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RENDA ROADS TAKES "A" DIVISION TITLE

First Team from Union County to Win 50+ Championship

Grey casts to the skies followed by drizzling rain for the qualifiers, but sun-kissed heavens for the finals led to Renda Roads (Union) in the A's, S.M.C. (Union) in the B's, and Night Hawks (Middlesex) in the C's as champions in the 2011 NJSSA 50+ Over tournament. Runners-up in each division were Higgins (Monmouth), Check-X-Change (Middlesex), and Kilkenny House (Union) in the A, B, and C divisions respectively.

After losing to Higgins who were undefeated in the "A" qualifier, Keith Gibbons' Renda Roads team took the first 2 of 3 in the finals by 20-9 and 13-11 scores to win top honors in the "A" division. In the "B" finals, Doug Vincenzo's Check-X-Change battled 8 innings to lose to S.M.C. 16-15 before S.M.C. ended Doug's title hopes by winning the second game 11-7. Taking the "C" division crown was a strong undefeated Night Hawks team that went through 16-0, 17-5 and 9-1 wins in the qualifier followed by 12-10 and 13-4 victories in the finals. Other participants were Amalgamated Aces (Monmouth) and Sandy's (Ocean) in the A's, Big Nut,

Edgewood Properties, and Highlanders (all Middlesex) and Amigos (Morris) in the B's, and Katz & Dougherty (Mercer) and Metuchen Savings (Middlesex) in the C's.

Renda Roads 20, Higgins 9 • Renda Roads 13, Higgins 11
Renda Roads (Union) wins the A Division 2-0



Front Row: Ed Belford, Joe Massimino, Keith Gibbons, Tom Straniero, and Frank Pepe.

Back Row: Pat Nigro, John Simpson, Larry Esoldo, Tony Williams, Dave Lavell, Tom Baldowski, and Tom Lombardi.

SMC WINS STATE SOFTBALL "B" DIVISION TITLE

Wins 50+ Championship



Front Row L-R: Jim McCullough, Ray Pelesko, John Amato, Dennis Valvano, and Chris Paterek.

Back Row L-R: Jeff Baier, Paul Levenberg, Ed Kushner, Harry Streep, Ed Lubas, Walter Serafyn, and Bill Dugan.

SMC won the prestigious New Jersey Senior Softball Association (NJSSA) 50+ State B Division Championship in Linden over the weekend of July 10th. The SMC squad which plays in the Union County Senior Softball League compiled a perfect 5-0 record and swept Check-X-Change of Middlesex County in the finals.

Harry Streep was the winning pitcher for all five games and also contributed many clutch hits batting in the clean up spot for Manager Ed Lubas' team in the tournament. Outstanding performances both offensively and defensively were received from Bill Dugan, Jim McCullough, John Amato, and Ed Kushner over the five games. In game one of the finals on Sunday, SMC battled back from an early eight run deficit fueled by a dramatic three run homer by Jeff Baier in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game. Ray Pelesko hit a two run double in the eighth inning to win it for SMC by a score of 16 to 15. Game two was won by a score of 11 to 7 by SMC which was led by Walter Serafyn, Chris Paterek, Dennis Valvano, and Paul Levenberg in the championship clinching victory.

SMC had a perfect 3 - 0 record on Saturday parlaying outstanding offensive performances from Amato, Dugan, Lubas, McCullough, and Paterek in support of Streep's pitching and defensive performance.

SMC 16, Check X Change 15 (8 Inns)

SMC 11, Check X Change 7

SMC (Union) wins the B Division 2-0

NIGHTHAWKS TAKES "C" DIVISION TITLE

Middlesex Team Wins 50+ Championship

Taking the "C" division crown was a strong undefeated Night Hawks team that went through 16-0, 17-5 and 9-1 wins in the qualifier followed by 12-10 and 13-4 victories in the finals.

Night Hawks 12, Kilkenny House 10

Night Hawks 14, Kilkenny House 4

Night Hawks (Middlesex) wins the C Division 2-0

Front Row L-R: Mike Bolise, Mark Mariski, Jerry Archibold, Mark Litowitz, and Bernie Maguire.

Bottom Row L-R: Bill Kearns, Mark Novak, John Mazur, Tom Lankey, Bob Donnelly, Mike O'Conner, and Mike Kearns.



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