



MAKING GREAT CONTACT WITH THE BALL...Westfield Gray's Matt Cetlin gets solid contact and pokes a single to right field in the second inning against the Westfield Blue 10s. Westfield Gray won, 11-7, on July 23, 2010.



PLOWING UP A LOT OF DIRT...Westfield Blue 9s' Lee Beauchamp plows a lot of dirt but is tagged out by Bulldog Brian Boczon before his foot touches third base on July 24, 2009.

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scored twice.  
**July 25, 1999:** Clockwork Orange amassed 28 hits to throw off the timing of the C. B. I. Big Blue Machine and ticked away with an 18-10 victory in Jewish Community Center Softball League action at Tamaques Park. Despite the clocking, C. B. I. Slugger Jeff Mayerson crushed a grand slam home run, a three-run homer, two singles and totaled eight RBI.  
**July 24, 2000:** Fire streaked from the "metal sticks" of Hocus Pocus as they befuddled a stunned Starlight Cleaners, 14-3, in the first round of the Scotch Plains Softball League B Division playoffs at Brookside Park.

Bob Chez and Rock Tufaro led the Hocus Pocus offensive wizardry with three hits and four RBI each.  
**July 24, 2001:** Fourth-seeded Ferrara's Auto Center erupted with 27 hits, including five home runs, a triple and five doubles, to bury fifth-seeded Themis, 22-4, in the playoffs of the Scotch Plains Softball League A Division at Brookside Park. Auto man Greg McComb hit for the cycle but earned it the hard way by beating out an inside-the-park home run in his fourth at bat. Nick Piscopo, Phil Aiello, Dan DiDario and Bob Letso also homered.  
**July 24, 2002:** Two fielding errors in the bottom of the seventh inning

helped the 17-3 Scotch Plains-Fanwood American Legion baseball team seize a, 7-6, victory over Berkeley Heights. Raider John Maloney crushed a dramatic two-run homer.  
**July 24, 2003:** On June 26, St. Joseph, then undefeated at 5-0, humiliated an unsuspecting St. Patrick squad, 26-2; however, at Brookside Park, the more determined Pats held the lead for four innings until the Joe boys tiptoed past them with a run in the fifth and another in the sixth to squeeze an 8-6 victory in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action. Second baseman Mike Jonny and first baseman Tim Deegan led the 11-2 Joe boys' 15-hit attack with

three hits each.  
**July 26, 2005:** Quick and accurate reactions from the nervous systems of shortstop Kevin Roseander and second baseman Jon DeFouw provided fourth-seeded Revolution Fitness all the defense it needed to ward off fifth-seeded Hand 2 Hand, 16-9, in the A Division quarterfinals

Tournament championship. Eric Varakian ripped a triple and an RBI single. Vin Difilippo drilled a pair of RBI singles. Christopher Rinaldi drove a hard two-run single. Devin Anderson cracked an RBI single. Nick Mele singled and scored a run.  
**July 24, 2009:** Spotting a fine team eight runs in the first inning

the plate and held off a final-inning rally to defeat third-seeded Westfield Blue, 12-7, in the first round of the New Providence Green League playoffs at Gumbert 3 Field. White's Michael Rossi blasted a two-run home run over the centerfield fence. Mitchell Bryk took the first pitch and whacked a three-run homer over

## St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Standings:

### ANGELS DIVISION: (As of July 20:)

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Nicholas	11	3	.786
St. Alexander	8	6	.571
St. Anne	7	7	.500
St. James	5	8	.385
St. Killian	1	10	.091

### SAINTS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. George	9	3	.750
St. Anthony	9	5	.643
St. John	6	6	.500
St. Joseph	5	9	.357
St. Jude	4	8	.333

**St. James 6, St. Jude 3**  
 The Judges jumped out to a quick start plating three runs in the top of the first. Captain Joe DeChiaro, Tony Blasi and Art Hubble each drove in

Mavrakes drove in the only two runs for the Joeys. This game was dominated by pitching. St. George hurler John Deitch and St. Joe's hurler John Veglia pitched an absolute masterpiece.  
**St. Anthony 10, St. Alexander 8**  
 The Tony's jumped out early, plating eight in the first two frames. The Tony's held an 8-3 lead going into the top of the seventh. Tony's Dave Rothenberg drove in two insurance runs with a two-out triple in the top of the seventh. The Alex squad refused to go away in the bottom of the seventh. Down 10-3, they rallied and scored five runs, capped off by a booming triple by

Marino, who also tripled, led the Anne's. Rob Barone hit two triples for the Tony's, driving in three runs, and Glen Gang also had three RBI.  
**St. Alexander 16, St. Killian 2**  
 St. Alexander "The Great" scored seven in the second inning and seven in the fourth. Rookies, David Hackett and Nam-Jun Joe, drove in the only two runs for the Killian clan. Alex's captain Harold Hopler homered and had five RBI. Ed Villaverde and George Balint were perfect at the dish for St. Alex.  
**St. George 5, St. James 2**  
 Georgie jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Marty Bernstein and Billy Aumenta



LEAPING TO GET THE BALL...Westfield Blue second baseman Jack Neiswenter, No. 15, leaps in attempt to catch the relay as Florham Park's Jason Sardo slides in for a double at Gumbert Field in Westfield on July 16, 2010. Westfield and Florham Park battled to a 7-7 tie.



A "SEMPLER" PUTOUT...St. Killian first baseman Harry Semple, right, makes the putout on St. Jude's Joe Ursino on July 6 at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains.

a run. The Jimmy's ace hurler Frank Chupko settled in after the first and shut the Judges down tossing 6 innings of shutout ball. Billy Aumenta and Andy Wilber provided the James Gang with home runs. Sal Gano legged out a two-run triple in the sixth.  
**St. George 11, St. Anthony 10**  
 Joe Tilocca and Captain Tony Perconte were perfect at the plate for the Tony's. It was not enough to overcome the power hitting George clan. Kevin Spellman homered twice, driving in five runs. George's hurler John Deitch helped his own cause, homering in the first inning. Mike Constantinou added a triple to the Georgie's assault.  
**St. George 3, St. Joseph 2**  
 Georgie's power hitter Kevin Spellman made the difference with a two-run blast in the top of the sixth inning (His third of the week). Steve

Karl Grossmann, who led St. Alex with three RBI. Craig Burfeindt and Rothenberg led the Tony's with three RBI apiece.  
**St. John 13, St. Killian 6**  
 The Killian clan led by Al Weber jumped out to a quick lead, plating four in the first four frames. The Johnies finally got going in the fourth inning, tying the game at four. The Johnies then jolted Killian with nine more runs over the next two innings. Johnie's captain John DeProspero led the offensive charge with three RBI. Marty Garcia led the Killians with two RBI.  
**St. Anne 18, St. Anthony 12**  
 The showdown between the Annies and the Anthonys featured seven triples. The Annies batted around in the top of the first, scoring eight runs. Dave Weischnadler, who tripled twice and drove in five runs, and Lou Balestriere and Matt

had back-to-back homers in the third inning for the Jimmy's to make it a one-run game. George's hurler Michael White would not yield another run, throwing an impressive nine-inning. Bruce Evans, who had a two-run double, and Eric Hastrup, who had an RBI triple in the bottom of the sixth, led the Georgies.

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of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League playoffs at Brookside Park.  
**July 26, 2006:** Dave Herrmann rounded the bases in time to record a three-run homer in the top of the ninth to give the Sports Medicine men of Revolution Fitness a 10-8 victory over top-seeded Deegan Roofing in Game 1 of the best-of-three semifinal series of the Scotch Plains Softball League A Division at Brookside Park.  
**July 25, 2007:** Deegan Roofing hammered 32 hits to nail down an easy, 21-4 victory over ACI in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division playoffs at Jerseyland Field. Roofer Brady Lau blasted two gigantic home runs, a double and five RBI. Alex Lau launched a three-run homer and tapped three singles.  
**Late July 2008:** The Westfield White 10-year-old baseball team grabbed a dramatic, 7-6 victory over Long Hill to claim the Central Jersey

was very difficult to overcome but the Westfield Blue nine-year-old baseball team battled back well in a 12-7 setback to the Branchburg Bulldogs in New Providence Green League play at Gumbert Field. Graham Studwell, who hauled in a difficult pop fly while playing shortstop, teamed with catcher Alex Apostolis to nail a runner at third base then, while playing second, grabbed a line drive and stepped on the bag to make a double play. Myles Brancatella made good use of his time playing second base with a fine catch of a pop and a smooth grab of a grounder to record a putout. Jake Wornow made a great play at shortstop and Kevin Fuller hauled in a wicked line drive in right field.  
**July 22, 2010:** Lightning struck off the metal sticks in the top of the third inning when the sixth-seeded Westfield White 12-year-old baseball team flashed nine runs across

the centerfield fence.  
**July 23, 2010:** Fifth-seeded Westfield Gray got out of an early jam and had success putting the bat on the ball, especially in the second and third innings, then managed to withstand a gradual comeback to defeat the fourth-seeded Westfield Blue 10-year-old baseball team, 11-7, in the first round of the New Providence Green League playoffs at Gumbert 3 Field. Gray starter Danny Russo allowed only a pair of walks and three hits in three innings, and reliever Ryan Toal walked two and hit a batter, while yielding six hits in three innings. Blue starter Chris Wagner walked three in his three innings, and reliever Ryan Chirichella permitted only one free pass in three innings.

*Probitas Verus Honos*



BEACH LACROSSE CHAMPS...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-12 boys lacrosse team recently won the Beach Lacrosse Championship at Morey's Pier in Wildwood, N.J. Pictured, left to right, are: bottom row; Anthony Porter, Noah Costanzo, Ryan Cleary and David Kloefer; top row, Alex Oslislo, Ryan Johnson, Matthew Fazzino, Tommy Ryan, Aidan Guma and Zidan Abdella with Coach Ed Costanzo behind. Coach Mike Kloefer is not pictured.