

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ DIVISION 1 (AS OF JULY 15):

TEAM	W	L
American Legion	12	3
Awnings Galore	12	4
Antone's Pub & Grill	10	5
D&K Associates	9	8
KMD Tuning	6	11
Promptcare	5	10

50+ DIVISION 2:

TEAM	W	L
SMC	10	7
The Office	8	8
Union Center National Bank	6	9
Northwest Mutual	6	11
Associated Auto Parts	5	13

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Commerce Bank	11	1
Creative Industries	9	3
LA Law	5	6
Smith Barney	4	10
Associated Auto (Silver)	1	10

ered timely hitting. Northwestern 20, Awnings 15 Northwestern's pesky hitting did not let up. Ed McColgan and Rich Polinitza (5 hits each), and Anthony Abbaleo (2 triples) and Bob Bierman (4 hits each) led the Insurers. Steve Falco and Tom Murray added three hits apiece and "Ageless" Ed Malko contributed two hits.

American Legion 18, KMD 3 See exclusive story

The Office 23, Associated Auto Parts 11 The Office hummed with 31 hits, led by Tom McNulty (4 hits) and Pat Ahearn, Mike DeChiaro, Lou Koehler and Vic Trindade with three hits apiece. Charles Wischusen muscled two bases-loaded triples and had seven RBIs.

D&K 16, UCNB 9 UCNB received steady, productive hitting from John Brown, Bill Campbell, Vince Cataina, Dave Goodman, Len Ladislav and Jeff Villani, but D&K had too much power.

Commerce 15, Creative 9 The Bankers exploded for 23 hits, led by Walt Maibach (4 hits), and John Kozak, Frank Tartagliano and Felix Vales with three hits apiece. Creative's Joe Adochio tapped three hits.

KMD 19, Promptcare 8
Smith-Barney 16, LA Law 15

Awnings 18, D&K 13 Trailing 12-11, Awnings plated seven in the top of the seventh. Ray Meigs led Awnings' 26-hits assault with four hits. Brian Grandstrand, Bob Grausam, Bob Rahnenfuhrer, Dave Wantel and Bill Watson had three hits each. Neil Grandstrand had four RBIs.

Antone's 9, The Office 8 Gary Capaldo provided the game-winning hit with a single in the bottom of the eighth. Office men Tom Falkowski, Tom McNulty and Dave Drechsel (3-run HR) had three hits each.

Northwestern Mutual 17, Associated Auto 14 Game-saving fielding gems by Tom Murray and Lee Halinewski stopped AAP's late threats. Bob Bierman (4 hits) and Rich Grossberg, Ed McColgan, Jim Price and Tom Romanowicz with three hits each led the Insurers. AAP's Phil Fink, Rich Krov and Joe Sarica (HR) had three hits each. Mac Kowaleski homered.

UCNB 13, SMC 6 The Bankers executed four double plays while limiting SMC to one run through the first six innings. UCNB's Bill Campbell, Steve Lemanowicz and Joe Miteratonda had three hits each.

Promptcare 10, Antone's 5 Veteran pitchers Dom Deo (Promptcare) and George Brokaw (Antone's) were locked into an old-fashioned pitcher's duel, until the winners exploded for four in the bottom of the sixth. Promptcare's Les Reddick, Al Brown, Charles Lehman, Lee Black and Malcolm Boone deliv-



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POUNDING THE HITS...American Legion slammer Karl Grossmann went 3-for-3, scored three runs and had an RBI against KMD.

Legionnaires Ambush KMD In UC Sr. 50+ Softball, 18-3

scored twice, Larry Berra bashed an RBI single and scored and Harry Semple singled and added an RBI sacrifice fly.

The Mountinsiders tapped out nine hits. Bill Granata singled twice and had an RBI and Jerry McDermott drilled an RBI single and scored once. Greg Dellisanti singled and scored.

Brian Hill, Dan Mulligan and Mike Higgins each added a single. Matt Costello and Brian McDermott hit the ball hard but the ball always found its way into an open glove.

"They have too many outfielders," muttered McDermott. Mixing his pitches very well, mound ace Berra kept KMD Tuning out of tune but did take a nasty hopper off his chin. Third baseman Lombardi turned a third-to-first double play, shortstop Belford went deep in the hole to rob Costello of a hit and Semple chased down a fly ball in center.

Looking to test the readiness of his leftfielder Pepe, Gibbons said, "Have Larry throw the ball inside to make Frank work. Let's see what he's made of!"

Pepe successfully made a "bee" line to all balls hit his way.

Highlighted by Straniero's leadoff triple to right and Tony William's two-run triple to left, the Legionnaires plated six runs on nine hits in the bottom of the first inning. Two more Legionnaires marched home in the second.

KMD scored all three of its runs in the third. Dellisanti singled and scooped past second on Granata's single to right but when the relay was off-course he scored. Jerry McDermott hammered his RBI double and Salerno slashed an RBI single.

The Legionnaires increased their lead to 14-3 with six more runs in the third, added a run in the fourth and ended the game in the fifth when Tony Williams knocked in the third run of the inning.

KMD Tuning	003	00	3
American Legion	626	13	18

SPF Blue Blanks So. Orange, Wins Ripken District 12 Title

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Porchetta we knew all along was going to throw for us the first three innings and we knew Heath was coming in the last three, so I had the game plan in," said SPF Blue Head Coach Jason Weisholtz. "I knew right off the bat that I was going to try to get a spark plug with Bryce Weisholtz and I started him off with a bunt. Porchetta on the mound came through really big for us when it counted, so did Heath. The game plan pretty much went to form. It was a bend, don't break type of game for both teams."

The Villagers geared up to score in the top of the second when Stern mangled a double over the right fielder's head. Porchetta kicked himself into high gear with two strikeouts to end the inning. SPF Blue got it going with four runs in the bottom of the inning. AJ Bonadies, Joey Cianciotta and Iarussi trotted to first on walks and DeFouw rocketed a three-run double to deep center. Villager coach Randy Nathan called Godfrey to the mound to stop the bleeding. George Leichtling worked a free pass and Weisholtz dragged a

well-placed bunt plating Iarussi.

The Villagers threatened again in the fourth when Stern and Chris Paradis reached safely on back-to-back infield miscues. Coach Weisholtz quickly summoned Heath, who sat down his first batter. After giving up a single to Godfrey, he pitched himself out of a jam when Bonadies made a spectacular play at second for the second out, then followed with a strikeout.

SPF Blue added an insurance run in the fifth. Heath dropped a bunt inside the first base line and Weisholtz looped a single setting 'Lil' Raiders on every pod. McSherry stepped to the plate and tapped an RBI grounder.

"We're very proud of the kids. I think we did not have enough gas in the tank today but they came out and held them to a tight ball game," said Villager coach Nathan. "A couple of innings we came out, thought that we would get a couple of runs across but Scotch Plains is a good team. They're disciplined and play hardball. They came out to their best and we came out just not quite as good today."

"Both teams had plenty of opportunities to put crooked numbers on the board. Fortunately, pitching held through for both teams but we were able to push across four in that second inning, added an insurance run so we're good to go," concluded Coach Weisholtz.

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Westfield White 8s Defeat Basking Ridge Green, 11-10

Westfield White 8-year-old baseball team defeated Basking Ridge Green, 11-10, on July 12 to advance to the quarterfinals of the Basking Ridge Super Summer Tournament. Westfield improved to 3-1 in the tournament and 9-8 overall.

White took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first when Sean Mikovits ripped a three-run homerun, scoring Matt Kaufman and Owen Ripperger, who had walked. Green tied it up in the bottom half of the first, on a few walks and one hit. Despite struggling in the inning, Matthew Varano (2 innings, 3 runs, 4 strikeouts, 3 walks) struck out the last two batters.

White scored five in the third. Ryan Boll singled to left and eventually stole home. Jared Bansky singled, Max Budashewitz walked and Trevor McNamara rapped an RBI single.

Kaufman drilled a two-run double to center. Mikovits drove home Kaufman on an infield single.

BR Green managed four runs in the third but pitcher Hannah Liddy settled down, made a great tag at home plate on a relay from catcher Kaufman then struck out the last two hitters to end the inning.

In the fourth, Liddy stole home after replacing Owen Kessler who had walked. Jack Meiselman singled then Varano, who walked earlier, stole home. Meiselman also stole home. Ian Humphrey walked, but was stranded on second.

Green answered with a run but Mikovits (2 innings, 3 runs, 3 strikeouts) got the last two outs. White scored the 11th run in the fifth when Budashewitz drove home Boll on a fielder's choice.

WF Baseball Blue 9s Whip Florham Park Boys, 14-3

Westfield Blue defeated Florham Park, 14-3, in a North Jersey Baseball League game. The victory improved Westfield's record to 15-5 overall and 9-1 in the league to remain tied with Summit for first place.

Starting pitcher Ethan Smith, who was later awarded the game ball and picked up the win, allowed just three runs over three solid innings. Smith's extra jump on his fastball earned him seven strikeouts. Scott Tupper relieved and pitched two shutout innings, striking out two and allowing no hits. Hopper Murray pitched a scoreless sixth inning and struck out the final batter. Tupper and Murray shared the save - the second save for each this season. The defense was solid with fine catching from Difilippo, Robertshaw, Anderson and Varakian.

Westfield grabbed a 3-0 lead in the

first inning on an RBI single by Chris Boutsikaris and two-run single by Devin Anderson.

With the scored tied, 3-3, Westfield plated seven runs in the bottom of the third. Brett Robertshaw started with a bunt single. Eric Varakian walked. Then Robertshaw was gunned down at third attempting to advance on a passed ball. Chris Rinaldi doubled to leftfield. Nick Mele rapped a two-run single up the middle. Boutsikaris and Difilippo both walked, Anderson tapped an RBI single. Matt Maciek walked to load the bases and Murray followed with an RBI walk. Ethan Smith belted an RBI single and Tupper added an RBI walk.

Westfield added four more runs in the fifth inning on booming triples by Anderson and Robertshaw and singles by Murray and Chris Varano.

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