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**D. Blair Corbin's**

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**Walk Down Memory Lane**




David B. Corbin (July 31, 2008 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**PULLING OFF A BUNT SINGLE...**Owen Bartok plunks a bunt single to fuel a five-run fifth inning that put the Westfield White firmly in the driver's seat in the semifinal game of the North Jersey All-Stars against Millburn on July 27, 2008.

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* — [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)

**July 26, 2010:** Third-seeded Vienna 60/Diva's Salon, a team formally known as Cepp's Vets, traded in a number of those vets for young talent, and it paid dividends in a 20-3 jolting of sixth-seeded Trinity Electric in the first round of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division playoffs at Jerseyland Field. Veteran Tony Mineo legged out a two-run homer. Ivan Rosa tore up the softball with a three-run homer and three singles to finish with five RBI. The Divas' talented "rookies" also cashed in. Anthony D'Annunzio (3 runs, RBI) and Chris Sarna (2 runs, 2 RBI) both went 4-for-4, and Ryan Weber bashed a two-run homer.

**July 30, 2009:** The Bridgewater 12-year-old baseball team inched to an eight-inning, 6-4 victory over the Westfield White in the semifinals of the Central Jersey League at Gumbert 2 Field. Nick Kalimtzis doubled and scored once for Westfield and Brian Johnson chopped an RBI single, walked, stole a base and scored once.

**July 26, 2009:** Veteran "pot stirrer" Al Betau must have had some inside information or a lot of faith in starting pitcher Tony Blasi prior to the St. Bart's "Oldest" versus the Scotch Plains PBA Local 87 "Finest" Fourth Annual Charity Cup, which

raised \$17,000 for The McAuley School for Exceptional Children at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains. The lesson came from the "Oldest" as they humiliated (pummeled) the "Finest", 30-9, in the nine-inning classic.

St. Bart leadoff hitter Bill Aumenta provided a grand slam home run to go with his triple, single and two runs scored. Veteran Tom Ulichny added three hits, two runs scored and five RBI to the 34-hit battering and Damon Roth contributed a two-run double,



David B. Corbin (August 5, 2010 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**WAITING FOR THE THROW...**Elizabeth Resolute second baseman Brendan Cross, right, waits for the throw as the Diamond State base runner swipes second base. The Resolutes defeated Diamond State, 14-1, at Rahway River Park in Rahway on July 31, 2010.

an RBI single, an RBI sacrifice fly and three runs scored.

**July 31, 2008:** Scrappy Watson Avenue "Glory Boy" Brian Ciemiecki mangled the first pitch to deep center in the bottom of the 10th inning to advance his team to the second round in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association playoffs by edging Willoughby, 5-4, in a two-day showdown at LaGrande Park.

**July 27, 2007:** St. David seems to be hoping for the opportunity to run the table in the St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League playoffs, and that prospect appears more likely after being pounded, 16-5 by St. Patrick at Brookside Park. In order to run the table in the playoffs, a team must be firmly entrenched in last place in its respective division. Bob Guy whacked a two-run home run, a double and two singles, while scoring three times. Marty Marks delivered three doubles, a single, three runs scored and two RBI.

**July 30, 2006:** The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Gold 9-year-old baseball team trounced South Plainfield, 11-4 in Game 2, of the Northern New Jersey Cal Ripken championship series to capture the title in "The Yard," in Bayonne. Zach Lipshitz was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Jeffrey Rogers was honored with having the most hits (13).

**July 30, 2005:** The Finest (Scotch Plains Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local No. 87) defeated the Bravest (Scotch Plains Volunteer Firefighters Association), 30-15, at Brookside Park. Team leader Luke Fugett (4-for-5, 4 runs scored, 2 RBI) got it all started with a solo home run to center, and Joe Cossolini (4-for-4, 4 runs scored, 2 RBI) finished the inning with a two-run shot.

**July 29, 2004:** Defense and superb pitching played a major role in the outcome of a showdown between Angels Division leader St. Joseph and up-and-coming St. James in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Brookside Park. Backed by a defense that performed no less than six heroic plays, "wily veteran No. 2" Frank Chupko spread out the "James Gang's" nine hits to

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**MAKING A CONTRIBUTION...**Stage House veteran John Pelazzolo ripped a single in Game 1 and two more in Game 2 as his team rolled to a pair of 16-6 victories over Charlie Brown's at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 23.

**STAGEMEN KAUFMAN, SIMO, RAUSCH RULE BIG 'O'**

## Stage House Stallions Thrash Charlie Brown's in Playoffs

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Good Grief! Charlie Brown's, without the assistance of Linus, Lucy, Schroeder, Pig-Pen, Peppermint Patty or Snoopy, took a double thrashing at the hoofs of the top-seeded Stage House stallions in the second round of the of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League Wednesday Night Division playoffs at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 23.

Stage House won both sides of a double header by the same scores, 16-6, but managed to achieve those numbers with two different approaches. In Game 1, the Stage House took only five innings to accomplish the victory, but in Game 2, it took the entire seven innings.

The Stage House pounded out 19 hits, including nine doubles and a home run in Game 1, and veteran Neil Kaufman led the assault with three doubles, four RBI and three runs scored. Todd Simo slammed a two-run home run and an RBI double, while scoring twice. Tim Rausch came up with a pair of RBI doubles, while scoring twice. Leadoff hitter Steve Bello rapped a pair of singles and an

RBI double, while scoring three times. Doug Pillely and Brian Dayton both doubled, singled, scored once and had an RBI. Tim Walsh singled twice, scored once and had an RBI.

Charlie Brown's totaled 12 hits. Mike McKenna doubled, singled and scored once. Sean Wessel whacked a two-run single, Tom Giannone hit an RBI double and scored once. Marcus Rivera doubled and scored once, and Kyle Berwick doubled.

Charlie Brown's scored twice in the top of the first but it began in an interesting fashion when Berwick doubled and Noel Whitehouse drilled a liner into the glove of Stage House shortstop Mike aka "Pelazzolo", who fired to first to double up Berwick. Rivera followed with a double to right and scored on Giannone's double to left. Chris Wester then ripped an RBI single up the middle.

The Stage House stallions caused a stampede of 12 runs on 12 hits in the bottom of the first, beginning with Bello's lazy single past second. Kaufman, Simo and Rausch slapped back-to-back RBI doubles. Mark Nies added an RBI sacrifice fly. Pitcher Mo Wright, Walsh and John Pelazzolo

each tapped RBI singles and Bello bashed an RBI double. Kaufman yanked a two-run double and Simo launched a two-run homer over the centerfield fence.

Defense reigned supreme until the bottom of the fourth inning. Walsh pulled off a slick grab at third and converted it to a putout in the second inning then Wright absorbed a line drive on the mound and fired to second for a double play (DP). In the third and fourth, Bello hauled in two difficult shots in right field. Charlie Brown centerfielder Sean Reilly snared a low liner then first baseman John Rubineti added an unassisted DP.

Stage House got back on its horses with four runs in the fourth. Bello singled then Kaufman, Rausch and Pillely pounded RBI doubles, and Dayton drilled an RBI single, making the score 16-2. Charlie Brown's managed to muster up only four runs in the fifth on RBI singles from Reilly and Frank Mastrocola and a two-run single from Wessel, so the game ended via 10-run rule.

Game 2 began with more sanity, but the heroes throughout were pretty

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