



Alex Lowe for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GIVING IT A GOOD TRY IN THE PLAYOFFS...The American Legion Post 3 won Game 1 of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League East Division semifinal round but dropped the next two against the Sofa Kings.

KINGS DELLE DONNE, YAZ, KRONIC PROVIDE CLOUT

Sofa Kings Get Even; Thump American Legion in Semi, 15-6

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Veteran Doug Delle Donne knocked in three runs and John "Pops" Kronic pitched a gem as Sofa Kings defeated American Legion Post 3 by a score of 15-6 in Game 2 of their best of three semifinal series of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League East Division playoffs played on July 31 at Farley Field in Scotch Plains.

Gang's inability to find the strike zone in the top of the first inning. Gang walked the bases full before Kronic belted a two-run triple to right. Kyle Adams was gunned out at the plate on the play for the second out. Gang got Brad Belford to fly out to center for the third out.

Sofa Kings tacked on another run in the second via Delle Donne's sacrifice fly to leftfield that scored Johnny Lyp from third base. Lyp had led off the inning with a walk. Sofa Kings eventually loaded the bases with no outs when Delle Donne lofted his sacrifice. Gang then bore down and retired the next two batters.

Gang's grit could only take his team

so far as Sofa Kings broke the game open by scoring six runs in the fourth inning. Once again, Lyp got things started by drawing a leadoff walk. Brian Schiller then reached on a bloop single into center. Kronic helped his cause by smacking an RBI single to right making it a 4-0 ball game. Delle Donne followed with another RBI single to left. Dave Belford belted a one-out RBI single up the middle for a 6-0 lead. Tyler Yaz had an RBI double and Adams delivered a sacrifice fly to right that scored another run. Kronic made it 9-0 with an in-field single that plated another run.

Sofa Kings added two more to their total courtesy of a two-run double by Yaz in the sixth. While the Sofa King bats were electric, the pitching of Kronic was lights out. Kronic threw five scoreless innings before American Legion Post 3 finally solved the riddle and got on the board with a run in the sixth. Dave Merkel's RBI single down the third base line scored Jonathan "Tiny" Villegas to cut the deficit to 11-1.

Each team added a run in the eighth inning. Sofa Kings got theirs on Yaz's fourth RBI single of the game. American Legion Post 3 responded with an RBI single from Merkel, his second of the game. Leading 12-2, Sofa Kings added three more runs in the ninth inning as Kronic, Delle Donne and Dave Tarullo all knocked in runs.

Down to their last at-bats, the Legionnaires did not go quietly. After loading the bases with just one out, Ed Zazzali worked an RBI walk. Villegas rapped a two-run single to center. Mike McKenna's deep popup to shallow right field brought in another run making the score 15-6.

But the rally ended there. Kronic got the final out on a line drive to short. The series-tying victory for Sofa Kings set the two teams up for a winner take all Game 3 showdown. The season will continue for one of these teams, while the other will go home for the remainder of the summer.

Scoreboard for Game 2: Sofa Kings 210, American Legion 602. 013 15, 000 001 014 6

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

ST. BART'S STANDINGS: Table with columns for TEAM, W, L, T, Pct. St. Anthony 12 6 .667, St. George 10 5 .667, St. Francis 10 5 1 .656, St. Joseph 11 7 .611, St. Vincent 7 9 .438, St. Wolfgang 6 9 .400, St. Michael 5 11 .313, St. Sebastian 4 13 1 .250

St. George 11, St. Joseph 10 St. George took the victory on a dramatic walk-off home run by Rich Reich in the bottom of the seventh. With both teams missing their primary pitchers, each team turned to an impassioned veteran on the mound. George's Erik "Nails" Hapstrup scattered 12 hits and struck out one. St. Joe's Tony "The MUSH" Percante struck out two, allowed 14 hits and 11 runs, including the game winner that prompted Tony to "walkoff" to his car. James Richey (3-4, 4RBI), Rich Reich (3-4, HR), Robby Stratton, Rick Wustefeld, and Hastrup all managed multiple hits for St. George. Ted Florio, Percante, Todd Feinberg and Coady "Code Red" Brown paced the St. Joe offense with multi-hit games.

St. Sebastian 6, St. Vincent 4 St. Sebastian snapped a nine-game losing streak. Luis Fraguas led the offensive charge for St. Sebastian. Fraguas smacked two home runs and drove in four runs. Mike "Koz" Kozlowski was sharp on the mound for Sebastian, scattering 11 hits. Frank "White Lightning" Apicella, Mike Surbrug, Captain Wells Pikaart and Steven Piella chipped in with multiple hits for St. Sebastian. Skipper Keith Karyczak homered, while Sal

SANTIAGO 3 RBI; REICH 2 2B, 2 RBI; MUNOZ PREVAILS

St. George Passes St. Sebastian In St. Bart's League Play, 11-4

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Reinaldo Santiago had a pair of hits and knocked in three runs and Rich Reich added two doubles and two RBI as St. George defeated St. Sebastian, 11-4, in a St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Angels Division game played on August 2 at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains. The victory put St. George in a tie for second with St. Francis and only a half game behind St. Anthony.

St. George took the lead with three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Erik Hastrup reached first base on an error by St. Sebastian third baseman Francis Vecchione. Robert Stratton followed with a one-out single to right. Then Reich stepped to the plate and delivered an RBI double to center that scored Hastrup. Next, Santiago came through with a two-run double into right field that scored both Stratton and Reich. St. Sebastian starting pitcher Mike Kozlowski retired the next two batters to escape the inning without further damage.

St. George starter Bryan Munoz kept St. Sebastian scoreless through the first three innings. Munoz got St. Sebastian hitters to ground out five

times during this period, while getting solid support from his infield.

The St. Sebastian bats finally came to life in the top of the fourth inning. A leadoff single by Frank Apicella and a one-out single to center by Luis Fraguas brought the tying run to the plate in Mike Surbrug. Things got even better when Surbrug reached on an error by second baseman Santiago. St. Sebastian was primed for a big inning with bases full and only one out. Steve Burton got a run across with a sacrifice fly to center that scored Apicella from third. Francis Vecchione then slapped an RBI single into center that cut the deficit to 3-2. But the rally ended there as Kozlowski got Pete Chemidlin to line out to right field on a well hit ball.

St. George answered with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Ryan Peters opened with a double down the leftfield line. James Richey followed with a single to right. Rick Wustefeld then smacked an RBI single past short. Later, with bases loaded and one out, St. George took advantage of some sloppy fielding to score another run. Andrew Smyth hit a fly ball to center that was dropped by Surbrug, allowing Richey to score.

Wustefeld was thrown out at home plate while trying to score from second on the play.

St. Sebastian got a run back in fifth when Apicella delivered a sacrifice fly that scored Roger Billotto from third base. Billotto had led off the inning with a single. But St. Sebastian had to settle for a 5-3 deficit when Dennis Reilly hit into a double play.

St. George broke the game open with six runs in the fifth inning. Hastrup and Stratton once again set the table with leadoff hits. Reich then plated Hastrup with an RBI double into the left-centerfield gap. Santiago rapped an RBI single off of pitcher Kozlowski's glove. Peters, Richey and Geoff Dickstein each added RBI singles in the inning.

St. Sebastian managed to cut into the lead with a two-out RBI single from Billotto in the seventh. But that was all the burgundy shirts could manage as Kozlowski grounded out to the pitcher to end the game. The loss dropped St. Sebastian to 4-13-1 on the season, leaving them as sole occupants in the Angels Division basement.

Scoreboard for Game 1: St. Sebastian 000 210 1 4, St. George 300 260 x 11

Fran Men Win 10th Straight; Tops St. George

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doubles, singled, scored twice and had two RBI. LoBrace rapped a pair of RBI singles, scored once and added an RBI sacrifice fly. Bialos singled three times and had two RBI, and Balestriere singled twice and scored twice.

Bialos, who recorded three strikeouts, allowed 11 hits but not more than two in any given inning. Erik Hastrup hacked a pair of doubles and a single, and scored twice. Richey went 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI while scoring twice. Stratton singled twice, scored once and had an RBI. Rick Wustefeld had an RBI single and drew the only walk issued by Bialos.

St. Francis got an immediate jump on St. George pitcher Bryan Munoz with four runs on seven hits in the top of the first inning. Zerafa scribbled a single past first and Balestriere ricocheted a single into left. Alvarez sliced an RBI single to right and LoBrace lashed an RBI single to right-center. Mike Cunningham singled to left, Bialos looped an RBI single into right and Rob Del Cid (2-for-4) hopped an RBI single past the second baseman.

St. George answered once in the bottom of the inning. Hastrup hopped a one-out double past third and Ryan Peters poked a two-out RBI single to right but was later called out for leaving the bag too soon. Munoz settled down and got all three Fran men out in the second then the Georgies added

another run in the bottom of the inning when Richey doubled to right-center and scored on Wustefeld's single to right.

In the St. Francis fourth, Zerafa plopped a single over first, Alvarez doubled over second and LoBrace sizzled an RBI double past short to make the score 5-2. But St. George quickly answered with two runs. Stratton slashed a single to right and later scored on Richey's single up the middle. After Wustefeld walked, Don Rinaldo's fly to right was dropped and Richey trotted home to narrow the score to 5-4.

St. George chipped away with another run in the fifth to knot the score when Hastrup doubled and scored on Stratton's single past second. But the Francis sixth produced three runs. Zerafa's looper dropped inches in

front of the right-centerfielder's glove. Balestriere hooked a single to left and Alvarez laced an RBI double to right. LoBrace lofted an RBI sac fly to left, Mike Cunningham walked and Bialos tipped an RBI single off the shortstop's glove.

Thanks to Baik's running catch and catcher Charlie Klein's alert play, St. George failed to score in the sixth, so St. Francis added an insurance run in the seventh. With two men out, Zerafa stepped to the plate and slammed his solo homer down the right field line. After Zerafa initiated a pair of putouts in the St. George seventh, Munoz and Hastrup both poked singles but Balestriere's corraling of Stratton's steaming grounder prompted both teams to line up and shake hands.

Scoreboard for Game 2: St. Francis 400 103 1 9, St. George 110 210 0 5

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ A DIVISION: Deegan Roofing 16 2, Joe Max Telecom 14 5, Roselle American Legion 10 8, Phenomenal Boyz 9 10. 50+ B DIVISION: Linwood Inn 15 4, Riverside Inn 12 5, Contact Lens & Vision 10 8, Cranford VFW 8 11, Garwood Metal 6 12, Linda's Driftwood Bar 1 17. 50+ C DIVISION: Bad Brains 12 5 1, Advanced Financial 10 7 1, AJ Jersey 4 15, Bob's Rescue 0 18

24-hit attack. Bob LaConti added a booming home run for the VFW.

Bad Brains 24, Bobs Rescue 16 Bad Brains attack was led by Osvaldo Dominguez, Vinnie Cordaro, Feliz Velez and Anardo Calderon.

Velez had another great defensive game for the victors. Roselle AL 13, Phenomenal Boyz 7 Pitching Hall of Famer Harry Streep, Bill Buteau (long HR), Pat Mooney (3 hits), Ed Lubas, Rich Gaul, Dave Wayman and Ed Kushner (all with 2 hits) spearheaded the Legion.

JoeMax 20, Riverside Inn 19 Riverside scored in every inning except the last when JoeMax plated 5 to take the lead. Rob Stratton relieved in the 6th inning to blank the Innkeepers and earned his first pitching victory. Telecom's big inning started with Artie Issler and Steve Tansey (3-for-4), Jim Sydlo, Richie Johns and Joe Menza (3 hits each) led the Tapsters. Al Dante (3B, 2 RBI) and Mike Rosenberg (3-for-3, 2 RBI) led AJ.

Contact Lens 18, Garwood Metal 8 The Lensmen plated 6 in the final frame. Dan Righetti (4 hits, 3B), Dr. Joe DeRosa and Bobby Beiner, Tim Walsh, Chris Jones, Kerry Gelb and Brian Dayton (all blasting 3 hits) led Contact. SS Righetti made some spectacular defensive plays. Don "The Count" Montefusco (3 hits), Ron Kulik, Tommy DeRocco, Dave Ball, Rory Caldwell, John Fessock and Bob Greco (2 hits apiece) led the Metal Men.

Contact Lens 16, Garwood Metal 1 Pitcher Steve Wiczczek, Christopher Jones and Anthony Grabowski (3 hits each), Scott Cohen (HR, 2B), Bob Beiner (2 hits) led offensively. Dan Righetti, Dave Rothenberg, Tim Walsh and Chris Jones excelled defensively. Don Montefusco had 2 hits and Ron Kulik scored the lone run for the Men of Steel.

Cranford VFW 20, Linda's 2 1 Pitcher Chris Kaminski (3 hits, 2-run HR), Bob Ghiretti (3H, HR), Carl Gamba, Dan Ravetier and Phil McGovern (3 hits each) led Cranford's

JoeMax's Mike Hoffman went 5-for-5, Costello 4-for-5, and Genova, Mennona, Bruce Evans (HR), Walt Patrylo and Steve Tansey each with 3 hits. Pat Nigro also homered. Paul McClung smacked a 3-run HR to lead Riverside.

Deegan Roofing 21, Advanced 9 Deegan Roofing clinched first place at Warinanco Park. John Garced (4-for-4, 2 doubles, triple, 2 RBI), Marty Marks (4-for-4, 2B, 3 RBI), Doug Fischer (4-for-5, 2B, 3B) and Ricky McMahon and Marty Bernstein (3 hits each) led the Deeganators. Vic Trindade (3 hits, 4 RBI) led Advanced.

Cranford VFW 16, Bob's Rescue 1 Pitcher Chris Kaminski (very stingy on the mound), Bob LaConti (2 Hrs) and Juan Moreno (HR) led the VFW's 23-hit bombardment.

Linwood Inn 15, Garwood Metal 0 Pitcher Jim Sydlo (shutout performance and 4-for-4), Leo DiGiulio and Tim Mulhall (3 hits each), Joe Sarica, Slope Rzewuski, Paul Cassidy, Steve Lerner and Brian Latham (each with 2 hits) led Linwood.

Advanced 22, AJ Jersey 11 Al Feigenbaum (HR, 2 doubles, 6 RBI), Jerry Isolda (5-for-5), Mike Bernardo, Billy Hillyer, Vic Trindade and Frank Mastrocola (4 hits each) advanced Advanced. Trailing 11-0 in the bottom of the 4th, AJ plated 10 runs. Mike Rosenberg (HR, 3B, 5 RBI), Al Dante (3 hits, 2 HRs), Mark Marotta (4 hits, HR, 2B, 3 RBI), Dave Handelman (4-for-4) led AJ.

PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2018 AUDIT REPORT OF TOWN OF WESTFIELD AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7 COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

Table with columns for ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE, and COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND. Includes sub-sections for REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED and EXPENDITURES.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND

Table with columns for REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED, EXPENDITURES, and FUND BALANCE for the SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

Table with columns for REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED, EXPENDITURES, and FUND BALANCE for the general fund.

RECOMMENDATION NONE

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, for the calendar year 2018. This report of audit submitted by Supple, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Town Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.



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