugett scooted in to score.

With the score now, 13-5, Gibbons said, "We're right back in it."

After two silent innings, Jude jolted Luke with six more runs on seven hits in the seventh.

"It got ugly now," mumbled Tilocca. "It was ugly since the first inning," added Gibbons.

In the bottom of the seventh, Pielhau pounded a pretty triple and scored the final run on Szeni's single.

St. Jude	308 200 6	19
St. Luke	100 400 1	6



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SLIDING STYLISHLY IN FOR A DOUBLE...MacLennan's Road hustling shortstop Dennis Dagounis slides safely under the tag of shortstop Luke Cerchio in the third inning while outfielders Chris Donovan (left) and Louis Santana (right) watch.

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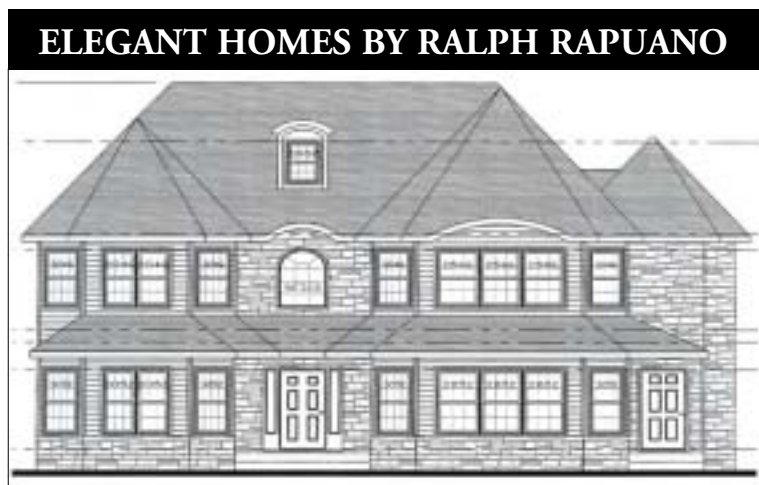
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