

SAN JUAN 4 RBI; CHEMIDLIN, LABIN RAP 3 HITS EACH

St. Nick Knocks St. Jude, 9-2, In St. Bart's Softball Playoffs

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 Surprises occurred immediately when eighth-seeded St. Jude nudged top-seeded St. John Paul II into the losers bracket of the St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League playoffs on August 19, but fifth-seeded St. Nicholas was not going to allow that reign of terror last long as they knocked the Jude into the losers bracket with a 9-2 victory in the second round at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 20.

St. Jude did pull off a 7-5 victory over St. John Paul II, but St. Nick on that evening pulled off a mini upset with a triumph over fourth-seeded St. Anthony.

St. Nick battered St. Jude with an 18-hit pelting, while pitcher John Deitch limited them to just eight singles and a renegade two-run home run to Steve Mavrakas, who also produced a single. St. Jude veteran Nate

Mangiris went 2-for-2 and Ray Lo singled and scored once, while John Veglia, Ray Gambino, Harry Semple and Jay Semple each contributed a single.

Chris San Juan led the Nicks with a two-run triple, a two-run double and a walk, while scoring twice, in his three plate appearances. Pete Chemidlin, who went 3-for-3, rapped a pair of RBI singles and scored once. Erik Hastrup also went 3-for-3 with a double and two runs scored. Ron Labin singled twice and scored twice. Deitch singled twice, scored twice

and added an RBI. Tom Fazio (walk), Rinaldo Santiago, Rob Zerafa, Floyd Roberts, Dan Shneyder and Paul Morello each singled once.

Both teams pulled off four notable defensive plays. Hastrup, playing centerfield, made a fine sliding catch in the third inning then made a sliding and rolling grab in the fourth, causing concern from his teammates when he rolled over his glove with the lumpy ball in it and was temporarily grounded. Hastrup, however, toughed it out and continued playing well.

St. Nick first baseman Roberts made a diving grab of a grounder in the fourth and tossed to Deitch, covering first, and second baseman Paul Bifani made a leaping grab of a liner and alertly fired to first to complete a double play in the sixth.

St. Jude leftfielder Jay Semple made a running snag in the third inning. Second baseman Russ Voorhees knocked down a tough grounder and underhanded it to second for a force out, then he repeated the act on the

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MAKING SURE OF THE OUT...St. Nicholas pitcher John Deitch stomps on first base to make sure that he gets St. Jude base runner Joe DeChiaro out in the first inning at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 20.

Preparing for High School Soccer Season:



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RAIDER IN ACTION WITH PINGRY...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider girls soccer team, in white uniforms, had an active scrimmage with Pingry in Scotch Plains on August 23. In the photo, Raider Tori Balianico, left, battles the ball, a defender and her hair to get possession. The Raiders will entertain Union on Friday, September 5, at 4 p.m.



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KEEPING UP WITH THE BLUE STREAKS...The Cranford High School girls soccer team had a scrimmage with the Warren Hills Blue Streaks at Memorial Field in Cranford on August 23. The Lady Cougars open their season at Westfield on Friday, September 5, at 4 p.m.

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