

Montclair 10U Bulldogs Stop Westfield Black, 15-7

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The kids have been hitting way more than they have in the spring," Bulldog Head Coach Keith Martling said.

Although they did not receive as many walks, Westfield Black also put the bat on the ball and produced eight hits. Charlie Stock held a hot bat, reaching base in all three at-bats, which included a pair of RBI singles and two runs scored. Lucas Levy also had a pair of RBI singles, while scoring once. Jakob Ayala (RBI) and Billy Maguire each singled and scored once. Alec Crispino singled and walked.

Pat Flaherty wiggled a grounder past the second baseman. Dylan Tedeschi walked twice, was hit-by-a-pitch and scored twice. Colman Scanlon walked once, and Sean Logan and Antonio Carrero each had

three plate appearances.

"We've been a team that has been able to hit quite well, which has been nice to see. The area that let us down has been our fielding where we got to focus, but overall we are a good hitting team," Westfield Head Coach Dave Flaherty said.

Both coaches were rotating their players in and out of several positions. Coach Flaherty put four pitchers on the mound, Stock, Maguire, Flaherty and Tedeschi, respectively. Tedeschi struck out all three batters he faced in the sixth inning.

"We rotated people into pitching, who haven't been pitching before. We rotate people around the infield. This gives them a chance to play every position. That's how you learn baseball. You don't learn by watch-

ing, you learn by doing. They did it great today," Coach Flaherty said.

Coach Martling went with a new pitcher in each inning — Reifenberg, Martling, Fishman, Francis, McKay and Charters, respectively.

"We decided that we wanted to, at least, get some of the other kids to pitch, because the playoffs start next week. So we wanted to see who can pitch and who is ready, because some haven't pitched in a while, just to keep them fresh, keep them moving and see who is confident. So when they got in the game, they were excited, they were happy and it showed today," Coach Martling said.

Francis, Reifenberg and Daddabbo scored in the top of the first to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead. In the Westfield first, Tedeschi, who walked, scored on Stock's RBI single up the middle.

Highlighted by Pennell's two-run single, Montclair scored four runs in the second then added four more in the third thanks to five walks, Charters' triple and Sevrens' RBI single. Westfield immediately answered with five runs to make the score, 11-6, with the help of RBI singles from Stock, Levy and Ayala and Maguire's single.

Martling scored Montclair's sole run in the fourth then three more Bulldogs crossed the plate in the fifth. In the bottom of the inning, Stock scored Westfield's final run on Levy's RBI single over first.

"They have come a long way this year. It's all about the effort they put in. It's been a positive effort each game, better and better each game. It's a pleasure to coach these guys," Coach Flaherty said.

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Correction from July 17 Westfield/Roselle Park 9U
The previous caption had Charlie Ehrsam sliding home safely, but it was really Ryan Pisarra being tagged out in the second inning



OUT AT HOME BUT CLOSE...Westfield 9U Black team's Ryan Pisarra is tagged out by Roselle Park catcher Julian George in the second inning at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 8.



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BARRELING TOWARDS FIRST...St. Joseph's Nash Warfield ends up being called out by a step in the backend of a double play in the fifth inning at Jerseyland Field on July 18. St. Vincent first baseman Rob Del Cid made the catch.

RUSSO GOES 3-FOR-3, RBI; SPELLMAN 2-RUN SINGLE

St. Joseph's F. Chupko Settles St. Vincent Softball Men, 6-2

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Experience can be the best teacher if one is sharp enough to learn from it, and another wily old veteran, Frank Chupko, used his decades of pitching experience to lead his St. Joseph team to a 6-2 settling of St. Vincent in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on July 18, the 45th anniversary of the Chappaquiddick incident involving former Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy.

St. Joseph entered the week with a 6-4 record and St. Vincent was right behind them with a 6-5 record, but Chupko had the Vinnies reeling with a two-hit shutout after five innings. He then permitted one run on two hits in the sixth inning and another run on two hits in the seventh to secure the triumph.

Since he yielded only six hits and just one walk, Chupko definitely had St. Vincent's number, with the exception of another wily veteran, Harold Hopley, who tagged him for two singles, while scoring once. Rich McNanna rapped an RBI single, and Steve Muratore had an RBI sacrifice fly to go with his base-on-balls. Nam-June Joe, Rob Del Cid and Ed Fernandez each added a single, and Dennis Reilly scored the other run.

The Joe boys pounded out 17 hits, including a 3-for-3 evening from Jerry Russo, who also had an RBI. Gene Booth drilled an RBI double and singled, and Kevin Spellman slapped a two-run single and scored once. Don Rinaldo had an RBI and singled twice. Chupko and Tom Grycan each singled twice and scored once. Mike Abram singled twice and John

Junguenet doubled and scored once, while Tom Littiero and Tom Swales each singled and scored once.

The Vinnies managed to pull off a pair of double plays (DP). In the fifth inning, Hopley handled a grounder and alertly tossed to shortstop Muratore covering second, who then fired to first baseman Del Cid to com-

plete the DP. In the sixth, leftfielder McNanna gunned down Russo attempting to score for the first out then he snagged a liner and gunned down another runner, Booth, at home to complete the second DP. Chupko's defense committed two errors, which did lead to both of St. Vincent's runs.

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

TEAM	STANDINGS: (As of July 18)		
	W	L	Pct
St. Joseph	9	4	.692
St. John Paul II	9	5	.643
St. Anthony	8	6	.571
St. Nicholas	7	7	.500
St. Jude	6	7	.461
St. Vincent	6	7	.461
St. Francis	6	8	.428
St. Maximilian	3	10	.230

Games of the Week:

St. Nicholas 9, St. Jude 8

Captain Ron Labin's squad held off a furious seventh-inning rally, beating St. Jude in a shootout at Brookside Park. St. Nicholas was led by Labin's four hits, along with four more from Pete Chemidlin and a triple and homer from impact rookie Chris San Juan. St. Jude was paced by three hits from leadoff man Steve Mavrakes.

St. Jude jumped out to an early 4-1 lead in the first with RBI hits from Chris Paterek, Rich Polhamus, Cody Brown and Nate Mangiris. But St. Nicholas roared back and took the lead for good in the fourth on San Juan's homer followed by an RBI

single from Tom Fazio and two fielder's choices from Steve Polak and Bob Cihanowycz.

Down 9-5 in the seventh, St. Jude closed the deficit to one after hits from Mavrakes, captain Joe DeChairo and a sacrifice fly from Paterek. But St. Nicholas pitcher John Deitch ended the threat to preserve the win.

St. Francis 15, St. Nicholas 4

St. Francis unleashed a powerful 22-hit attack on a shorthanded St. Nicholas, easily beating St. Nicholas at Forest Road Park. Second-year man Scott Shulman hit two homers and drove in six runs as part of a perfect 4-for-4 night. Shulman is now leading the entire St. Bart's league in most offensive categories, including batting average, slugging and OPS.

Kevin Wooding and Dave Hill also posted 4-for-4 nights at the plate, while Paul Erbaflina went 3-for-4 and scored three times. The win gave St. Francis a 2-1 season series win over St. Nicholas after the first two games between the two squads were both decided by a single run.

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