



GETTING A STANDUP DOUBLE...Diva's Joe Cepparullo, right, pulls into second base as 5 Guy second baseman Pete Paradise leaps for the relay and shortstop Mike Piccolo covers the bag.

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Diva's Nip 5 Guys, 7-6, on Bumper Night

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D'Annunzio sliced an RBI single. James DiNizo singled, Mike DiNizo lofted an RBI sac fly, Schmidt reached safely on an error in right-center and Canfield yanked an RBI single to left. "That's just one inning. That's one inning," commented Markiewicz as 5 Guys came in to bat. "Let's start it up," suggested DiGiovanni. Nothing started for 5 Guys, but when they silenced the Diva's in the second, 5 Guys veteran Drew Koski shouted, "That was a good inning guys. Let's put ourselves up now. Let's get a few back." Three of the 5 Guys scored in the top of the third to make the score, 4-3. Paradise pummeled a triple to right and scored on Piccolo's single to left. Gilson slipped an RBI triple past the right fielder and DiGiovanni hit an

RBI sac fly to left. Now Diva's Salon was concerned and Lynch lamented, "We got to hit again! We got to hit again!" It took an inning to sink in and Diva's scored once in the fourth when Canfield doubled and scored on Chemelnik's single to left. Down, 5-3, in the fifth, Koski chanted, "Hey guys. Get some more runs. Talk it up! Let's go!" Gilson lined a single to left, and DiGiovanni launched his two-run blast over the leftfield fence to knot the score with one out. "Let's get out of this inning," begged Mineo. Diva's listened and strutted in to bat in the bottom of the fifth. Cepparullo shouted, "Everybody hit now!" Diva's did not listen.

Despite further cries for offensive help, neither team scored in the sixth inning, but in the seventh, Koski requested, "This is where we got to take it to them." Gilson directed a single to right and Giunta jolted an RBI single to left but was gunned down at second attempting to stretch his hit into a double. Chemelnik led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk. Bello flew out to left, and Lynch singled to put runners on first and second. Mike Cornacchia's grounder to second set up the potential game-ending double play, but slippery fingers at short allowed Cepparullo to emerge as the hero.

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MIDDLETON GOES 3-FOR-3; GARCIA 3 SINGLES, DBL

Jude 'Walks' to Glory in 8th With 9-8 Win Over St. Kilian

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Controversy over the proper spelling of its name may have become a distraction. Is it one "L" or two "L's"? Nevertheless, St. Kilian (with one "L") has not been able to buy a victory in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action this year. Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains was the scene of a peculiar game that concluded when cleanup hitter Rich Banasiak walked with the bases loaded in the bottom of the eighth inning to give St. Jude a 9-8 victory over St. Kilian on July 6. What was even more peculiar was the Jude's had a runner on third (Brian Miller who singled) with two outs and Kilian veteran pitcher Howie

Bialos decided to cede two intentional walks to load the bases in order to face Banasiak, who then decided to show remarkable patience at the plate. Obviously the ploy failed for the 0-8 Kilians. Kilian did out-hit St. Jude, 21-16, and everyone on the team managed to get a hit except Bialos, who walked twice. Marty Garcia led Kilian with four hits, including a double, an RBI and a run scored. Tom Baldowski and Tom Grycan each had three hits, two RBI and a run scored, while Gerry Riepe added three hits. Keith Middleton led St. Jude with three hits, an intentional walk, two RBI and two runs scored. Jim D'Arreca had two hits, an intentional walk, an RBI and two runs scored.

Daryl Fornoff (2 runs scored) and pitcher Tony Blasi (run scored) each added two hits. St. Kilian scored once in the top of the first on Baldowski's RBI single to left. The Jude's scored three runs in the bottom of the first when Middleton chopped an RBI single and Joe DeChiario looped a two-run single. "We got three! Let's play some 'D' now," DeChiario suggested. Jude's defense could not prevent Kilian from tying the score in the second. Grycan and Matt Daly (2-for-5) both singled and scored respectively on Dave Hackett's grounder to short and Garcia's single to center. In the fourth, Garcia doubled and

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INTERESTING PLAY AT SECOND BASE...St. Kilian shortstop Gerry Riepe stretches in an effort to tag St. Jude's Dom Favorito in the sixth inning. Favorito was called out.

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