

60'S PLAYOFF FINALS:

Creative Industries 8 Commerce Bank 4

In a finals match-up that lived up to its billing, Creative Industries, behind the pitching of Tom Lombardi and an almost flawless defense, swept Commerce Bank in two hard fought games. There was very little room for error in either game. In a game closer than the score indicates, Creative won the 1st game. Creative scored 6 runs in the 3rd inning but Commerce continued to peck away. Creative's offense was led by the hitting of Demo Cervelli (single and double) and 2 hits each from Tom Lombardi (double and single) and Howard Jones.

Creative Industries 7 Commerce Bank 6 (8 innings)

In a thriller that ended with Commerce having the tying run on 3rd in the bottom of the 8th, Creative completed the sweep

with Tom Lombardi getting the final Commerce hitter to ground out second to first. This was a seesaw game with the lead changing 5 times. Joe Adochio drove in Bill Dougherty with the winning run in the top of the 8th inning. Creative batted 15 players in the game (all of their available players), with all but one player getting at least one hit. Tom Lombardi was the winning pitcher, and collected a single and double. Other players with multiple hits were Demo Cervelli (2 hits, including a double) and Frank Cavallaro (3 hits). Bob Failla also chipped in with 2 singles. Felix Vales pitched a strong game for Commerce and contributed a timely RBI double in the 6th inning. Pete Osborn went 4 for 5 in the two games with 4 doubles and Bob Lorincz was 4 for 6.

MORRIS COUNTY

Saturday Morning League • Livingston, New Jersey

It was in the mid 90's when someone thought of the concept of playing senior softball on Saturday mornings. Teams were formed and today, in the year 2009, we begin another "Fun-Tastic" season. (60+)

As in previous years, the league begins mid-April, six teams gather at one "Complex" that offers us three softball fields. Our morning begins around 9:00 a.m. Cars enter the parking area, ball players are seen chatting in small groups. Some warming up on the sidelines.

There is an air of anticipation. Another great day of softball is expected. An opportunity for Seniors to behave like young kids, once more. Many memories, new and old friends meet.

We were so fortunate to fulfill our dreams, once more on the ball field.

Our season consists of 15 Saturday mornings. Double headers, a total of 30 games are played.

We are rather unique. Parity, being our main objective. It was decided five years ago, that each ball player be rated on their overall abilities.

Teams were then formed having an equal number of men rated from excellent to sub par.

Everyone would be given the opportunity to play regardless of their abilities. Our goal was to have every team end the season standings at 0.500. With an equal number of wins and losses.

Although this was a fine objective, there would still be teams who did not perform as expected. However, the following season, stronger players would be placed on weaker teams. Again with the purpose of achieving parity.

Today, we have 6 full softball teams: Padres, Raiders, Brooklyn (Bums), West Orange, Legends, and Amigos. Our season will end some time in August.

At the end of the season, to celebrate another fine year of senior softball...all gather at a local restaurant (Star Tavern) to enjoy pizza and beer.

For me, this is the highlight of the softball season. It is a time when we get to sit next to opposing team players and eat pizza. Last year, over 50 participated. This one event solidifies our goal of enjoying senior softball not only as a competitive sport but also, a form of recreation.

—Sam/Sal Di Benedetto • League Commissioner.

2008 OCEAN COUNTY SEASON

In the 50+ league EPA Financial dominated the league once again. EPA has won the Division Championship 8 years in a row. In the first round of the play-off EPA beat Rada Chiropractic 2 games out of 3 to advance to the finals. Huddy's Inn beat Sonic two games straight to advance. In the finals EPA came back from 17 runs down, in the top of the 7th to win the A championship.

50+ STANDINGS

EPA 24-1 Overall
Huddy's Inn 15-10
Sonic 14-9
Rada Chiropractic 9-14
B Division
Post A.C. beat Williams for the B title
Williams Const. 10-15 Overall
Post A.C 3-22

OCEAN COUNTY 60+ LEAGUE

The Buck's beat Stewart's 2 out of 3 games to win the league championship. The Mariners beat the Hawks in the consolation round.
FINAL STANDINGS FOR 60-LEAGUE
Buccaneers 20-0
Stewart's Root beer 13-7
B-Mac Hawks 9-11
Mariners 2-18
Pete De Rosa, County Director

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The Official NJSSA Website

Website

<http://njseiorsoftball.com> or <http://njssa.us> can be accessed from your web browser and either address will bring you to the official website.

Site selections are located along the left hand column. You can 'click' on any of the links to see what information is contained in each. For example: select Leagues, select your county such as Union County and view the desired information.

The selections are arranged with the most likely accessed appearing from top to bottom.

Each county is setup differently depending on league organization and information maintained. The Locations section has been updated to allow for easy access to field locations and directions.

It would be great to have an individual from each county maintain and format their information for me so I can post it. Suggestions on the website can be sent to: njssa@hotmail.com. Have a safe and enjoyable softball season!

Bobby Lorincz