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A GREAT FEELING...Investors Savings pitcher John Rachko, left, hugs teammate Steve Barba after winning the A Division championship game, 14-10.

Investors Deposit 7 in Seventh, Stun Bellissima, 14-10, for Title

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sacrifice fly and an RBI single. Veterans Neil Kaufman (3 runs scored, triple, 2 RBI) and Tim Walsh (2 runs scored, RBI, double) each contributed with a 3-for-5 evening. Todd Simo (RBI), Jon Lehberger (double) and Nick Piscopo each donated a pair of hits and a run scored. Corey Berger went 2-for-2 with a run scored.

Bellissima totaled 19 hits but only two were for extra bases. Dan Samila had the big blast of the evening with a two-run shot into the trees in leftfield. Dave Garry had an RBI double and a pair of RBI singles. Mike Juchnik (RBI) scored on all three of his singles and Dave Winter went 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored.

Kaufman tripled and scored on Nies' sac fly in the top of the first inning but Bellissima's Joe Santangelo tied the score with an RBI single in the bottom half. Walsh doubled and scored in the second but the pizza men unloaded with four runs on four hits, which included Dan Samila's two-run homer, in the bottom of the inning.

Nies smashed his two-run blast in

the third then Joe DeFabio ripped an RBI single to ignite a three-run fourth to put the Investors up 7-5. Bellissima quickly regained the lead, 8-7, on RBI singles from Juchnik and Winter, and an RBI double from Garry. Doug Fisher (run scored) yanked an RBI single in the fifth and Garry added an RBI single in the sixth to put the pizza men up, 10-7.

The Investors needed to group a bunch of hits and did with seven singles to plate seven runs in the seventh but the rally was incited with Brian Dayton reaching safely on an error. Berger and Steve Barba both singled, pitcher John Rachko wiggled an RBI groundout to first and the rest of the Investors followed suit to put their team ahead, 14-10.

The stunned pizza men failed to threaten in the seventh, which prompted Investor Kaufman to comment, "Act like we are down! We do not have the hammer."

Neither team had the hammer for the remainder of the game!

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Courtesy of Norman from Canoe Brook Country Club for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ENJOYING A DAY ON THE FAIRWAYS...Pictured, left to right: Westfield High School Athletic Director Ed Tranchina, Leader/Times Publisher Horace Corbin, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football Head Coach Steve Cicotelli and Leader/Times Sports Editor/Assistant Publisher Dave Corbin tested their luck on the South Course at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit on August 15.

D. Blair Corbin's Blue Devils Raiders Walk Down Memory Lane



From the archives of The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times - www.goleader.com

August 14, 1998: St. Patrick appeared to hold the upper hand, but a nine-run massacre in the top of the seventh inning allowed the St. James "Gang" to snake its way out of a tight spot and come up with a 20-14 victory at Brookside Park. Steve Murano, Tom Maher and Jim Hoelzel combined for 10 hits, 10 RBI and 10 runs scored to mastermind the miraculous getaway.

August 16, 1999: Second-seeded Russell Road came one step closer to winning its sixth-straight title by tracking down third-seeded Hunter

land—that's assuming you had to pay in the first place. ABBC stunned the local Resolutes, scoring two runs in the bottom of the ninth, to seize a 38-37 victory at Echo Lake Park. The powerful bats of Anthony Ferrone of Clark, Steve Hingel from Mountainside, Andy Singer of Scotch Plains and Paul Salomone of Westfield put the Resolutes on the board with six runs in the first.

August 14, 2002: Quality play rose to the top in the best of three playoff series between third-seeded Watson Avenue and sixth-seeded Shady Lane in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association. After winning Game 1, 15-9, and dropping Game 2, 2-1, the



Fred Lecomte (August 22, 2002 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
CHAOS AT FIRST BASE...St. Louis first baseman Joe Romash falls on top of St. Thomas base runner Bob Stratton as he shoots safely underneath the tag.

Avenue, 9-3, in Game 2 in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association semifinals at LaGrande Park. Since the Road "Gang" won Game 1, 11-4, they advanced to the finals to face the winner of top-seeded Willoughby Road and fourth-seeded Sun Valley. Clint Factor drilled a two-run double, Jordan Scher slapped an RBI single and Mike Weckstein walloped a three-run homer.

August 15, 2000: Veterans' Day celebrations came early at Brookside Park for the well-seasoned Sun Tavern when they held off a spirited Ferrara's Auto Center, 7-5, in Game 3 to win the Scotch Plains Softball A Division Championship on the 31st Anniversary of the Woodstock Rock Festival. It was the second A Division title in a row for most of the veterans, who played under the name of Meyer's Marauders. Mark Nies ripped a pair of RBI singles and launched a solo blast into the trees.

August 12, 2001: You really get your money's worth when you watch a Vintage Base Ball - 1873 rules - game featuring the Elizabeth Resolutes and the Atlantic Base Ball Club (ABBC) from Smithtown, Long Is-

land—that's assuming you had to pay in the first place. ABBC stunned the local Resolutes, scoring two runs in the bottom of the ninth, to seize a 38-37 victory at Echo Lake Park. The powerful bats of Anthony Ferrone of Clark, Steve Hingel from Mountainside, Andy Singer of Scotch Plains and Paul Salomone of Westfield put the Resolutes on the board with six runs in the first.

August 19, 2003: St. Anne, with first place in the Angels Division wrapped up, ambushed the James Gang with an 18-hit bombardment and upped its record to 18-3 with a 15-7, victory at Brookside Park. Lou Balestriere smacked a two-run homer, an RBI triple and an RBI single. Mayor Marty Marks cracked a two-run homer and Pat Enright went 3-for-3 with a two-run homer, an RBI triple and a double.

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Hyatt Hills Golf Teaching Pro Gary Ostrega

Hyatt Golf Pro Discusses The Hybrid Chip Shot

By GARY OSTREGA
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The hybrid club is truly a utility club. This category of equipment has taken the place of the difficult to hit long irons for the ease at which it can loft the ball with the trajectory to hold the greens. It can be used from the rough, long fairway approaches, fairway bunkers, long par 3's and what this lesson is about, "the edge of the green chip".

I first witnessed this playing with Lee Trevino on Tour in 1978. He used a 5-wood like an 8-iron chip from a poor lie near the fringe. Using a putting grip and stroke, the ball came out of the bad lie perfectly and into the hole. I have used this technique many times since then. You may have seen Tiger using it as well.

The technique is simple to master.

A medium lofted [20 degrees] hybrid will work the best. Choke down on the grip several inches. Using your putting grip. Arch your wrists to alter the angle of the shaft to orient it more vertically like your putter.

The ball is played further back in your stance. Lean towards the target slightly. This address position will facilitate a downward hit to extract ball from those difficult greenside lies. Distance judgment is easily attained with a minimum amount of practice. As you progress you may find it very effective, as well, on front of green approaches and the runoffs featured on your better layouts.

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COSTELLO BLASTS HOMER, 3 RBI

St. Luke Nips St. Steve In Incomplete Game

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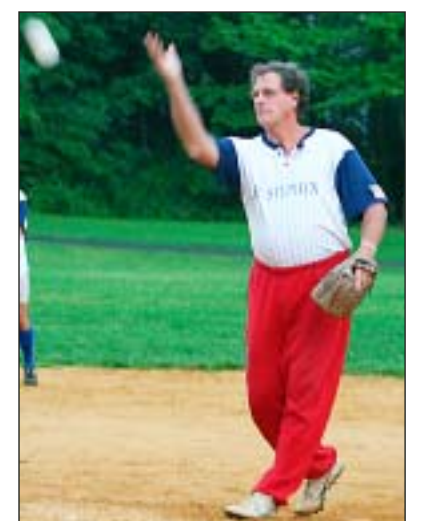
St. Luke's hopes for victory and a chance to share the top spot with St. Patrick in the Saints Division of the St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League had to wait another day when mother nature had the final say, interrupting the showdown with the fiery St. Stephen's express in the top of the fifth inning. St. Luke recovered from a 7-4 deficit in the third inning to grab an 8-7 lead when play was halted at Farley Field in Scotch Plains on August 14.

St. Luke rapped out 10 hits and was led by Anthony Blasi, who went 2-for-2, including a two-run double, Rick Regenthal thumped an RBI double in his two at bats and Bruce Evans powered a two-run blast. Tom Ulichny provided a triple and a single. Gerardo Riepe, Mike Surberg and Marvin Scherb each had an RBI single and Rob Zarafa contributed a hit. Evans snagged two line drives at third

base in the second inning and Ulichny, from his leftfield position, performed a superb catch in the third.

"Early in the season, this team was never considered to be a contender but look at us now. We're a group of wily veterans that have to be reckoned with. Better yet, we're the team to beat. Three big games left. We win out, we're guaranteed first. Win one! We're in second. As a matter of fact, we deserve to be in first," said Luke team captain Matt Fugett.

Pete Costello sparked St. Stephen's 11-hit rapping with a homer and a two-run double. Corey Woodring went 2-for-2, including an RBI double, and Paul Fessock clubbed an RBI double. Rick Wustefeld doubled and scored on an RBI sac fly and Dave Weischdelle added an RBI single. Paul Bifani, Jimmy Barba, Bob



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CRAFTY PITCHING...St. Stephen pitcher Dave Weischdelle had an impressive outing against St. Luke.

Camisa and Ernie Bevilacqua each thumped singles. Defensive wizardry came by way of Fessock, who made two fine grabs at third, and leftfielder Costello, who made two fabulous, running catches.

"This is a team that's really getting to know each other. We kicked it up both offensively and defensively and we feel that we're getting tuned up at the right time. We're excited as a team and we expect to go deep in the playoffs," said St. Stephen team captain Camisa.

Evans clobbered a towering shot in the top of the first to put the Luke men in front 2-0 but St. Stephen cashed in with five runs in the bottom of the inning, beginning with Costello's two-run double and followed by Wustefeld's sacrifice fly, and RBI doubles from Fessock and Woodring.

In the third, Luke boy Ulichny drilled a triple to left, Riepe followed with an RBI single up the middle and scored when Regenthal plopped a double into shallow left. St. Stephen answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning when Costello launched his solo shot over the centerfielder's head, Wustefeld hammered a double and scored on Weischdelle's single.

St. Luke, however, seized the lead with four runs in the fourth after Nashad Warfield strongly suggested, "Let's get it done now. One run at a time!"

They did! The first three batters drew walks. Blasi plastered a two-run double and later scored on Surberg's single. Scherb followed with an RBI single.

"That's how we do it," hollered Warfield.

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