

OCTOBER 8, 2021

A&R Security completed a 19 - 1 season, winning both the regular season and the playoff championship, by taking a doubleheader from Arlington Grill today at Whitesell field by the scores of 7 - 3 in the first game and 19 - 6 in the 2nd game. For A&R in the first game it was the Phil Chontos show as he held the powerful Arlington Grill attack to just 3 runs and 8 hits.

Offensively A&R was led by Steve Morris, who homered, tripled and knocked in 4 runs. Lou Rosenberg was 2 for 2 and Tony Scaduto was 2 for 3 along with the infamous '666'. For the Grill, to no ones surprise, John Ostuni had 2 hits while no one else in the lineup had more than 1 hit. Jack Hale pitched most of the game for the Grill with Jim Thorne coming in late in relief.

In Game 2 the bats came alive for A&R with Greg Miller going 4 for 4 while Joe Pennachio and Phil Chontos both went 3 for 3. Pat Rose hit a booming 3 run home run as part of his 5 RBI game and Jim 'Doc' Willoughby came through with 3 hits and 4 RBI's. George Cole and Joe Hatch both chipped in by going 2 for 3. Special mention goes out to Mike Jaffe who made 2 remarkable catches in right field after long runs to stave off Arlington Grill rallies. For the Grill, they were again led by John Ostuni who had 3 hits along with Danny Glum who also had 3 hits. Jim Ranucci, Richie Sicardo and Dan Zoller all chipped in with 2 hits apiece. Jim Thorne pitched game 2 for the Grill.

Now that the season has been concluded, special thanks goes out to Commissioner Rick Wetzal, League Administrator Bob Crabtree and the 9 managers for their tireless efforts which allowed us to reach the successful end to another season. It can be a thankless job and I will speak for our softball community and say that we truly appreciate all their hard work.

I would also like to thank Gary Lasko, who umpired at home plate for both games today along with Stan Smilkstein and Dick Michels who split base ump responsibilities. Thanks also to Sue Lasko who did the book today for both teams.

OCTOBER 1, 2021

At Whitesell Field, A&R Security defeated a shorthanded and banged up McHoul's squad by the score of 9 - 1. For A&R it was a similar formula that they've followed all year, that being the pitching of Phil Chontos and lock tight infield play from Joe Pennachio/ George Cole (1b), Joe Hatch (2b), Jim 'Doc' Willoughby (mid), Paul Pless (SS) and '666' (his request 3b). This game was only 3 - 1 going into the bottom of the 6th inning when A&R finally broke through with a 5 run inning. They added a single run in the 7th and held on from there. Offensively A&R was led by Pat Rose and the aforementioned '666' who were both 3 for 3.

Tony Scaduto, George Cole, Joe Hatch and Joe Pennachio were all 2 for 3 while Phil Chontos was 2 for 2. For McHoul's, Mark Joao was 2 for 3 with an inside the park home run accounting for their only run.

A&R will meet Arlington Grill next Wednesday 10/6 in the Finals for the Wednesday league championship. This year it will be a best 2 out of 3 with a doubleheader on Wednesday and if those games are split then a final game on Friday 10/8.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

In a game in which the #1 seed A&R Security wanted to play the the #8 seed Poughkeepsie Nissan on the large field (Digilio), rain from the previous day prevented that from happening and instead the game was shifted to the smallest field (Beale). Nonetheless A&R Security was able to defeat Pok Nissan 10 - 4 in a seesaw battle with excellent defensive plays on both sides. This game was only 6 - 4 going into the bottom of the 7th when A&R punched across 4 runs to give them some breathing room. Joe Hatch and Joe Barbarito came through with huge RBI hits this inning to propel A&R. As has been the case all year, Phil Chontos did a masterful job of pitching, keeping Nissan off balance all day. Offensively A&R was led by Tony Scaduto who was 3 for 3, Steve Morris had 3 hits and 3 RBI's and Jim 'Doc' Willoughby, Joe Pennachio, Joe Hatch and Joe Barbarito were all 2 for 3. For Poughkeepsie Nissan, Rick Brettholtz was 3 for 3 while Dan Sopchak and Chris Edwards were 2 for 3. Rick and Joe DiChiara shared the pitching duties for Nissan. In an unusual occurrence, especially with the power in the Nissan lineup, not a single ball was hit over the fence today even though we were playing at 'Baby' Beale.

Over at Whitesell, Arlington Grill soundly defeated Miller's by the score of 19 - 5. No highlights were available for either team.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

In the 8/9 game at Beale field, Poughkeepsie Nissan jumped out in the top of the 1st inning with 4 runs, hitting 3 balls over the fence, and Pizza Time was never able to catch them losing to Nissan by the score of 13 - 5. Poughkeepsie Nissan was led by the pitching of Rick Brettholtz and closer Joe DiChiara to hold Pizza Time to just the 5

runs. Offensively Nissan was led by Russ Gilmore who was 4 for 4 with 3 RBI's and 3 runs scored. Gary Lasko was 3 for 4 along with Dan Sopchak and Mike Healy. Defensively shortstop Dan Sopchak made 8 putouts and right fielder Art Tuminaro reached over the fence in foul territory to catch a wicked line drive by Bill Kyle and halt a Pizza Time rally. For Pizza Time, Donny Black and Dan Dilllon were both 3 for 4, Andy Endsley and Keith McArthur were 2 for 3 and Roger Simon was 2 for 4. Eight other Pizza Time players batted 1 for 3. Stan Silverman made 2 really good catches in right centerfield in the 8th inning BUT the defensive play of the game goes to the aforementioned Art Tuminaro who ran to the right field fence in foul territory, reached over and caught Bill Kyle's foul ball line drive for an out.

At Whitesell Field, #2 seed Arlington Grill defeated #7 seed Michael's in a slugfest by the score of 23 - 18. For Arlington, everyone in the lineup had at least 2 hits. Jack Hale was the winning pitcher with Jim Thorne coming in late to get the save. For Michael's, they tried to fight back from an early 9 - 0 deficit but never got closer than 5 runs. Offensively Michael's was led by Eddie Smilkstein who had 4 hits and 4 RBI's while Joe Broun and Stan Smilkstein both had 3 hits and 3 RBI's. Mike Lynch, 'Thumper' Mirande, Big Mike Spinelli and Bert Keating also chipped in with 3 hits apiece. B-Man Edwards, Ray Smith, Mike Muffs and the incomparable Johnny B. each had 2 hits. As a team, Michael's had 32 hits in the game.

In a nip and tuck affair, McHoul's and J&N were tied at 7 after 7 innings. In the top of the 8th inning, Joe DeMaria, Rick McKinney, Mike Capra and Mike O'Rourke combined to put 3 runs on the board, opening it up for the top of the order who put up 4 more runs and break the game open. It turned out to be enough to keep J&N at bay. Mark Joao led McHoul's with 4 hits while Jim Flood, Charley Mellia and Rich Rella each had 3 hits. Charley Mellia's drive to right center in the 8th inning iced it for McHoul's. A solid game was played by both teams.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

At Digilio field, J&N defeated a shorthanded Poughkeepsie Nissan squad by the score of 19 - 11 behind the brilliant pitching of Tom 'the glove' Giordano. J&N was led by Bert Owens who was 5 for 5 while Jamie Pagan was 4 for 5. Doug McCracken, Roger Merritt, Bob Hahn, Gary Rozell and Vic Feit had 3 hits each while Tom Giordano, John Berricol, Bobby Thompson and Gary Caporuscio chipped in with 2 hits apiece. No highlights were available at this time for Poughkeepsie Nissan.

Next door at Whitesell field, Pizza Time slugged their way past Doyle's, defeating them by the score of 15 - 8. Dan Dillon and Stan Silverman were both 4 for 4 for Pizza Time while Tim Collopy was 3 for 3 and Bill Kyle was 3 for 4 with 2 doubles and a triple. Roger Simon was also 3 for 4 and Bob Joy and Frankie Roberts both batted 2 for 3. Defensively Carl Villegas made 3 or 4 good plays at 3rd base and short center fielder Andy Endsley also made some good defensive plays. The 'Defensive Play of the Game' was made by right centerfielder Stan Silverman who ran back, back and Back to make a great over the shoulder catch for a long fly out. With several excellent defensive plays by his teammates, winning pitcher Bob 'no walks' Joy gave up only 1 or 2 runs in 6 innings and prevented Doyle's from having an 'Big Innings' offensively.

In a defensive battle at the Red Oaks Mill field, McHoul's defeated Miller's by a score of 7 to 6. In a closely contested game, Miller's went ahead by one run in the top of the 8th inning, but McHoul's scored 2 runs in the bottom of the 8th inning on a single by Rick Wetzell, to win the game. For McHoul's, Mike Capra and Frank Goberish were 3 for 3, while Dave Napolillo and Mark Joao were 3 for 4. Mike Capra was the winning pitcher for McHoul's. In the battle of the two funeral homes and based on these results, it was said that McHoul's has won the 'Coffin Cup'.

Lastly in a playoff preview battle, Michael's avoided playing in the 8/9 playoff game by defeating Arlington Grill by the score of 18 - 9. These two teams will meet again next Wednesday in the first round of the playoffs. Michael's was led by the long ball hitting of Mike Lynch, Rod Whitby and the unofficial 'all time home run king' for our league, Joe Broun and closed the season on a high note. Offensively Mike Lynch had 4 hits and 4 RBI's, Rod Whitby had 3 hits and 3 RBI's while Eddie Smilkstein and Mike Muffs (winning pitcher) had 3 hits apiece. Stan Smilkstein also had 3 hits and 3 RBI's and Big Mike Spinelli, Tom Beck, B-Man Edwards, Antonio Molina and Jonathon 'Johnny B' Bellezza all chipped in with 2 hits apiece.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Due to the flooding down at Sports Park, the Arlington Grill - Poughkeepsie Nissan game was moved to Red Oaks Mill where the Grill men defeated Nissan by the score of 21 - 8. Arlington was led as usual by John Ostuni who had 5 hits one of which was a home run. Jim Ranucci, John Deegan and Dan Zoller had 4 hits apiece while Bobby Darnell, Lou Post, Tom Milholm and Jack Hale chipped in with 3 hits each. Dan Doyle had a home run and Jack Hale was the winning pitcher.

Up at Whitesell field in a pitcher's duel between J&N's Tommy (screwball) Giordano and Pizza Time's Bob Joy, J&N scored 4 in the 7th inning to escape with a 5 - 3 win over Pizza Time. Roger Merritt, Pete Schwarze, Bob Hahn and Gary Rozell had 2 hits each for J&N. Excellent defense was provided by Pete Schwarze and Tom (the glove) Giordano to help preserve the victory. For Pizza Time Bill Kyle was 3 for 3 with a single, double and triple. Danny Dillon was 2 for 3 and four other players chipped in with one hit apiece. Great defensive plays for Pizza Time: in the 3rd inning with runners on 2nd and 3rd with 1 out, pitcher Bob Joy fielded a comebacker, looked the runner back to

3rd base to make sure he wasn't going home and then quickly threw to first baseman Keith McArthur for the out there, who then wheeled and threw a strike to catcher Jack Whyte at home to catch Doug McCracken trying to score. A nice inning ending double play! In the 4th inning with a runner on 2nd base, left fielder Bill Kyle fielded a single and then threw all the way to home to catcher Jack Whyte, who caught the ball just before Doug McCracken scored. Two great defensive plays at home plate! Bob 'No Walks' Joy pitched a great game with 6 shutout innings and also striking out 5 batters, 2 in one inning but he suffered the hard luck loss.

Over at 'Baby Beale' A&R Security won a pitcher's duel of their own, defeating McHoul's by the score of 8 - 5. A&R was led by the ageless 89 year old Lance 'Lou' DiCocco who batted 3rd and delivered by going 3 for 3 with 1 RBI. Pat Rose was also 3 for 3 with 2 RBI's. No one else had more than 1 hit for A&R. Phil Chontos pitched a great game, holding the powerful McHoul's attack to only 5 runs. For McHoul's, Mike Capra and Jim Flood both pitched great games to hold A&R to only 8 runs. McHoul's only had a few guys who had as many as 2 hits. They were Jim Flood, Mark Joao, Dave Napollilo, Frank Goberish and 'Smokin' Joe DeMaria. Incredibly Mark and Dave were the only 2 players to hit balls over the fence for either team on the little field. Gary DiMaggio made some outstanding defensive plays for McHoul's.

After a slow start, behind 5 to 2 in the first, Millers went on to score 2 or more runs every inning to beat Doyles 23 -12. Ralph Bondi lead the way with 4 for 4 and a walk followed by Joe Paoloni with 5 for 5. Jerry Korrey had the big hit, a grand slam, and the ball is still rolling. It is a good thing because Rich Hill pulled a muscle leaving second base and Rich, Spider, and Jerry crossed home plate within 2 seconds of each other.

AUGUST 25, 2021

At Sports Park Sr, Miller's got back on the winning track by defeating an injury riddled Poughkeepsie Nissan by the score of 17 - 6. The 32 hit attack for Miller's was led by Jerry Korey, Sam Duke and Dick Michels who each had 4 hits. Tom DeRito, Ernie Martin and Mike Rassin chipped in with 3 hits apiece while everyone else on the team had at least 1 hit. For the banged up Nissan squad, they were led by Dan Sopchak who was 4 for 4 and scored 2 runs.

At Digillio field it was the Jack Hale show as he led Arlington Grill to an 8 - 1 victory over McHoul's. Jack pitched a complete game victory, allowing only 1 unearned run in the 1st inning. He also chipped in with 2 hits, one of which was a double. Dave Lewitz had 3 hits for the Grillers while John Ostuni, Bobby Darnell, Paul Storch and Tom Milholm had 2 hits apiece.

Next door at Whitesell, A&R Security was able to hold off a late rally by Michael's and defeat them by the score of 17 - 15. A&R was led by Jim 'Doc' Willoughby, Pat Rose, Joe Barbarito and Greg Miller who all went 3 for 3. Tony Scaduto was 3 for 4. Phil Chontos was the winning pitcher. For Michael's, they were led by Joe Broun who had 3 hits, including a Grand Slam home run and 4 RBI's. Tommy Mirande, Mike Lynch, Ray Smith and the incomparable Johnny B also had 3 hits apiece. Rod Whitby had 2 hits and 4 RBI's. Eddie Smilkstein and Tom Beck also had 2 hits each.

Doyle's defeated J&N at Sports Park Jr by the score of 19 - 9. For J&N Tom Giordano was the losing pitcher and Ed Bergamini was 3 for 4 while Doug McCracken, Roger Merritt, John Berricol, Tom Giordano, Jim Montross and Gary Rozell were all 2 for 4. Vic Feit was 2 for 3.

AUGUST 18, 2021

In an exciting game at Digilio field, Pizza Time held on to defeat McHoul's by the score of 22 - 18. Pizza Time scored 5 big runs in the top of the 8th inning to take a 22 - 15 lead but McHoul's had a big rally in the bottom of the 8th inning and scored 3 runs, and had the bases loaded when the last out was made to end their rally. For Pizza Time, Stan Silverman was 4 for 4 with a 2 run home run over the center fielder's head plus 2 doubles and a sacrifice fly. Joe Kupiec was 5 for 5 and Bill Kyle was 4 for 5 (batting for a unique cycle, walk, single, double and triple). Roger Simon, Keith McArthur and Bob Joy each had 3 hits, with one double apiece. Everyone on Pizza Time's team had at least 2 hits. Defensive players of the game for Pizza Time: Left fielder Bill Kyle made 4 or 5 GREAT running catches to prevent extra base hits and John 'Jack' Whyte made 2 GREAT catches of hard hit line drives at 2nd base to kill potential rallies by McHoul's. For the first time this year, Pizza Time was able to score in every inning and the bottom of the order scored 8 runs. For McHoul's, they had a number of defensive lapses as the 150 foot rule wreaked havoc on their defenders. Nevertheless they did have some positive offensive contributions. Frank Goberish and Steve Schmid both went 4 for 4. Gary DiMaggio, Dave Napolillo, Mark Girolamo, Charley Mellia and Jim Flood had 3 hits while Mark Joao and Mark Girolamo homered.

Over at Whitesell, in a hard fought slugfest, Doyle's was able to upset Poughkeepsie Nissan by a score of 22 - 13. Doyles was led by the hitting of Jeff Noe who went 5 for 5 with 5 RBI's and the original Mike Spinelli who was also 5 for 5 with 4 RBI's. Joe Prisco was 4 for 4 with 1 RBI while Bobby Wood was 4 for 5 with 3 RBI's and Russ Bock was 3 for 5 with 6 RBI's and another triple. Andy Burger was the winning pitcher, pitching a complete game. Nice playing on the refurbished Whitesell field. There was one unusual occurrence, Chris Edwards almost got a birdie when he hit a ball out to the right field fence. As outfielders ran to retrieve the ball, a Red Tailed Hawk sitting on the fence took off and sailed over the field to a tree on the driving range behind the 3rd base

bench. It then swooped down, picked off a squirrel then it flew back over the fence, crossed the field and disappeared over the golf course parking lot. For Nissan, Chris Edwards went 4 for 5 with Tony Dalia, Gene Daley and Rick Brettholtz chipping in with 3 hits apiece.

Down at Sports Park Sr, J&N was able to knock off Michael's by the score of 17 - 9. J&N flashed the leather with great defense from 3rd baseman Roger Merritt, shortstop Bert Owens and pitcher Tom 'the glove' Giordano. Hitting stars for J&N were Doug McCracken going 5 for 5 while Vic Feit, Gary Caporuscio and Pete Schwarze were all 3 for 4. Jaime Pagan was 3 for 5 with 2 doubles and a triple while Bert Owens was 3 for 4 with 2 home runs and a double. For Michael's, Joe Broun was 4 for 4 with 4 runs scored, Stan Smilkstein was 4 for 4 with 4 RBI's, Eddie Smilkstein and Rod Whitby both had 3 hits while Ray Smith, Big Mike Spinelli and Bert Keating had 2 hits apiece.

Finally over at Sports Park Jr, A&R Security ended Miller's 6 game winning streak and clinched the regular season title with a 19 - 5 victory. As usual it was the Phil Chontos show for A&R as he kept Miller's off balance in holding them to 5 runs. Tony Scaduto and Joe Hatch were both 4 for 4 to lead the A&R attack. Phil Chontos also was a perfect 3 for 3 while Joe Barbarito, Pat Rose, George Cole and Steve Morris each added 3 hits. George also had 4 RBI's. Miller's played the game shorthanded missing several big bats from their lineup with the remaining players playing to the best of their ability to give A&R a good game. Ralph Bondi, Joe Paolini and Mike Rassin each had 3 hits in the losing cause.

Editor's Note: The regular season champion has now been determined and I want to mention 2 guys who picked A&R to win in the pre-season poll. Jimmy D'Aleo picked A&R to win outright but I have a feeling it may have been a sympathy vote for me since we both endured a long season last year together when we finished last. The 2nd guy was almost clairvoyant in that he picked A&R and Arlington Grill to finish tied for first with Arlington winning the playoff game. Arlington Grill is tied for 2nd place after this

week. The guy with the crystal ball has seen a few softball games in his day, his name is Joe Broun. There are no prizes but congratulations to Jim and Joe.

AUGUST 11, 2021

At Digilio field, Miller's remains the hottest team in the league right now by winning their 6th straight game, holding off Michael's and winning by the score of 13 - 12. Miller's was led by the on-base machine, Ralph Bondi, who was 3 for 4. Joe Paoloni was also 3 for 4 while Chip Mulkins, Spider DeRito and Gerry Korey were 2 for 3 with one of Gerry's hits being a home run. Sammy Duke was also 2 for 3 with a grand slam home run. The team's defense was the key to winning the game. The winning pitchers were Sam Duke and Harvey Davis. It was a gritty effort by the undermanned Michaels squad who fought back from an early 10 - 2 deficit only to fall 1 run short in the 8th inning. For Michael's, Rod Whitby hit for the cycle with 5 hits and 6 RBI's. Shortstop Joe Broun had 4 hits along with Eddie Smilkstein while Stan Smilkstein had 3 hits.

On the new and improved Whitesell field, A&R Security clinched at least a tie for the regular season title by defeating Arlington Grill by the score of 13 - 9. A&R as usual was led by the pitching of Phil Chontos and his hitting also as Phil had 3 hits. Tony Scaduto, Paul Pless, Jim 'Doc' Willoughby and Joe Hatch all had 3 hits apiece. For the Grill, Danny Glum was like a surgeon with the bat spraying 5 hits all over the field. Dan Doyle and Lou Post had 3 hits apiece.

Over at Sports Park Sr. J&N defeated McHoul's by the score of 15 - 8. J&N played excellent defense led by their winning pitcher, Tom 'the glove' Giordano and shortstop Bert Owens. Offensively J&N was led by Roger Merritt who was 4 for 4, while Pete Schwarze, Bobby Thompson and Vic Feit were all 3 for 3. McHoul's started and ended

the game flat, attributing their poor effort to the heat. Only 6 guys were able to get 2 hits apiece with Mike Capra going a perfect 2 for 2. The other McHoul's players with 2 hits were Jim Flood, Charley Mellia, Mark Joao, Dave Napolillo and Joe DeMaria.

At Sports Park Jr, Poughkeepsie Nissan rallied to defeat Pizza Time by the score of 15 - 10. For Nissan, Art Tuminaro, Joe Karam and Chris Edwards all went 4 for 4. Winning pitcher Rick Bretholtz went 3 for 4 along with Gary Lasko and Dan Sopchak. For Pizza Time, Andy Endsley was 3 for 3 including a 2 run triple (and then scored the 5th run on an overthrow in the 4th inning to make the score 9 - 8 at the time). Carl Villegas was 3 for 3 with 2 doubles while Dan Dillon and Stan Silverman were also 3 for 3 and Bill Kyle was 2 for 3. Bob 'no walks' Joy pitched a really good game but a couple of fielding errors by his teammates made Bob the 'losing pitcher'. The defensive play of the game by Pizza Time was turned in by Bill Kyle who caught a deep fly on the warning track by the fence and as the runner on 3rd base tagged up to try to score, Bill threw the ball all the way to home plate on the fly and catcher John 'Jack' Whyte made the catch for the force out a half second before the runner stepped on home plate. A Great Double-Play!

AUGUST 4, 2021

In the 'new' and improved Whitesell field (Thank You John Ostuni), McHoul's and Poughkeepsie Nissan battled in a pitcher's duel until the very last out. Nissan held McHoul's to only 1 run over the first 5 innings. After taking a 6 - 1 lead in the top of the 6th, McHoul's answered with 5 in the bottom half of the inning to tie the score. McHoul's scored 1 run in the 7th to take the lead but Gary Lasko hit a towering 2 run home run in the top of the 8th to put Nissan ahead. With two on and two out, Rick Wetzel went deep to score the final 2 runs. A great game for both sides as we

christened the new Whitesell. Jim Flood and Charley Mellia had 3 hits apiece for McHoul's but this was truly a team effort. For Nissan, Gary Lasko went 4 for 4, one of which was the aforementioned 2 run homer. Russ Gilmore went 3 for 4 with a triple while Mike Vuozzo also chipped in with 3 hits.

Next door at Digilio, Michael's won a shootout with Doyle's by the score of 21 - 20. Stan Smilkstein was the one man wrecking crew this week, winning the game with a 3 run home run in the bottom of the 8th inning with 2 outs. Stan had 5 hits on the day including 2 home runs and 8 RBI's. B-man Edwards had 4 hits along with Mike Lynch. Joe Broun, Tom Beck and Bert Keating (winning pitcher) contributed 3 hits apiece along with Johnny B who also had 3 hits.

Down at Sports Park Jr, J&N took care of business, defeating a shorthanded Arlington Grill squad by the score of 18 - 8 behind the pitching of Tom Giordano. J&N was led by strong infield defense from Roger Merritt, Bert Owens, Gary Rozell and Bobby Thompson. Offensively J&N was led by Bob Hahn who was 4 for 4 with a double and a triple and Ed Bergamini who was also 4 for 4. Gary Rozell, Jim Montross, Jaime Pagan, Tom Giordano and Vic Feit all contributed 3 hits apiece for the winners. Arlington Grill was led by Richie Sicardo who had 4 hits, all of which were doubles. John Deegan also chipped in with 3 hits for the Grill men.

At Sports Park Sr, Phil Chontos had his good 'sinker' going today, only allowing 1 outfield fly ball as A&R Security bounced back from their first loss to defeat Pizza Time by the score of 18 - 0. Superb infield defense was provided by Joe Pennachio, Joe Hatch, Jim 'Doc' Willoughby, Paul Pless and Joe Barbarito. Offensively A&R was led by Lou Rosenberg, Mike Jaffe, Joe Pennachio, Joe Barbarito, Jim Willoughby, Tony Scaduto and Steve Morris all of whom had 3 hits. Paul Pless was on base 4 times with 2 hits and 2 walks. For Pizza Time Donny Black, Dan Dillon and Carl Villegas were all 2 for 3. 5 batters batted 1 for 3. Defensively, after giving up 14 runs in the first 3 innings, Pizza Time held A&R to only 4 runs over the next 4 innings. Outfielders Stan Silverman,

Donny Black and Roger Simon made some very good catches and 2nd baseman Joe Kupiec made 2 great defensive plays in the bottom of the 7th inning, first he caught a hard hit line drive and then Joe fielded a ground ball between him and first baseman Andy Endsley and Joe quickly threw the ball OVER Andy's head to pitcher Bob Joy, who was alertly covering at 1st base for the out.

JULY 28, 2021

A&R Security fell from the unbeaten ranks today losing to J&N by the score of 15 - 14. A&R was winning by the score of 11 - 1 going into the bottom of the 5th when the J&N bats came alive, scoring 14 runs over the next 4 innings, winning the game with a 4 run bottom of the 8th. The winning pitcher was Jaime Pagan and the star defensive player was Jim Montross, making 6 catches out in Right Field. Offensively J&N was led by Doug McCracken and Roger Merritt who were both 4 for 4. Bob Hahn was 3 for 4 with a triple while Bobby Thompson was also 3 for 4. Vic Feit was 3 for 3 and Bert Owens was 2 for 4, crushing a Grand Slam homer in the 6th inning. For A&R, Joe Barbarito led the way going 4 for 4 while playing outstanding defense at third base.

Over at Sports Park Sr, Michael's broke open a close game after 5 innings and escaped the basement by defeating Pizza Time by the score of 23 - 16. Rod Whitby was a one man wrecking crew with 5 hits, including 2 home runs, 2 doubles and a triple, Big Mike Spinelli also had 5 hits with 2 triples and 4 RBI's. Joe Broun had 4 hits along with Stan Smilkstein who hit a home run and had 6 RBI's. Eddie Smilkstein, Mike Lynch, Mike Muffs (who was also the winning pitcher) and Antonio Molina had 3 hits each. Michael's played the first 4 innings of the game with 8 guys until another player showed up. For Pizza Time, Donny Black and Bill Kyle were both 4 for 5 with 2 doubles and Bob Joy also batted 4 for 5. Roger Simon was 3 for 4 while Stan Silverman was 3 for 5 with a

double and a triple. Carl Villegas and Joe Kupiec also were 3 for 5 for Pizza Time. Defensively Bob Joy caught 3 hard hit line drive come-backers to the mound and outfielders Roger Simon, Bill Kyle and Donny Black made good catches of deep fly balls. Pizza Time lacked timely 'key hits' and left 10 baserunners stranded on the bases.

Over at 'Baby Beale', Miller's, the hottest team in the league, won its 5th game in a row by knocking off Arlington Grill by the score of 18 - 9. For Miller's it was a good all around offensive effort with the team rapping out 28 hits. Joe Paoloni was 4 for 4 and Bob Crabtree was 3 for 3 while Ernie Martin was 3 for 4 with 2 doubles.

At Sports Park Jr, McHoul's came back from a 1 run deficit going into the 8th inning to score 9 runs and held Doyle's scoreless in the bottom of the 8th to beat them by a score of 20 - 12.

McHoul's batted around in the 8th inning scoring throughout the lineup. Charley Mellia, Dave Napolillo and Rick Wetzal were all 4 for 5 while Rick McKinney had 3 timely hits to keep rallies going. Jim Flood and Mark Joao also had 3 hits apiece.

JULY 23, 2021

At Sports Park Jr field, Pizza Time broke a 4 game losing streak in a big way today, exploding out of their recent batting slump, to defeat J&N by the score of 24 - 12. The 'most offensive players' for Pizza Time were Donny Black who was 6 for 6 while Carl Villegas, Dan Dillon, Joe Kupiec and Frankie Roberts were all 5 for 6. Jack Whyte was 4 for 6 with 2 other players going 3 for 6 and another 2 players going 2 for 6 so every player in the lineup had at least 2 hits. Bob 'No Walks' Joy was the winning pitcher. For J&N, they were led by Doug McCracken, Roger Merritt and Jaime Pagan who each went 3 for 5 while Gary Rozell and Gary Caporuscio were both 3 for 4.

Over at Digilio, what started as a neck and neck game eventually turned Arlington Grill's way as they defeated Poughkeepsie Nissan by the score of 19 - 7. The Arlington Grill attack was led by John Ostuni, Bob Badgley, Tom Milholm and Dan Doyle who all had 4 hits, one of Dan Doyle's was a home run. Dan Glum, Jim Ranucci and Lou Post had 3 hits apiece. Jim 'Doc' Ranucci was the winning pitcher. For Nissan, Gary Lasko, Mike Vuozzo, Rick Brettholtz and Joe Karam contributed 2 hits apiece.

Up at College Hill, A&R Security remained unbeaten, knocking off McHoul's by the score of 15 - 2. It was pitching and defense which led A&R today as Phil Chontos kept the McHoul's attack off balance and the infield of Joe Pennachio, Jim 'Doc' Willoughby, Paul Pless and Joe Barbarito played superb defense behind him even though they were playing with no mid-fielder. Hitting wise, Jim Willoughby had 4 more RBI's including 2 where he walked with the bases loaded but because he was one of the designated 'no intentional walk' guys, ended up going to 2nd base and getting 2 RBI's on the play. Paul Pless, Phil Chontos and Steve Morris all had 3 hits apiece while Pat Rose contributed 3 RBI's to the effort. For McHoul's, Steven Schmid was 3 for 3 while Charley Mellia and Rick Wetzel were both 2 for 3. There was one scary play when Dave Napolillo broke or dislocated his finger sliding into 3rd base for a triple. The finger was able to be popped back into place and despite the discomfort, Dave finished the game. Thanks for the spirit Dave!

JULY 21, 2021

In a game played at College Hill, McHoul's defeated Michael's by the score of 15 - 11. It was a game with 2 halves. Michael's dominated the first 4 innings, scoring 10 of their 11 runs. McHoul's scored 12 of their 15 runs in the last 3 innings, scoring 5 in the 8th

inning to seal the deal. Mark Joao, Dave Napolillo, Frank Goberish and Rick Wetzel all had 3 hits apiece while Dave went long ball, slugging a double and a triple. Steve Schmid and Gary DiMaggio got timely hits in the important 7th inning to keep the line moving. The game was tough on the offenses because of having to play with the 70 ft bases at College Hill. We would suggest that teams playing there bring extra portable bases to make the necessary adjustments to our normal base lengths. For Michael's, Mike Lynch had 4 hits while Eddie Smilkstein, B-Man Edwards and Johnny B. all had 3 hits.

Over at Sports Park Jr , Miller's (my pre-season pick) is averaging over 20 runs a game the last 3 games as they blasted Pizza Time by the score of 20 - 4. No highlights were available for Miller's. For Pizza Time, Frank Roberts was 3 for 3 with a double. Keith McArthur was 2 for 2 with a sacrifice fly. Stan Silverman and Carl Villegas were both 2 for 3 while Tim Collopy and Donny Black were 2 for 4. Since Pizza Time only made 2 or 3 errors, this game was essentially a really good 'Batting Practice' for the Miller's players.

Coined 'Great Lakes' Sports Park (Sports Park Sr) by Jack Hale, Arlington Grill defeated Doyle's by the score of 9 - 3 in a tight defensive game. For the Grill, Dan Doyle had 3 hits, 2 of which were triples. John Deegan also had 3 hits. John Ostuni had 2 hits, one of which was a home run along with Tom Milholm who also had 2 hits. Jack Hale was the winning pitcher with Jim 'Doc' Ranucci coming in for the save. For Doyle's, manager Russ Bock stated that the game was closer then the final score indicates, with lots of good defensive plays on both sides. Both teams can't wait to play each other again.

At Digilio field, A&R Security remained unbeaten with a 19 - 8 victory over Poughkeepsie Nissan. A&R was led by Jim 'Doc' Willoughby who came up '4's with a 4 for 4 game, 4 runs scored and 4 RBI's. Pat Rose was also 4 for 4 with a home run and 2 RBI's. Paul Pless, Joe Barbarito and Mike Jaffe had 3 hits apiece. Phil Chontos was the

winning pitcher. For Nissan, Gary Lasko and Frank Navarra both went 3 for 3. On the mound Rick Brettholtz went the distance and also contributed 2 hits.

JULY 16, 2021

On a scorching day at Sports Park Jr, Stan Zmudzinski pitched a complete game leading Doyle's to a 16 - 2 victory over Pizza Time. Offensively the Doyle's attack was led by Bobby Wood and Bob Cotter who both went 5 for 6. Mike Spinelli was 4 for 4 with a walk and Gary Landman was 5 for 5. Jeff Noe made a diving catch in Left Field to end a potential rally. Russ Bock returned to first base for the first time this year and made a diving play to snare a line drive and on another play, leaped to snare a liner over his head at first and tagged out a runner at first for a double play. His manager said it was just what the team needed. For Pizza Time, Donny Black was 3 for 4, Bill Kyle was 2 for 4 with 2 doubles and Stan Silverman (with 1 double over the fence), Dan Dillon and Tim Collopy had 2 hits each.

Over at Sports Park Sr., after a long tough 10 innings of play, Poughkeepsie Nissan managed to defeat J&N by the score of 15 - 12. George Hammer led the Nissan attack going 4 for 4 while Gary Lasko, Russ Gilmore, Joe DiChiarra and Chris Edwards all contributed 3 hits apiece to the effort. Joe DiChiarra went the distance on the mound for the win.

Miller's scored in the bottom of the 8th inning to win a close game against McHoul's by the score of 17 - 16. For Miller's, Bob Diggelman hit a home run on Digilio field. Ernie Martin had the walk off hit in the bottom of the 8th for Miller's. For McHoul's, Dave Napolillo went 4 for 4 with a home run, Mark Girolamo went 3 for 4 and Mark Joao limped to 2 triples. Mike O'Roark made some good defensive plays at first base in the

late innings to keep the game close. For McHoul's the game took a turn for the worse when shortstop Rich Rella had to leave the game with a hamstring injury in the 3rd inning.

At 'Baby Beale' field, Arlington Grill solidified their hold on 2nd place with a 22 - 7 victory over Michaels. For the Grill, John Deegan had 4 hits, Dan Doyle, Dan Glum, John Ostuni, Rich Sicardo, Bob Badgley, Jim Ranucci and Dan Zoller all had 3 hits. Jack Hale was the winning pitcher. For Michael's, Mike Lynch had 4 hits and 3 RBI's, Big Mike Spinelli, Joe Broun, Rod Whitby and Mike Muffs had 2 hits apiece.

JULY 14, 2021

In a game at Sports Park Jr. in which several players from both teams went yard, Michael's snapped a 4 game losing streak with a come from behind seesaw 17 - 14 win over Poughkeepsie Nissan. Michael's was led by Joe Broun, Stan Smilkstein and Mike Lynch with 4 hits, Rod Whitby also had 4 hits with 4 RBI's . Eddie Smilkstein and Tommy Mirande had 3 hits apiece. Bert Keating was the winning pitcher. For Poughkeepsie Nissan, Dan Sopchak, Gary Lasko, George Hammer, Chris Edwards and Mike Vuozzo all contributed 3 hits apiece and accounted for 12 of the Pok Nissan's 14 runs.

Over at Sports Park Sr., A&R Security shook off the rust from the last few weeks of cancellations to remain unbeaten and came from behind to defeat Doyle's by a score of 9 - 6. A&R tied the game at 4 - 4 in the top of the 6th but Doyle's fought back to take the lead in the bottom of the inning scoring 2 runs to take a 6 - 4 lead. A&R then exploded for a 5 spot in the top of the 7th and held on from there for the victory. Pat Rose led the attack with a screaming triple to right field and added a game high 4 RBI's. Tony Scaduto, Jim 'Doc' Willoughby, Joe Barbarito and Lou Rosenberg all

contributed with 2 hits apiece. Phil Chontos was the winning pitcher and also added a double to drive in 2 runs.

At Digilio, Arlington Grill moved back into 2nd place with a 12 - 7 victory over Pizza Time. For the Grill, Danny Glum had 4 hits, John Ostuni and John Deegan had 3 hits. Jack Hale was the winning pitcher. For Pizza Time, Roger Simon, Dan Dillon and Carl Villegas were all 3 for 4. Donny Black, Stan Silverman and Keith McArthur were 2 for 3 with each adding a sacrifice fly. Bill Kyle and Andy Endsley were 2 for 4. Left fielder Bill Kyle made 5 or 6 good catches in Left field including 3 great running catches in the 3rd inning....one-two-three consecutive batters out.

JUNE 25, 2021

On Digilio field, in a hard fought defensive game, Poughkeepsie Nissan edged Miller's by the score of 9 - 8. Nissan was led by shortstop Dan Sopchak who was 4 for 4 and scored 3 runs. Joe DiChiara was the hero for Poughkeepsie Nissan, doubling home the winning run in the bottom of the 8th inning. Ralph Bondi was his usual on-base machine self, going 4 for 4 for Miller's.

At Whitesell, J&N defeated Doyle's by the score of 19 - 11 behind the pitching of Tom Giordano. Offensively J&N was led by Jamie Pagan who went 5 for 5. Bobby Thompson, Ed Bergamini, Tom Giordano, Bob Hahn, Gary Caporuscio and Vic Feit all went 3 for 4.

At Sports Park Sr, McHoul's fell back into a 2nd place tie by losing to Arlington Grill by the score of 10 - 8. McHoul's bats were relatively silent but they were led by Mark Joao who was 3 for 3 with a homer. Charley Mellia and Mark Girolamo both went 2 for 3 with

one of Mark's hits being a triple. Arlington Grill was led by Danny Glum who had 3 hits and Rich Sicardo who hit a home run. Jack Hale was the winning pitcher.

On Sports Park Jr, A&R Security took advantage of a shorthanded Michael's squad, defeating them by the score of 26 - 11. A&R was led by Jim 'Doc' Willoughby who was 4 for 4 with 5 RBI's. He now has 25 RBI's in just 6 games. George Cole and Steve Morris were also 4 for 4. Tony Scaduto, Mike Jaffe, Joe Barbarito and Phil Chontos were 3 for 4 with Phil's streak of 12 consecutive hits being snapped in his last at bat. (Do you know the Major League record for most consecutive hits - answer below) Joe Hatch provided the web gem of the day for A&R , backhanding a laser beam hit by Rod Whitby and throwing him out at first. For Michael's Tom Mirande had 4 hits and 5 RBI's, B-Man Edwards and Rod Whitby had 3 hits, Joe Broun and Stan Smilkstein had 2 hits with Stan driving in 4 runs.

Trivia answer - The Major League record for most consecutive hits is 12 held by 3 people, Walt Dropo (1952), Pinky Higgins (1938) and Johnny Kling (1902)

JUNE 16, 2021

At Sports Park Jr Doyle's was able to knock off Poughkeepsie Nissan by the score of 16 - 10. For Doyle's Al Hicks was 3 for 3 with an inside the park HR along with a double and a single. Lou Rossi was also 3 for 3 with a triple, double and single as was Jeff Noe who was 3 for 3 with a double. Russ Bock was 2 for 3 with 2 doubles. Andy Burger was the winning pitcher pitching a complete game. For Poughkeepsie Nissan, they were led by Gene Daley who was 5 for 5. Gary Lasko and Chris Edwards each contributed 4 hits to the Nissan attack.

Over at Sports Park Little League field (because the Senior field was unplayable), McHoul's combined timely hitting with tight defense to defeat Pizza Time by the score of 16 - 6. For McHoul's, Mark Joao and Steve Schmid led the offense with both going 4 for 4 while Mark Girolamo, Jim Flood, Dave Napolillo and Frank Goberish all contributed 3 hits apiece. A few key double plays helped pitchers Mike Capra and Jim Flood hold down the Pizza Time attack. For Pizza Time, Andy Endsley was 2 for 2 and Tim Collopy was 1 for 1 with 2 Sac. flies. Bill Kyle was 2 for 3 with a double and a triple along with Roger Simon, Dan Dillon and Keith McArthur who were all 2 for 3. Catcher Frankie Roberts was the 'Defensive Player of the Game' for Pizza Time - getting a runner OUT at home plate after alertly retrieving an errant throw halfway down the first base line and later catching a foul tip pop up by the backstop fence with his back to home plate.

Over at Digilio, Michael's lost another tight extra inning game, this time to J&N by the score of 12 - 11 in 9 innings. Michael's fought back from a 6 run hole to actually take the lead 9 - 7 going into the bottom of the 8th inning but J&N tied it and then won it in the bottom of the 9th with 2 outs. Michael's was led by Rod Whitby who had 3 hits along with Tommy Mirande who had 3 hits and 4 RBI's. Big Mike Spinelli also had 3 hits along with Ray Smith and Mike Lynch hit a home run.

Forced to move to 'Baby Beale' (as Jack Hale so aptly named it) after Whitesell was declared unplayable (again?). A&R Securities remained unbeaten knocking off Miller's by the score of 14 - 2. Phil Chontos was again the 'King', pitching a shutout until there was 2 outs in the 8th inning before Miller's finally broke through with their 2 runs. Phil was also 3 for 3 and now has had 9 straight hits over the last 2 games. Tony Scaduto and Steve Morris were both 4 for 4 for A&R while Jim 'Doc'Willoughby made a couple highlight reel defensive plays and also had 3 more RBI's and now has 20 after only 5 games.

JUNE 11, 2021

At Sports Park Jr, Phil Chontos was a reincarnation of Eddie Feigner with 6 hits and taking away at least 6 hits up the middle and leading a short handed A&R Security squad to an extra inning 16 - 15 victory over Arlington Grill. After the 2nd inning, A&R played with no infielder and 3 outfielders. Phil was 6 for 6 hitting, Pat Rose and Steve Morris had 5 hits and Joe Pennachio had 4 hits. George Cole drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 9th to secure the victory. A&R trailed 9 - 1 in the 2nd inning but finally caught up in the bottom of the 7th and after both teams were unable to score in the 8th inning, Arlington put up 1 run in the top of the 9th but A&R countered with 2 runs in the bottom of the inning for the walkoff win. For Arlington Grill, John Ostuni had 5 hits while Dan Doyle and Danny Glum had 4 hits apiece.

At Beale field Pizza Time and Poughkeepsie Nissan played a tight game with Pizza Time hanging on for a 13 - 12 win. For Pizza Time, Donny Black, Danny Dillon and Bill Kyle were all 4 for 4 with Bill hitting 3 doubles. Tim Collopy was 1 for 2 with 2 Sac flies. Shortstop Danny Dillon and Left fielder Bill Kyle made several key defensive plays including throwing 2 runners out at home plate and 2 runners out at third base. With the tying run at third base and the winning run at first base in the bottom of the last inning, Dan Dillon caught a hard line drive for the 2nd out and then caught a hard hit ground ball and threw to 2nd baseman Stan Silverman for a game ending force out. Andy Endsley was the winning pitcher. In 5 games, this is the 3rd one run game that Pizza Time has been involved in. For Poughkeepsie Nissan, Chris Edwards and Gary Lasko were both 4 for 4. Tony Dalia, Russ Gilmore and Mike Vuozzo were all 3 for 4.

At Sports Park Sr, Michael's fought back the whole game, finally tying Miller's in the bottom of the last inning only to lose another high scoring game in extra innings by the score of 25 - 20. Eddie Smilkstein led Michael's with 5 hits including 3 doubles, Joe

Broun had 4 hits, Rod Whitby had 4 hits with 5 RBI's and Mike Lynch had 4 hits with 3 RBI's. Tom Beck also had 4 hits while Ray Smith and Stan Smilkstein each had 3 hits.

At Digilio field, McHoul's moved into 2nd place by defeating J&N by the score of 12 - 1. For McHoul's, Jim Flood and Mark Girolamo led the offense with 3 hits apiece but this was a game won by the defense. All defensive positions played flawlessly but the infield of Mellia, Rella, Joao, DiMaggio and Goberish played a superb game behind the pitching combo of Capra and Flood to hold J&N to just 1 run in the game.

JUNE 2, 2021

With this weekend's rain causing havoc with the fields, a shorthanded Arlington Grill squad was knocked from the unbeaten ranks losing a close game to J&N by the score of 11 - 9. The game was played at 'Baby' Beale field. For the Grill, Tom Milholm had 4 hits, and Dan Doyle, John Ostuni and Rich Sicardo all had 3 hits.

In a wild game down at Sports Park, Michael's lost another close game, this time Doyle's held on to defeat them by the score of 16 - 15. Michael's rallied for 4 runs in the 8th inning and had bases loaded and 2 outs but could not manage to get in the tying run. Michael's was led by Joe Broun with 4 hits, Eddie Smilkstein had 3 hits along with Mike Lynch, Big Mike Spinelli, Mike Muffs and Stan Smilkstein. Stan also had 4 RBI's. Doyle's was led by Bob Cotter, Bobby Wood, Tony Rao and Joe Prisco who all went 3 for 4. The winning run was driven in by Russ Bock's triple. Andy Burger pitched a great game for Doyle's

In a tight pitcher's duel at Digilio field, A&R Security was able to defeat Pizza Time by the score of 9 - 6. A&R played very well defensively even with a 3 man outfield.

Offensively A&R was led by Tony Scaduto who had 3 hits including a double and a triple. Jim Willoughby also had 3 hits and 3 RBI's. Phil Chontos was the winning pitcher. For Pizza Time, Keith McArthur and Carl Villegas were both 3 for 3, while Dan Dillon and Stan Silverman were both 3 for 4. Steve Lynch was the losing pitcher, giving up 2 runs in the 1st inning but was 'ecstatic', 'elated', 'euphoric' not to mention 'on cloud 9' to strike out Steve Morris looking in the first inning. Bob Joy pitched the last 4 innings in relief holding A&R scoreless in the 6th, 7th and 8th innings to keep the game close.

At Sports Park Jr McHouls defeated Poughkeepsie Nissan by the score of 15 - 7. McHoul's played a solid defensive game while getting some timely hits. Jim Flood went 4 for 4 while Mark Girolamo was 3 for 3 with a Sac fly and Mark Joao was 3 for 3 with a walk. Mike O'Roark and Gary DiMaggio chipped in with 3 hits apiece. Mike Capra pitched well, holding Nissan to 3 runs until the last inning. For Poughkeepsie Nissan, Tony Dalia was 4 for 4 and Gary Lasko and Rick Bretholtz were 3 for 4.



A&R and Pizza Time players paid a memorial tribute to three Softball League players who died in 2020 and 2021: Nick Perrelle, Henry Butts, and Howie Mann. This flagpole was erected in memory of Henry Butts in 2020.



Andy Endsley paid a special tribute to Howie Mann, who died recently.

MAY 26, 2021

At Sports Park Sr. field, Mike Jaffe broke a 17 all tie with a home run leading off the bottom of the 7th inning and A&R Security went on to score 4 more runs and knocked off J&N by the score of 22 - 17. A&R was led by Joe Pennachio who was 4 for 4 with 3 RBI's, Jim Willoughby was 4 for 5 with 5 RBI's and Tony Scaduto was 4 for 5 scoring 4 runs and driving in 3 runs. Phil Chontos was the winning pitcher.

Next door at Sports Park Jr., Arlington Grill defeated a shorthanded Miller's squad (9 players) by a score of 20 - 8. Everyone on Arlington Grill had at least 2 hits and the Grillers batted .817 as a team. Jack Hale and Jim Thorne shared pitching duties with

Jack Hale getting the win. The undermanned Miller's played well and were led by Ralph Bondi who was 4 for 4 with 3 triples, Chip Mulkins had 2 doubles and Mike Rassin and Gerry Korey had 3 hits apiece.

In a high scoring affair at Digilio field, Michael's came from behind with 6 runs in the bottom of the 8th inning and defeated Pizza Time by the score of 19 - 18. Ray Smith was the hero for Michael's with a walk off double. Joe Broun had 4 hits for Michael's, Rod Whitby had 3 hits, 2 home runs and 4 RBI's. Tommy Mirande had 3 hits, a home run and 3 RBI's, Mike Lynch had 3 hits and 3 RBI's, Big Mike Spinelli had 3 hits as did Mike Muffs and Stan Smilkstein. Mike Muffs was also the winning pitcher. For Pizza Time Bill Kyle was 4 for 4 with 2 triples and a double, Stan Silverman was also 4 for 4 with a double while Roger Simon, Donny Black, Dan Dillon, Tim Collopy, Keith McArthur, Bob Joy and Jack Whyte were all 3 for 4. As a team offensively Pizza Time was 37 for 56 for a .660 team batting average but unfortunately were just unable to get some key outs in the bottom of the 8th.

At Whitesell, Doyle's got their first win of the year defeating McHoul's by the score of 14 - 7. For Doyle's Bob Cotter was 2 for 3 with a triple, Bobby Wood was 2 for 2 with a walk, Gary Landman was 2 for 3 with 2 doubles, Lou Rossi, the original Mike Spinelli, Russ Bock and Andy Burger all went 2 for 3 with Andy pitching the complete game victory.

MAY 19, 2021

At Sports Park Sr. field, A&R Security only scored in 3 of the 8 innings but it was enough to hold off a late rally by Poughkeepsie Nissan and defeat them by the score of 11 - 8. A&R was led by Pat Rose who was 4 for 4. Phil Chontos and Steve Morris

chipped in with 3 hits apiece while Joe Hatch, Tony Scaduto, Lou Rosenberg, Joe Pennachio and Lou DiCocco all had 2 hits.

Next door at the Sports Park Jr field, McHoul's had their way with Michael's, defeating them by the score of 25 - 11. The Michael's attack was led by B-man Edwards and Tommy Mirande who each had 4 hits. Eddie Smilkstein, Big Mike Spinelli , Mike Muffs and Stan Smilkstein had 2 hits apiece.

At Digilio field, Arlington Grill broke open a nip and tuck, gritty game by scoring 2 runs in the top of the 8th inning after Doyle's had tied the game with a 5 run bottom of the 7th and held on to defeat Doyle's by a score of 11 - 9. For Arlington Dan Glum, Dan Doyle, John Ostuni and Rich Sicardo all had 3 hits. Jim Thorne was the winning pitcher. Doyle's was led by Andy Burger who was 3 for 3 and Russ Bock who was 2 for 3 with another triple.

At Whitesell field, Pizza Time came from 4 runs down to tie the score in the 8th inning and then won it in extra innings, defeating Miller's by a score of 16 - 15. For Miller's Joe Paoloni was 4 for 4 while Ralph Bondi was 3 for 4 with a grand slam homer. For Pizza Time, Tim Collopy was 4 for 4 , Bob Joy was 3 for 3 and Bill Kyle was 4 for 5 with a triple. Andy Endsley, Roger Simon and Don Black with a triple were 3 for 5. Pizza Time kept it close by throwing 2 runners out at home plate. Andy Endsley and Bob Joy split pitching duties and had 4 shutout innings. Frank Roberts was the hero for Pizza Time, driving in the winning run in the bottom of the 9th inning.

MAY 12, 2021

The first round of games was completed this morning at Digilio Field as A&R Security defeated Doyle's by the score of 23 - 14. A&R played the game shorthanded, fielding only 8 players with the Doyle's team graciously providing a catcher for us. The A&R attack was led by Pat Rose who had 5 hits including a booming 3 run home run. Jim Willoughby, Tony Scaduto and Steve Morris also chipped in with 5 hits apiece. Lou Rosenberg added 3 hits along with Phil Chontos, who pitched the complete game victory. Doyle's was led by the original Mike Spinelli who was 3 for 3. Russ Bock, Andy Burger, Bob Cotter, Jeff Noe, Tony Rao, Lou Rossi and Bobby Wood were all 2 for 3, with one of Russ's hits being a triple.

MAY 07, 2021

At Sports Park Jr, Miller's started the season off with a convincing 17 - 0 defeat of J&N. Sammy Duke pitched a complete game shutout for Miller's.

At Sports Park Senior, Arlington Grill used the top of their order to score 5 runs on 3 separate occasions and defeated Pizza Time by a score of 19 - 10. The Arlington attack was led by John Deegan who had 4 hits, Danny Glum, Richie Sicardo, Don Mulhare, Bob Badgley and John Ostuni had 3 hits apiece. One of John's hits was a grand slam homer. Jack Hale was the winning pitcher. For Pizza Time, Bob Joy and Tim Collopy were 3 for 4, Keith McArthur was 2 for 3 with a Sac fly, Bill Kyle was 2 for 4 with 2 doubles and Danny Dillon was on base all 4 of his at bats with 2 walks and 2 hits. Defensively Pizza Time played well, making only 2 or 3 errors but the top of the order for Arlington carried the day, accounting for 18 of their 19 runs.

Over at Whitesell Field I was able to watch the end of the game as Poughkeepsie Nissan came back from being 1 run down in the top of the 8th inning by scoring 8 runs. They were then able to hang on in the bottom of the inning and defeated the mighty Michael's by the score of 27 - 23. Leading the way for Nissan was Joe DiChiara and Dan Sopchak who both went 5 for 5. Gary Lasko, Mike Vuozzo, Tony Dalia, Chris Edwards and Russ Gilmore all chipped in with 4 hits apiece. In all Nissan wrapped out 42 hits. Michael's was led by Rod Whitby who had 5 hits, Joe Broun and Mike Lynch had 4 hits, Tommy Mirande also had 4 hits with a HR and 4 RBI's. Big Mike Spinelli had 3 hits and 5 RBI's while B-man Edwards also chipped in with 3 hits.

MAY 1, 2021

With great anticipation, here are the results of the first ever Hudson Valley Senior Softball league preseason poll. Probably to know one's surprise, Michael's was a clear winner more than doubling the next closest team which was J&N who was then followed by Arlington Grill and then Pizza Time which we will put an * next to and I'll explain below. Here are the totals out of 27 votes received:

Michael's: 13

J&N: 6

Arlington Grill: 3 1/2

* Pizza Time: 3

A&R Securities: 1 1/2

The asterisk next to Pizza Time involves their manager resorting to intimidation tactics by threatening to bench any player who does not vote for his team. (He shall remain

nameless though the initials are SL.) I immediately had to amend the rules and suggest that people not vote for their own team or at least add a 2nd team that looked strong. There were a number of comments touting Michael's such as 'Michael's is loaded', 'a balanced league except for Michael's' and 'Michael's overall lineup will beat out J&N in the end'. J&N also received some 2nd place votes (3) along with A&R and Miller's who received one apiece. Obviously one voter split his vote saying Arlington Grill and A&R would tie for first but he did add that he thought Arlington Grill would win the playoffs. Here is a little preview of all the teams with my thoughts on them as we get ready to enter a new season.

Michael's is certainly deserving of all the attention they got in the poll. They literally have a 'murderer's row' starting with 3 legends of the league dating back to the Fishkill days with Joe Broun, Tommy Mirande and Stan Smilkstein. Then you add in Eddie Smilkstein, Mike Lynch and cap it off with Rod Whitby who is a rare blend of power and speed and that is a pretty formidable lineup. Manager Stan Smilkstein is very concerned about his outfield defense but they almost certainly will put a lot of runs on the board and will win their share of high scoring games.

J&N got a lot of support and rightfully so. Their lineup is deep, led by Bert Owens and Roger Merritt but the key might be 2 newcomers to the league in Tom Giordano and Pete Schwarze. If they are strong contributors then J&N will be tough to beat.

Arlington Grill is the defending regular season champion and they are led by John Ostuni. The highest rating we have for players in the draft is AA but John could legitimately earn a AAA rating, he is that good. They have a deep pool of players and now I was informed this morning that they have added Paul Anderson as a replacement player. Paul was a terrific player when I played with him many years ago so Arlington looks even stronger now.

I'm not really sure why Miller's didn't get more love. Their lineup starts with Ralph Bondi who is literally an 'on base machine'. Then you add in last year's unofficial co-rookie of the year Gerry Korey (along with Bill Kyle), Joe Paoloni, Tom DeRito, Chip Mulkins and Mike Rassin and they will certainly win their share of games.

Doyle's has a hitting attack that pounds right field and that can be gold in the Wednesday league. Jeff Noe, Lou Rossi, Bob Cotter and Russ Bock all hit the ball hard to the right side.

Pizza Time has the aforementioned Bill Kyle who if he can stay healthy is a premier player in this league. As long as their manager doesn't bench too many players they will be in the hunt.

Poughkeepsie Nissan has another legend from the Fishkill days in Gary Lasko who has become a defensive force as a 'rover' in the field along with being a lethal hitter who punishes right fielders. Joe DiChiara, Russ Gilmore and Mike Vuozzo helps fill a solid lineup for them.

McHoul's is managed by Jim Flood who took over for Al Marotta this year. Jim will have Charley Mellia, Rich Rella and Mark Girolamo along with the 'commissioner' Rick Wetzel at the top of his order.

My team is A&R Securities and we should be OK though we recently learned that our starting shortstop (Paul Pless) is going to be leaving us earlier than expected as he is moving to Florida. Good for him, bad for us.

As one voter put it, "any number of teams could win it and anything could and usually does happen." An injury to a key player can change a team's fortunes overnight. The good news is its May, the weather is turning nicer and we all get to play a game we've loved since we were little kids. What could be better! Let's play ball! — Steve