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MONACO BELTS GRAND SLAM IN NINTH, TOTALS 6 RBI

Stage House Stays Unbeaten, Conks Charlie Brown's 17-9

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Veteran team captain Emidio Monaco put an exclamation mark on a showdown between the two top teams in the Wednesday Division of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League with a grand slam home run in the ninth inning to elevate the undefeated Stage House to a 17-9 victory over Charlie Brown's at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 11.

The Stage House men, who won the title in 2009 and 2011, upped their undefeated record to 14-0 and appear to have solid footing on the top rung of the division. Charlie Brown's, formerly Park Beverage, who brought down the Stage House in two games for the title in 2010, slipped to 10-4 and must keep a keen eye on the up-and-coming Diva Salon men, consisting of a mix of recent

graduates from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, along with several wily veterans.

Monaco, however, far from being a recent grad, stole the show, not only with his grand slam but also with an RBI single and an RBI sacrifice fly to total six RBI. Additionally from his catcher's position, he made a run-saving putout at home plate in the third inning.

But other Stage House teammates were also on their high horses. Andrew Michinard contributed to the 21-hits stampede with a two-run double, an RBI single and a double, while scoring three times. Rob Harder hammered out three singles and a double, and an RBI, while scoring

three times. Speedy Scotty Savarese had three singles and an RBI. Tony Wargo singled twice, had an RBI and scored once. Pitcher Mo Wright singled twice, scored twice, walked twice and added an RBI.

Dan Samila led Charlie Brown's with a two-run home run and a pair of singles and another RBI to go with two runs scored. His brother Pete (2-for-4, 2 runs scored) pounded a solo blast in the first inning. Damon Roth (run scored) thumped an RBI triple and a single, and Jeff Bendix jolted a ground rule two-run double.

The Stage House horses got their hoofs on the plate four times on six hits in the top of the first. Todd Simo, who finished with two RBI, looped an RBI single to right field. Michinard, Wright and veteran Brian Dayton added RBI singles. Charlie

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TERROR ON THE BASE PATHS...Raider Patrick Downey, right, steals second as Shamrock shortstop Chris Witzel attempts to make a tag in the first inning at the Clark Tournament on July 14. Downey finished with three stolen bases.

FRIEDMAN, MOONEY, DiNIZO TOSS SHUTOUT BASEBALL

SPF Nips WF Shamrocks, 2-0 In Clark Baseball Tourney

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"Luck" may not have gone the Westfield Shamrocks' way against the Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 12-year-olds but both teams displayed superb pitching and very strong fielding in a 2-0 SPF victory during the Clark Tournament at the Clark Little League Field on July 14.

Shamrock pitcher Danny Russo went the distance, scattering five hits and walking one, while striking out one. He did not permit more than one hit in any given inning.

"Danny Russo has been our number-one pitcher all year. He comes to play. Throws strikes. Mixes up his pitches quite well. He's been a gamer. He's been a horse by going all six innings and giving up one earned run," Westfield Shamrock Coach

Damon Roth said.

"Both teams' pitchers were throwing strikes, hitting the spots, and both teams' defenses today made a lot of plays," Raider Head Coach Joe Higgins said.

Jake Friedman pitched the first two innings for the Raiders and yielded no hits, while walking one and striking out two Shamrocks. Reagan Mooney stepped to the mound for three innings and allowed just three hits, while walking one. Anthony DiNizo closed the door in the sixth facing four batters and permitting one walk, while fanning two.

"Our pitchers were leaders today. Jake Friedman pitched two, and we brought Reagan Mooney in, who has been pitching his tail off lately. He's really been throwing a lot of strikes. He keeps the ball down. He fields his

position well and nothing seems to phase him when he is on the mound," Coach Higgins said.

Shamrock right fielder Ryan Roth snared a line drive in the second inning. Second baseman Ben Strauss initiated some fine putouts. First baseman Chris Wagner pulled off a fine scoop in the second inning, and Russo intercepted several difficult comebackers to the mound and converted them to putouts.

The Raiders did, however, manage to score their second run in the fourth inning when DiNizo, who stole second base, also stole third then scored when the catcher's throw to third sailed into leftfield.

"Our defense was stellar. Ben Strauss did a great job at second base. Our fielding, all-around was pretty

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CALLED OUT AT HOME PLATE...Charlie Brown's Damon Roth, No. 4, attempts to stretch a triple into a home run in the third inning but is called out when Stage House catcher Emidio Monaco makes the tag.

VALL-LLOBERA, DELVECCHIO HAMMER HOME RUNS

Westfield White Uses Long Ball to Topple Summit, 11-1

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"Dog Days" of summer did not slow down the Westfield White 12-year-old baseball team that received stubborn pitching performances from starter Ben Cappello and reliever Mark Walter and also got an across-the-board hitting attack in an 11-1 victory over Summit at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 13.

"We are winding down. This is the "Dog Days" of baseball, but today

we came out with really good energy. You don't always get it everyday at this time of year, because it's getting late. It's hot," Westfield White Head Coach Humberto Vall-Llobera said.

"There are a lot of kids playing baseball in Summit, and despite what the outcome is they are 12-years-old, and the more kids you have playing the better off you are in the future," Summit Head Coach Hank Gibson said.

"Summit is a little bit down this

year. Struggling! So we did what we had to do. The kids were swinging the bat, and we hit the ball well today," added Coach Vall-Llobera.

Cappello pitched the first three innings and limited the Hilltoppers to just one single, while walking none and striking out one. Walter stepped to the mound in the fourth inning and allowed just one run on one hit and one walk.

Summit Coach Hank Gibson al-

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CHARGING TOWARDS FIRST...St. James' Marty Bernstein charges towards first base but does not beat the throw caught by St. Anthony first baseman Joe Tilocca in the fourth inning.

BABOOMIAN, WARFIELD, PRECONTE PREVAIL ON 'O'

St. Anthony Annihilates Dazed St. 'James Gang' Boys, 16-2

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Brother against brother showdowns may be one thing, but St. Anthony, presently the top guns in the Saints Division, outgunned the sputtering St. "James Gang" in a big way in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 12.

St. Anthony jumped on the "James Gang" in a fast and furious manner with a five-run first inning, amassed 22 hits and cruised to a 16-2 triumph.

In the brother against brother situation, John Chupko of St. Anthony

and "James Gangster" pitcher Frank Chupko have met face-to-face for decades in the league, but there seemed to have been a question as to which brother been on the winning side the most.

"I would say mine," guessed John Chupko.

"I seriously don't know," answered Frank Chupko.

Anyhow, the victory added another notch in John's favor.

The thunder off the bats of Varojuan Baboomian, Nash Warfield and pitcher Tony Preconte, especially, helped John Chupko capture that ex-

tra notch. Baboomian banged a triple, double and a single, while scoring three times. Warfield whacked three hits, scored three times and had three RBI. Preconte poked three RBI singles and scored once.

Dave Rothenberg added to the "James Gang's" misery with a double, single, two RBI and a run scored. Rob Barone ripped two singles, walked, scored once and had two RBI. Craig Burfeindt singled twice and scored three times. "Joltin'" Joe Tilocca jerked an RBI triple and looped an RBI single. Charlie Baier

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CLOSE PLAY AT FIRST...Summit Hilltopper Dylan Ingermann, No. 25, crosses the bag but not before Westfield White first baseman Mike Knapp grabs the throw for the putout at Gumbert 3 Field on July 13.

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