



Baseball Trivia

ANSWERS

- Larry Jansen, who had pitched in the top of the 9th inning was the winning pitcher.
 - Johnny Vander Meer of the Cincinnati Reds performed the double no-hit feat against the Boston Bees on June 11, 1938 and four days later beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the first night game at Ebbets Field.
 - Lou Boudreau, who was 24 years old when he became the manager of the Cleveland Indians in 1942.
 - Joe Nuxhall, who was only 15 years old when he made his first and only pitching appearance of the season for the Cincinnati Reds in the World War II year of 1944. It would be seven years before he came back to the major leagues.
 - Williams turned the trick in 1941 when he batted .406. It should be noted that he refused to play it safe on the last day of the season. He was hitting .401 and could have sat out a double-header to insure staying above the rare .400 mark. But he insisted on playing- and had six hits to raise his average to .406. Ironically, he did not win the MVP that year, as Joe DiMaggio's 56 game hitting streak earned him the crown.
 - Harvey Haddix of the Pittsburgh Pirates joined the list of all-time hard luck pitchers on the night of May 20, 1959, when he mowed down the Milwaukee Braves one, two, three for 12 innings. The first Braves' hitter in the 13th got on thru an error, after a sacrifice and an intentional walk, Joe Adcock's double turned the no-hitter into a 1-0 loss.
 - It's the only one ever pitched on the last day of the regular season, but it has a greater significance- it clinched the pennant for the New York Yankees.
 - Pete Grey, who played in 77 games and batted .218 in his only season in the majors.
 - Hubbell struck out the side in both the first and second innings. But what makes it really remarkable is that his victims were Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmy Foxx in the first inning, and Al Simmons, Joe Cronin and Lefty Gomez in the second inning.
 - Eddie Layton, the organist, played the National Anthem at Yankee Stadium and Madison Square Garden for many years.
- HA! HA! "gotch ya"

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SENIOR SOFTBALL MONMOUTH COUNTY LEAGUE

League Started in 1989

As another wondrous season of the Monmouth County Senior Softball League gets ready to take flight it is always a good time for some reflection and recollection.

This year will feature the "Monmouth Eleven" teams that will all take the field for the same reasons:

- To have fun and to play their hearts out!
- The league continues to evolve with two divisions.
- The Nifty Fifty and taking shape and becoming stronger is the Sacred Sixty or Better.
- Players who are eligible can play in both divisions getting in their fair share of softball action during the week.

Monmouth County Senior Softball also includes some noteworthy individuals who all contribute to the vitality and "youthfulness" of the league.

Howie "Magical" Marlin is a co-founder of the league has been involved for decades in "the game." He even had his own TV show and interviewed the likes of Mickey Mantle (yes M.M.) and other heroic professional players.

Dave "the Duke" Fenwick is a key organizer and has brought the sixty league to life. He is always willing to umpire and brings his knowledge of "the game" to the table. His career in the league began in 1992 when he was just a kid (age 49) and ran like a lightning bolt.

Dick "Cannonball" Cero is an inspiration to us all. He has been playing "the game" since man invented a ball and still continues to play tournaments and also in both divisions. (Always need to check his bat.)

Lastly, there is Lou "Lombo" Lombardi who is the schedule maker man. He has to be mentioned because without him we wouldn't know when or where our games are to be played.

So the season is almost underway and there is always something special about it. For every player and coach the adrenaline starts to pump. It is as if there is a scent in the air and everyone knows it is that time of year to get "ready to rumble". When you step onto the field there is nothing else that exists. It is a time when age, work and life's other issues seem to melt away. The only thoughts are about a bat and ball, your other teammates, your opponent and "the game."

You are completely "In The Moment." That moment is when time stands still, you are immersed and happy to be alive and on the field. That is what the true essence of "the game" is all about!

Gentlemen get ready to "Play Ball!"

Highlights of the Monmouth County Senior Softball League:

- 23rd Season
- First Year 1989 w/six teams
- Founders Howie Marlin & the late Al Mills

This year features eleven teams:

- Higgins - Freehold
- 507 Main/Boathouse - Wall Twp.
- Clayton Limo/Pine Belt - Howell
- Poss Construction - Neptune
- Blue Rock Cafe - Aberdeen
- Chubby Pickle - Highlands
- Builder's General - Little Silver
- Pete & Elda's - Ocean 1
- Chapin Hill - Long Branch
- Lee's Garage - Monmouth Beach
- Rebels - Ocean 2

The League's Motto: "You don't quit playing because you get old, you get old, because you quit playing!"

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Notable Quotables

"If a horse won't eat it, I don't want to play on it." -Dick Allen on artificial turf

"There is no crying in baseball!" -Tom Hanks in "A League of Their Own"

60+ EASY WAY "TEAM PLAYS IN FLORIDA"

Wins Division in Pompano Beach

The over 60 Easy Way team from North Jersey went to Pompano Beach, Florida, March 5-9 to participate in the 2012 East Coast Invitational Tournament. The tournament director was Dianne Mosher who spends her winters in Florida but is from Holbrook, Massachusetts. The tournament was very well run and the weather was mostly cooperative. We played a doubleheader every day Monday through Friday, except for Thursday which was rained out.

There were eight teams, one from Canada, three from Massachusetts, one from North Jersey, one

from the Jersey Shore, one from Delaware, and one from Florida. By winning our final two games on Friday, the Easy Way team won its division and was awarded T-shirts. Offensively the team was lead by John O'Rourke, Fred Monesmith, and Billy Codner. Rich Williams did a great job on the mound and kept us in every game. Playing for the first time since our winter layoff did have an effect on our defense, but we fought through it with our bats, an overall team effort and camaraderie.

We had a great time on and off the field and we definitely intend to go in 2013.

Notable Quotables

"I think I throw the ball as hard as anyone. The ball just doesn't get there as fast."

-Eddie Bane