

## OCTOBER 4, 2023

On a gorgeous Fall day at Whitesell field, J&N became the playoff champion for the Wednesday league by defeating A&R Security by the score of 24-20. J&N was led by Bill Kyle who went 4-4 with 3 doubles and 1 triple. Jamie Pagan and Dave Lowitz were 3-3 with a walk and sacrifice fly. Mike Capra, Angelo Digregrio and Tom Giordano had 2 hits apiece for J&N. A&R was down 24-9 in the 7th inning but scored 11 runs in the last 2 innings to make it a close game. George Hammer was the winning pitcher today and won the last 6 games he pitched.

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## SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

In a game moved down to Stitzel field, A&R Security defeated Arlington Grill by the score of 16 - 11. For Arlington Grill: Ralph Bondi, Rod Whitby, Bob Diggelman, Tom Mirande, Ed Bergamini, Dick Michels, Jack Hale and Harvey Davis all had 2 hits. 2 of Rod's were home runs and one of Bob's was a home run. No highlights at this time from A&R Security.

At Digilio field, led by Lou Post, John Cacciola, Tom Giordano and Mo Ragusa with 3 hits apiece, J&N beat Restaurant Runners by the score of 20-18. The winning pitcher was George Hammer. Dave Lowitz, Doug MacCracken, Joe Pennachio, Joe Karam and Angelo Digregorio supported the win with 2 hits each.

Per Chris Edwards, a tough fought battle between two evenly matched teams, J&N held on to beat a tough Restaurant Runners team that won 9 of its last 10 games and 8 straight wins. Game started out with RR scoring one run in the top of the first Danny Diesing crushed a triple and Reggie Dolson drove him in. RR left two runners on base.

J&N came back and put up 3 runs in the bottom half of the first to take a 3-1 lead. Top of the second RR hit the ball hard, but was only able to get one run across the plate, to cut the lead to one. 3-2, but the heavy hitters of J&N weren't done they scored 5 times in the bottom of the second inning and 4 in the bottom of the third, while RR scored 3 in the top of the third at the end of the third it was J&N 14-5. Top of the fourth RR could only score 1 run. Mark Battistoni lead off with a single and Richie Sicardo drove in one of this 2 rbi's on the day. 14 -6 after 4 innings J&N lead. Top of the sixth RR put up 3 runs all with 2 outs, Danny Diesing again Crushed a ball over 310 feet for 2 runs with a massive home run, then Steve Savod drove in Reggie Dolson making the score 15-9 going into 6th inning, then RR open up by putting 4 runs in the books, it started with a single by Da'Coach then an out and with 6 hits in a row RR cut the lead down to 3 runs, but J&N was still hitting the ball well and came right back with 5 runs in the bottom of the 6th inning to go back up 20-13, but RR wasn't done either, the defense came alive and so did the offense with 5 straight hits Reggie Dolson started it off with a double then Steve Savod lined a base hit to right field with runners on first and third Carl Villegas drove in Reggie Dolson, Then Da'Coach hit a blooper to right field and Steve scored, Mark would clear the bases giving RR 3 runs in the top of the 7th cutting the lead down to 4 runs heading in to the bottom of the 7th, Then with Andy "Pettitte on the mound RR shut down the heart of J&N batting order, then in the top of the 8th J&N leading by 4 runs, Restaurant Runners had the bottom half of the order up Richie Sicardo hit a line drive caught by the left fielder, Tony Janicik would hit a slow roller the infielder couldn't handle, Tony safe at first, Then Gerod Haugh got a hit, one of his three hits on the day, Then Joe D'Maria worked out a walk, Andy Catfish Hunter Burger hit a sacrifice fly scoring Gerod making the score 20-18 with 2 outs Danny Diesing up J&N manger Victor Feit decided to intentionally walk Danny putting Andy Endsley tying run second base, and face Reggie Dolson. Reggie would hit a bloop hit that the right fielder came in and made a sliding catch to end the game. A tale of two halves . J&N out scored Restaurant Runners 14 to 6 after four innings the RR turned around and out scored J&N 12 -6 in the last four innings, Great game outstanding defensive plays by both teams, It would all come down to which team made the fewer mistakes. J&N

good luck in the playoffs! Restaurant Runners players, Great season starting off 1-5 and facing a lot of personal loss, we pulled together not only as a team but as family and won 9 out of 10 games and 8 straight wins...Hitting Stats...Steve Savod 4hits,2runs,3rbi and played a great short stop, Reggie Dolson 3hits,3runs,2rbi. Andy Endsley 3hits 2runs1rbi, Best lead off hitter in the game, Danny Diesing 2hits(home run and a triple) 2runs,2rbi. Mark Battistoni 3hits,2runs,1rbi.Gerod Haugh 3hits,2runs,1rbi.Rich Sicardo 2hits,1run,2rbi. Da'Coach 2hits,2runs,1rbi. Carl Villegas 2hits,1rbi. Joe D'Maria 2hits,1rbi. Tony Janicik 2hits,1run,1rbi (Most improved player).Bobby Dempsey 2hits1run,1rbi. Andy Burger 1hit,1run,1rbi

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## SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Behind the pitching of George Hammer, J&N outscored McHouls 15-1 over the last 4 innings to win 15-4. Every player on J&N had at least one hit . Billy Kyle 3-4 with 3 doubles, Dan Doyle was 3-4, Jamie Pagan and Mike Capra were 3-3. Lou Post, Dave Lowitz, John Cacciola, Mo Ragusa, George Hammer, Angelo DeGregorio and Joe Karam were 2-3. Excellent defense by Jamie Pagan, Bill Kyle and Mo Ragusa held McHouls to 1 run over the last four innings.

At Digilio field, Arlington Grill defeated Michael's by the score of 19 - 10. For the Grill, Ralph Bondi had 4hits, Jim 'Doc' Ranucci, Russ Gilmore, and Dick Michels had 3hits. Rod Whitby had 2 hits and 2 sac flies. Jack Hale and Bert Keating shared the pitching, with Jack getting the win and Bert closing it out.

For Michael's they fell behind early 9 to 1 and never got closer than 5 runs after that. Michael's was led offensively by Stan Silverman 4-4, Mike Lynch 3-4, Von Ahouse 3-4, Stan Smilkstein 3-4 (3b,5rbi), Tom Hotaling 2-4, Ernie Martin 2-4 (Great D), John Berracol 2-3 (3b) and Dewey Borgardus 2-3.

In a game played on Whitesell field, 1st place A & R defeated 8th place Taxbrakes in the first round of the playoffs by a score of 18 - 16 to advance to the second round of the tournament. Taxbrakes jumped out to an early lead in this game however could not hold off A & R's offensive prowess mounting a come from behind victory ending Taxbrakes season. Winning pitcher Joe Prisco and A & R defense held Taxbrakes to one run the last 3 innings. I'm going to see John Ostuni streaking around the bases in my sleep. Hitting notable's for TaxBrakes were Joe Wassweiler went 5 for 5 with a home run and 3 RBI's while Pete Longobardi went 5 for 5 and 5 RBI's and Mike Spinell ( 1 ) went 4 for 5 and 3 RBI's playing with a leg injury. Taxbrakes would like to thank A & R's sponsor Pat Rose, managers John Ostuni and Lou Rosenberg for a very gracious offer of a BBQ picnic after the game. As much as I dislike losing, I love a good BBQ. Since this is my last weekly highlight of the season, I would like to thank the following people who assisted Taxbrakes and myself this season. Mike Jaffe, Scott Babrowsky, and Gerard Haugh for filling in during the season when we were short players due to injury. Steve Morris for his efforts running, updating and maintaining the league's website and Sue Lasko. Sue's assistance, game management and strategy during the season was invaluable to this first season manager.

Finally let me add my thanks to all the Taxbrakes players for all the efforts during the season. Wishing you all well and hope to see you for fall ball and next season.

Restaurant Runners defeated Miller's by the score of 18 - 4.

First round of the playoffs Miller vs. Restaurant Runner, During the first match up of the season Millers manhandled RR by a score of 25-18, the next match up, RR came out on top with a 18-7 win over Miller. Playoff are a whole another beast , with Andy "Pettit" Endlsey on the mound and Andy 'Catfish Hunter" Burger in the bull pen ready to come in for relief also Andy Burger caught and did a great Job calling the pitches . , But not only was Andy Endsley in control the whole game, He only gave up 4 runs to a high power Miller's team, along with the great pitching the defense was outstanding, RR turned 4 doubles plays during the game. The last double play was Reggie Dolson playing over the middle and caught a line drive then tagged the runner end the game

with a score 20 - 11. The game started with Miller's coming out hitting scoring 2 runs in the top of the first. But when RR batted in the bottom half of the first the sticks were hot Andy Endsley lead off with a single, Next batter was an out, Then RR put 5 hits together and scored 5 runs in the bottom of the first to take a 5-2 lead, in the second RR defense turned a inning ending double play to end a Miller's threat, Carl "Nettles" Villegas to Reggie "Jackson" Dolson onto Bobby Dempsey and turned a 5-4-3 doubles play. top of the third Miller's out a single run in the book, But the defense of RR closed a possible rally with great defensive plays by Richie Sicardo in left field. Bottom of the 3rd , Andy Burger lead off with a hard hit ball that Miller's 2nd baseman Made a great play, But then the top of the order Andy Endsley lead off with another hit one of his 4 hits on the day, Reggie Dolson follows with a single that moves Andy to third. The Danny Diesing hit a ball "not sure if it came down yet" for a 3 run Home run, the next 4 guys got hits and RR put another 5 runs in the book to take a 10-3 lead. The Next 4 innings Miller's didn't score a run, During those Innings Restaurant Runners Turned two double plays and great Defensive plays in the outfield by Gerod Haugh, Danny Diesing and Mark Battistoni. one of those double plays in those innings was a 6-3-1 double play ended by a Great scoop on a short hop to Joe D'Maria covering home. Bottom of the 4th RR wasn't finished scoring the bottom half of the line up carried the rally with 6 straight hits , started by Rich Sicardo, Tony Janicik , Gerod Haugh, Joe D'Maria rbi single, then Andy Burger rbi, the Andy Endsley 2 run double, the fifth run was scored on Reggie Dolson's Hit, with a 15 - 3 lead RR went one base at a time, in the fifth inning RR put up 1 run making the score 16 - 3 lead going into the bottom of the 7th RR put up 2 more runs to take the 18-3 lead heading into the 8th inning , Miller's started to rally in the 8th inning but could only score 1 run, the 8th inning ended when the runner on second started to run on a hard hit line drive that tore the threads of Reggie Dolson's glove, Reggie caught the ball and stepped on the base for a inning ending double play. The game was a lot closer than what the score shows, if not for the great defense and pitching of Restaurant Runners , Miller's would have had a few more runs. Team stats. Game Ball\* Andy Endsley Had a perfect day 4-4 ,4runs,3rbi. Reggie Dolson 3hits,1run,2rib. Rich Sicardo perfect 3-3 !run. Danny Diesing 2hits, 2runs,4 rbi's

(3 run HR). Steve Savod (1 triple) 2hits 3runs. Joe D'Maria 2hits,1run,1rbi. Da' Coach 1hit, 2runs, 3rbi's. Carl Villegas 2-2 (perfect day) 1run,1rbi. Bobby Dempsey 2hits,1rbi. Andy Burger 1hit, 2runs,1rbi. Mark Battistoni1hit, 2rbi. Tony Janicik 1hit,1run. Gerod Haugh 1hit ( but was hitting the ball hard all day). One game at a time. Bobby Cotter get well soon Brother!

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## SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

At Whitesell field in the play-in game, Taxbrakes defeated Doyle's by the score of 11-8. This tightly contested game had 7 lead changes as both teams fought desperately to keep their season's alive. Both pitchers ( Mike Muff's for Doyle's and eventual winning pitcher Ricky Brettholtz for Taxbrakes ) pitched tremendous games. Ricky and the Taxbrakes defense allowed only one run over the last 4 innings. I would also commend the Doyle's team for an outstanding effort playing with only 10 players. Not an easy task.

Some hitting notables for Taxbrakes were Dave Napolillo who went 2 for 4 ( single, double, 3 runs scored 1 rbi ) , Gary Lasko went 4 for 4 ( 4 singles, 1 run scored, 3 rbi's ) and Pete Longobardi who went 3 for 4 ( 1 single, 2 doubles ,1 rbi ).

The Taxbrakes team wants to thank Dave Napolillo for a great season and a safe trip home. You will be missed.

On a very cool windy day up on Whitesell Doyle's was defeated by TaxBrakes by a score of 11 to 8. Several batters fell victim to the wind assisted curve balls of Mike Muffs and Rick Brettholtz . It was a hard-fought battle with TaxBrakes leading by a score of 8 to 7 in the 6th inning, adding 3 more runs in the 7th and holding the lead into the 8th.

Key offense for Doyle's was Gary Landman 4 for 4 with 1 double. Lou Rossi 4 for 5 with 3 doubles. Steve Morris 4 for 5. Rick Wetzel 3 for 5. Gary Dimaggio 2 for 4.

Key defense plays for Doyle's was Steve Morris with a running catch in deep left center field. Gary Landman with a line drive catch in right field. Rick Wetzel with a line drive catch in left field.

In spite of a missing middle fielder, Bob Hahn, Frank Goberish, Gary Dimaggio, Lou Rossi and Dan Sopchak made many key infield plays to keep the game close.

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## SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

On a hot day at Whitesell field J&N scored 11 runs in the top of the 8th inning to defeat Taxbrakes by the score of 23 - 16. The winning pitcher was Mike Capra in relief. Joe Pennachio and Jamie Pagan led J&N with both going 4 for 4 and Jamie making 2 over the shoulder catches. Bill Kyle was 3-4 with 2 doubles and outstanding defensive plays at shortstop. Dave Lowitz was also 3 for 4 (2 doubles) along with Tommy Giordano.

For TaxBrakes, the game was tied after 4 innings at 9 apiece. Taxbrakes managed to extend the lead to 4 runs with Gary Lasko and Joe Wassweiler hitting 2 run homers however Taxbrakes was not able to hold the lead when J & N's offense took over in the top of the 8th inning scoring their 11 runs to seal the victory. Hitting notables for Taxbrakes, the 'original' Mike Spinelli went 3 for 5 ( 2 singles 1 double ) 2 RBI's 1 run scored, Dave Napolilo went 2 for 3 ( 1 single 1 triple ) 1 RBI 2 BB 3 runs scored, Gary Lasko went 2 for 3 ( 1 triple 1 home run ) 4 RBI's 2 BB 3 runs scored, Mike 'Junior' Spinelli went 4 for 4 ( 1 triple 3 singles ) 2 RBI's 3 runs scored and Joe Wassweiler went 4 for 4 ( 2 singles 1 triple 1 home run ) 2 runs scored 4 RBI'S.

Down at Sheafe road field, the Restaurant Runners stayed as hot as the weather and knocked off Arlington Grill by the score of 17 - 14.

In a game that matched a Power house Arlington Grill versus Restuarant Runners a team playing well these past few weeks, the edge went to the Grill when the game started, AG started the first inning off by putting up 3 runs, but it could have been more if not for the great plays of Reggie Dolson playing short field, AG left runs 4 and 5 in scoring position. The Bottom of the inning RR first two batters lined out hard to the outfield, then Danny Diesing worked out a two out walk, leaving it up to Steve Savod, Steve hit a shot down the right field line scoring Danny from First base, cutting AG lead down to two runs 3-1 going into the second inning, A pitching change was made and Andy "Catfish Hunter" Burger came in relief for Andy "Pettitte" Endsley. Top of the second Andy "Catfish Hunter" Burger worked his magic and shut the Powerful hitters of AG out, along with great defensives plays by Carl Villegas and Steve Savod. in the bottom of the second Restaurant Runners would put up 3 runs on the board started with a two doubles back to back, by Da'Coach and Mark Battistoni followed by Rich Sicardo run scoring triple. Rich would score on Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith's single putting RR ahead 4-3. In the top of the third AG would score a run putting the score at 4-4. Bottom half was when RR Bats came alive, Joe Demaria lead off with a line drive up the middle, then there were three straight hits by Andy Endsley, Reggie Dolson and Danny Diesing, and a sac fly by Steve Savod, scoring 4 runs in the inning, giving RR a 8-4 lead. In the top of the fourth inning AG would only push one run across the plate, in the bottom half Restaurant Runners would put another 4 runs on the board starting off with a home run by Da'Coach, Then 5 straight hits Mark Battistoni, Bobby Dempsey, Tony Janicik and Gerod Haugh giving RR a 12-4 lead heading into the 5th. Like any great team it's hard to keep them down, AG would go to the limit in the top of the fifth with 5 runs, Cutting Restaurant Runners lead down to 2 runs 12-10, Again in the bottom half of the fifth RR would come right back and score 4 more runs making the score 16-10 RR with the lead. In the sixth inning AG couldn't get a run across the plate, Because for great Defensive plays By Rich Sicardo, Mark Battistoni , Danny Diesing and Gerod Haugh. RR didn't score in the sixth inning Both teams came up with

big plays in that inning. leaving the score 16-10. In the top of the 7th inning AG scored 3 more runs making it 16-13. Bottom of the inning RR would score a single run by two walks and a Base hit By Danny Diesing. Making it 17-13 RR holding on to the lead. top of the 7th AG would score 1 run to end the game with a score Restaurant Runners 17 - AG 14. Winning Pitcher Goes to Andy "Catfish Hunter" Burger Hitting Stats: Danny Diesing 3hits,3runs,3rbi , Reggie Dolson 2hits,2runs,2rbi. Da'Coach 3hits,2runs,3rbi.Mark Battistoni 2hits,2runs1rbi. Steve Savod 2hits,1run,3rbi. Bobby Dempsey 2hits,1run,1rbi.Joe DeMaria 2hits,1run. Tony Janicik 2hits, played a great second base. Andy "Pettitte" Endsley 1hit, 2runs,1rbi,1 big walk to start off the 7th) Andy played a solid Infield all game. Rich Sicardo 1hit, (clutch Triple) 1run. Carl Villegas 1hit,1run. Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith 1hit,1run ( Ray hit the ball hard all day) Gerod Haugh 1hit. Andy " Catfish Hunter" Burger Hit the Ball well. After each game we hand out game balls, Game ball went to Reggie Dolson for great plays.... But there were guys playing on both teams who were Over 70. We had Andy Burger and Andy Endsley, Joe Demaria. Those Guys deserve a Game ball also and so does the players on AG over 70 for playing the game in 90 degree heat. We all drank a lot of water. Bobby Cotter Good luck with the operation . Hope it all goes well. Leading the way for the Grill was Ralph Bondi who had 4 hits, Jim 'Doc' Ranucci and Rod Whitby had 3 hits apiece.

Over at Sports Park Jr, A&R Security clinched the regular season championship by defeating McHoul's by the score of 15 - 7. A&R was led by Joe Hatch who was 4 for 4, Pete Schwarze, Bill Volpe and Joe Barbarito had 3 hits apiece (2 of Pete's hits were doubles). John Ostuni and Tom DeRito both had 2 doubles and Sammy Duke chipped in with a triple.

For McHoul's, their mojo apparently melted in the heat wave. Nevertheless, we did have some highlights, first being Bill Hanchett going 4-4 and robbing Johnny O with an over the fence grab taking away a sure double. Charlie Mellia, Jim Kirzoncic added three hits apiece as did Steve McGee who went 3-3. Jim Flood added 2 hits as did

Rich Rella who also made a great diving play at short. McHoul's suffered from some poor baserunning decisions which stifled potential rallies, again due to the heat.

Under the scorching sun up at DiGiglio field, Doyle's came back from a 9 run deficit in the sixth inning, making the score 13 to 9. Miller's scored 2 runs in the seventh inning to Doyle's 1. Doyle's then tacked on 4 more runs in the bottom of the eighth inning and had the tying run on 3rd base and the winning run on 2nd base when Miller's stopped the rally and defeated Doyle's by the score of 15 to 14.

Most offensive support was provided by Tom Houghtaling (4 for 4 with one double), Gary Landman (3 for 4 with 4 RBIs), Steve Morris (3 for 4 with two doubles and 1 RBI), Jim Willoughby (3 for 4 with 1 RBI), Bob Hahn (3 for 4), Frank Goberish (2 for 3 with 2 RBIs), Lou Rossi (2 for 4 with 2 RBIs), Dan Sopchak (2 for 4 with 1 RBI), and Donny Black (2 for 4).

No highlights were available from Miller's at this time.

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## SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

At Digilio field, the long awaited make-up game between McHoul's and Arlington Grill ended with a 21-15 win for McHoul's. It was a tight contest but McHoul's 11 runs in the last two innings was the deciding factor. McHoul's had a good offensive game. Jim Flood went 4-4 with a SAC. Rich Rella also went 4-4 with a BB and a great catch on a pop fly in short right field. Charlie Mellia and Bill Hanchett both went 4-5 while Larry Stewart went 3-5 and Jim D'Aleo went 3-4. Woody went 2-3 with a walk while George Cole, Tom Milholm, Steve McGee, and Rick Willigan added 2 hits apiece. George also had a SAC. For the Grill, they were led by Ralph Bondi and Rod Whitby who both had 5 hits. Russ Gimore and Jim 'Doc' Ranucci chipped in with 4 hits apiece.

Next door at Whitesell field Michael's lost to A&R Security by the score of 11 to 8. Going into the bottom of the 7th Michaels held a one run lead but A&R put up 5 runs, Michaels fought back and had the tying run at bat when the game ended. Michael's was led by a healthy Mike Lynch who went 2 for 3, Tom Hotaling was also 2 for 3 along with John Berracol (2 RBI's), Paul Laskowski, Chris Thomas (2 runs) and last but not least Stan Smilkstein (2 RBI's). No highlights available from A&R Security at this time.

Down at the newly spruced up Sports Park Jr field, 2nd place J&N led Doyle's from start to finish, defeating them by the score of 15 - 9. J&N was led by Bill Kyle who was 4 for 4 along with Dan Doyle, coming off his sick bed with his new bat, was also 4 for 4. John Cacciola was 3 for 4 with 3 doubles and Tommy Giordano was 3 for 3. Lou Post and Doug McCracken were both 2 for 3. Excellent defense was played by the J&N infielders, Bill Kyle at shortstop, Mike Capra at 3rd base and the combo of Joe Pennachio and Joe Karam at first base. George Hammer was the winning pitcher. Offensively Doyle's was led by Steve Morris (3 for 3 with an over the fence double and a walk), Lou Rossi (3 for 4 with 1 double), Steve Schmid (2 for 4 with 2 doubles and 1 RBI), and Gary Landman (2 for 4).

Best defense was provided by Steve Morris who hauled in 3 left center field fly balls near the fence and threw out one fast runner at 2nd base who was tagging up trying to advance.

At Sheafe road field, the scorching hot Restaurant Runners moved into 3rd place with a convincing 18 - 7 win over an undermanned Miller's team who had to take a player from the bye week team to give them 10 players. The game started with RR taking a 4 run lead heading into the bottom of the 1st. Miller hit the ball hard, But thanks to great defensive plays by Tony Janicik second base, Bobby Dempsey first base, Andy Endsley short fielder, Steve Savod short stop, Carl Villegas third base and the great Pitching of Andy Burger, who pitched a complete game, Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith held down the plate. The outfield played solid, Danny Diesing, Rich Sicardo, Reggie Dolson and Gerod Haugh with Joe Demaria playing outfield and short field. RR defense held the

Under Manned Miller's team to two runs over first 5 inning, RR would score 4 in the first, 5 in the second, 2 in the third and 5 in the fourth. To take a 16-2 lead going into the sixth inning, RR would score 2 runs in the top of the fifth making taking a 16 run lead. Miller would score 5 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, Making the score Restaurant Runners 18-7, Miller would add one run in the bottom of the 7th inning making the final score 18-8. Hitting stats, Danny Diesing 4hits,2runs,6rbi. Reggie Dolson 4hits,4runs,4rbi. Andy Endsley 3hits,3runs,2rbi. Rich Sicardo 4hits,1rbi. Steve Savod 4hits,3runs,1rbi. Andy "CY Young "Burger 3hits,2 runs,1rbi. Tony Janicik 1hit, 2runs. Carl Villegas 2hits,1run, 1rbi .Joe D'maria 1hit, 1run. Ray "Johnny Bench' Smith 2hits. Bob Dempsey 1hit,1rbi. Gerod Haugh Hit the ball well, Da"coach 2hits, 2rbi..

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## AUGUST 23, 2023

At Red Oaks Mill, Michael's knocked off a shorthanded Arlington Grill squad by the score of 24 - 9. Michael's was led by Royal Bogardus, Ernie Martin and Phil Chontos who all went 4 for 4. Tom Hotaling was 4 for 5 with 3 doubles and some great defense. Von Ahouse was 3 for 3 with 3 RBI's, Paul Laskowski was 3 for 4 along with Chris Thomas, Stan Silverman (3 RBI's) and Stan Smilkstein (2 doubles and 5 RBI's). Phil Chontos was the winning pitcher.

Per Jack Hale, an undermanned Arlington Grill on an undersized field got bombarded by Michaels 24 to 9. Jim 'Doc' Ranucci, Ralph Bondi, and Bob Diggelman had 3 hits apiece for the Grill.

At Sheafe Road field, McHoul's avenged the first 13-10 loss to Miller's with a 13-10 win of their own today by finally getting the third out in their 4 run eighth inning. McHoul's welcomed back Bill Hanchett who went 3-4 as did Larry Stewart, George Cole and Jim Flood. Charlie Mellia, Rich Rella, Steve McGee, and Jim D'Aleo added two hits apiece while Jim Kirzoncic was 1-1 with two Sacs and a walk. With Bill's return, we had to bid

farewell to Kevin Laffin but wish him well with A & R, but not too well. Kevin did a great job filling in for Bill. The undermanned Miller's team put up a good showing in the loss today. Miller's was led by Mark Joao with 3 hits (triple,home run) and Joe Paolini 3hits(2triples).

At Whitesell field, winning Pitcher Mike Muffs shut out Taxbrakes for 4 innings, and only allowed 1 run in each of the other 3 innings with the help of several excellent defensive plays by fellow Doyle Teammates for a comfortable 17-3 lead through 7 innings. BUT Taxbrakes rallied for 9 BIG RUNS in the top of the last inning to make the final score 17-12.

For Doyle, Dan Sopchak batted 4 for 4 with 2 doubles, and Lou Rossi batted 4 for 4 with a triple. Stan Zmudzinski batted 3 for 3; Donny Black batted 3 for 4 with a triple and 3 RBIs; and Frank Goberish and Bob Hahn also batted 3 for 4. Steve Morris batted 2 for 4 with a double for 2 RBIs, and a 3 run Home Run for 5 RBIs total.

For TaxBrakes it was Doyle's defense and Mike Muff's pitching that kept them off the scoreboard until the 4th inning. By then Doyle had a 9 run lead which proved to be too much to overcome. Taxbrakes did score 9 runs in the 8th inning which was too little too late.

Hitting notables for Taxbrakes were Dan Dillon who was 3 for 5 (3 singles) and 1 run scored. Joe Wassweiler was 2 for 4 (1 single 1 double 1 BB) with 2 RBI's and 1 run scored. Pete Longobardi was 2 for 4 (1 single 1 double 1 BB) with 2 RBI's and 1 run scored. Scott Babrowsky went 2 for 3 ( 1 single 1 triple ) 2 runs scored and 1 RBI and Ricky Brettholtz went 2 for 3 ( 2 singles ) 1 BB 1 run scored while Gene Daley went 1 for 3 ( 1 single ) 1 run scored 1 sac fly and 3 RBI's.

At Digilio field, the hot Restaurant Runners team outslugged J&N by the score of 25 - 18.

This game was a slugfest with Restaurant Runners coming out on top. The game had a little bit of everything for both teams, great defense, great hitting, great pitching. RR went into this game the underdog, J&N (Power House)was the Favorite to win. When

the first pitch was thrown you could tell it was going to be a high scoring game, 1st inning J&N had a few runners on, but could only score one run, some real big defensive plays shut down the J&N rally. Bottom half of the 1st RR sent 9 guys to the plate and put up a 3 spot. The big hit was a 3 run Home run off the bat of Danny Diesing, giving RR a slim 3-1 lead going into the top of the second, That's when J&N pushed 5 runs across the plate taking a 6-3 lead, But RR wasn't going to lay down, in the bottom of the second RR Tony Janicik had one of his 5 hits to start it off, then Joe D'Maria singled and that brought up the top of the order, next 5 batters all got an Rbi, the 5th run was driven in by Carl Villegas one of his 3 hits on the day. Both teams went on to match each other (5 run). The score at the end of four innings of play was RR14 J&N 13. Fifth inning J&N put 2 runs on the board, there could had been more runs if it wasn't for the great defensive plays of Joe D'maria, Danny Diesing, Reggie Dolson, and Gerald Haug, Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith made a great catch on a foul ball to end the inning. but the bottom of the fifth, RR came out swinging, and put up 4 runs to take the lead RR18-JN 15 . J&N Scored 3 more runs to tie the game at 18-18 going into the bottom half of the 6th, RR Came right back and score 2 runs to take the lead back 20-18. J&N in the top of the 7th couldn't score because the great Pitching of Andy Endsley and some great defensive plays by Tony Janicik , Steve Savod, Carl Villegas, Joe D'Maria's diving stop of a hard ground ball stopped a J&N rally. In the Bottom of the 7th inning . RR start off with a fly ball out, Then the next 7 batters delivered 7 straight hits and put 5 runs on the Board to take a 25-18 lead. J&N couldn't score in the top of the 8th(open) inning. The final score Restaurant 25- J&N 18. Everyone on the RR contribute towards the win even Da'Coach. Hitting stats : Tony Janicik (HVSSL career game) 5hits,3runs,3rbi, Andy Endsley 5hits,3runs,2rbi, Rich Sicardo 4hits,3runs,2rbi. Steve Savod 4hits,1run,4rbi. Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith 4hits,2runs,1rbi. Gerod Haug 3hits,2runs,1rbi. Carl Villeges 3hits,2runs,1rbl. Danny Diesing 3hits,2runs,5rbi ( one of Danny's hits was a 3 run HR blast). Reggie Dolson 3hits,3runs,2rbi. Joe DMaria 1hit,1run,1rbi. Da'Coach 4hits,3runs,3rbi. Keep Bobby Cotter in you prayers as he's going in for a season ending operation on his foot, Get well soon Brother.

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## AUGUST 9, 2023

At Digilio field, in a game that could have gone either way, McHoul's managed to hang on and win 12-11 over TaxBrakes. The game was nip and tuck and tied through 6 innings. McHoul's Rick Willigan, was able to deliver a hit in what turned out to be the winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Facing the meat of Tax Brakes order in the eighth, McHoul's was able to hold them scoreless and eke out the win. Jim D'Aleo went a perfect 3-3 and Jeff Walter went 3-4. Charlie Mellia, Larry Stewart, Jim Kirzonic, Kevin Laffin, Tom Milholm, and Steve McGee all added two hits apiece. Rich Rella made a great catch in deep shortstop to seal the win.

For Taxbrakes this was their 4th loss by 1 run this season. Taxbrakes pitcher Ricky Brettholtz pitched a good game as Taxbrakes offense could not mount a come back in the 8th inning.

Hitting notables for TaxBrakes were:

Joe Wassweiler went 2 for 3 ( 2 singles 1 run scored 1 sac 1 rbi )

Dave Napolilo went 2 for 4 ( 1 single 1 double )

Dan Dillon went 3 for 4 ( 3 singles 2 runs scored 2 rbi's )

Pete Longbardi went 2 for 4 ( 1 single 1 double 2 runs scored 1 rbi )

Gary Lasko went 2 for 4 ( 2 singles 2 runs scored 2 rbi's )

Mike Spinelli ( 2 ) went 2 for 3 ( 2 singles 1 run scored 2 rbi's )

Tony Dalia went 3 for 3 ( 3 singles 1 run scored 1 rbi )

Mike Spinelli ( 1 ) went 2 for 3 ( 1 single 1 double 1 rbi )

Mike Deluca went 2 for 3 ( 2 singles )

Gene Daley went 2 for 3 ( 2 singles )

Next door at Whitesell field, the Restaurant Runners outhit and outscored Doyle 19-14. The league seems to be so balanced score for the most part played with at least 10 guys, the games are tight. This game was no different, RR defense shut down the great hitting of Doyle's for the first 2 innings. RR offense came to life in the bottom of the 2nd, scoring the limit (5) but Doyle's came right back with 4 in the top of the 3rd, Making the score 5-4, But RR wouldn't take it sitting down, RR came back and score 5 more runs, leading Doyle's 10-4, Doyle's comes back and scores 5 in the top of 4th cutting down RR lead to just 1 run,10-9, Then Restaurant Runners score 5 more in the bottom of the 4th inning taking a 15 -9 lead....in the 5th inning both teams failed to score, but the top of the 6th Doyle's score one and RR matches that score with 1 run in the bottom of the 6th.RR shut down Doyle's great hitters in the 7th .then RR went on to add insurance run in the bottom of the 7th scoring 3 runs ,making the score 19-10 heading into the open inning 8th. Doyle's put together a rally scoring 4 runs in the top of 8th. making the final score Restaurant Runners19 - Doyle's 14, the game was well played by both sides . RR's Defense was great, It was led by Andy Burger who pitched a great game , Ray (Johnny Bench) Smith made a attempt on a foul ball. Bobby (the Glove) Dempsey at 1st base, Tony Janicki 2nd, Da' Coach over the middle, Steve Savod play a great Short Stop making Key plays for outs, Carl Villegas at the Hot Corner made the outstanding play of the game, by catching a hard liner to kill the Doyle's rally. Left field was Rich Sicardo, Reggie Dolson made a great play on a sinking line drive, Danny Diesing also played a great Right center and Joe Demaria in right field. Hitting stats Carl Villegas 3hits,2runs3rbi, Rich Sicardo 4hits,4-4 day,3runs,2rbi, Reggie Dolson 3hits,2runs,1rbi, Bobby Cotter 3hits,3runs,1rbi, Da' Coach 3hits (2 Homeruns thanks to the legs of Reggie and Danny) 3runs,6rbi. Tony Janicki 3hits,1run 2rbi, Joe Demaria 3hits,2rbi( clutch hitting) ,Danny Diesing 2hits,2run,2rbi,Steve Savod 2hits,1run,2rbi (Big Hits), Andy Burger1hit (great hitting by Andy he sacrificed to Moving runners up.... Our Lady Queen of Victory Pray for Us!!

For Doyle's: Mike Muffs batted 3 for 3; Steve Morris and Dan Sopchak each batted 3 for 4 with 1 RBI each; Steve Lynch batted 2 for 3 and scored twice; Lou Rossi and

Donny Black batted 2 for 4 with one double and one RBI each. Gary Landman belted a bases-loaded double over the center-fielder's head for 3 RBIs and also added a 4th RBI. The last six batters in Doyle's batting order lineup scored 8 of their 14 runs, thanks to some Key Hits by batters in the top of the order.

At Stitzel field, J&N outlasted Michael's in 9 innings by the score of 27 - 23. J&N was down 5 - 0 after the 1st inning, 15 - 8 after the 5th inning and then 19 - 16 in the 8th inning. They scored 7 runs in the top of the 8th to take a 23 - 19 lead. In the bottom of the 8th Tom Hotaling hit a 3 run homer to tie the score with 2 outs. In the top of the 9th J&N scored 4 runs to win the game. Leading the way for J&N was Lou Post who was 6 for 6, Tom Giordano was 5 for 6, Joe Pennachio went 4 for 6 along with George Hammer who was also 4 for 6. Joe Karam was 4 for 5 and Mike Capra chipped in with a 4 for 6. George Hammer was the winning pitcher. Michael's was led by Phil Chontos 5 hits (3rbi), Tom Hotaling 4 hits (2hr 9rbi), Stan Silverman 4hits (HR), Carl Parris 4 hits (3rbi), John Berrocal 4 hits (4 run scored), Stan Smilkstein 4 hits (3rs), Dewey Borgardus 3 hits (3rs), Ernie Martin, Chris Thomas, Cary Wassenberg all with 2 hits.

At 'Baby Beale' A&R Security retained their hold on 1st place with a solid 16 - 2 win over Miller's. A&R was led by Greg Miller and John Ostuni who both had 4 hits. Sammy Duke came through with 3 hits. Ostuni had 3 doubles, Pat Rose and Pete Schwarze both had 2 doubles and Greg Miller had 1 double.

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## AUGUST 2, 2023

At Sheafe road field, led by the pitching of George Hammer, J&N knocked off McHoul's by the score of 13 - 10. Mike Capra had 3 hits and 2 RBI's to lead the attack for J&N.

John Cacciola was 2-3 with 2 home runs. Billy Kyle was 2-3 with 2 doubles. Lou Post, Joe Pennachio, George Hammer, and Doug Mccracken all had 2 hits for J&N. For McHoul's they came up short again, only scoring in 3 of the 8 innings which was simply not enough. Our offense was led by none other than Woody who went 3-3. Kevin Laffin was close behind going 2-2 with a walk. Jim Flood was 2-3. Rich Rella and Tom Milholm each had one hit combined with a walk and George Cole had 2 walks. Rick Willigan made his debut going 1-3 and an RBI during our last inning comeback attempt.

At Whitesell field, Arlington Grill defeated A&R 13 - 12 in a back and forth game. A&R tied the game on the top of the eighth and Arlington Grill scored 1 in the bottom of the eighth to pull out the win. Jim "Doc" Ranucci had 3 hits with a home run. Ralph Bondi, Bert Keating, Rodney DeLoatch and Jack Hale each had 3 hits. Rodney hit a blast to the fence which allowed Jack to score the winning run. Jack was also the winning pitcher.

For A&R, they were led by Sammy Duke who had 4 hits. Greg Miller, B-Man Edwards and Chip Mulkins contributed 3 hits each for A&R.

In a real barn burner at Digilio field, Michaels beat Miller's in 9 innings by the score of 21-20. Miller's tied the game in bottom of 8th with 5 runs, then in 9th Carl Parris homered and Dewey Borgardus held Millers, aided by a great catch from outfielder Von Ahouse with 2 out and winning run on first. Stats for Michaels: Von Ahouse 6-6 (3RBI), Carl Parris 5-6 (Cycle, GW Hr), Phil Chontos 5-6, Cary Wassenberg 4-5 (2rbi), Stan Smilkstein 4-6 (5rbi), Paul Laskowski 3-4 (2rbi) and Dewey Borgardus (Winning Pitcher). No highlights from Miller's at this time.

Restaurant Runners came from behind and squeaked by TaxBrakes by the score of 16 - 15. In a game that Taxbrakes had a 13 to 5 lead heading into the top of the 6th inning, Restaurant Runners offense became energized as they mounted their comeback. Restaurant Runners defense also was superb as well holding the Taxbrakes offense to 6

hits and 2 runs in the last 3 innings. Hitting notables for TaxBrakes were the 'original' Mike Spinelli who went 4 for 4 (4 singles and 2 RBI's), Joe Wassweiler who also went 4 for 4 while putting on a track show running the bases with 2 doubles, 2 singles and 3 runs scored, Dave Napolillo went 3 for 4 with a double, 2 singles, 2 RBI's and 1 run scored, Gary Lasko went 2 for 4 (double, single, 2 RBI's, 1 run scored) while also pitching a nice game, Tony Dalia went 2 for 4 ( 2 singles 2 RBI'S ), Mike DeLuca went 2 for 4 ( 2 singles 1 run scored ), Tony Vinciguerra went 2 for 4 ( 2 singles 1 RBI ), Gene Daley went 2 for 4 ( double, single 1 RBI ), and our newest player on the team Scott Babowsky went 1 for 4 ( double 2 RBI's ). Last but not least Pete Longobardi went 2 for 3 ( double, single, sacrifice 1 RBI 1 run scored ).

As for the Restaurant Runners, they are now known as the Cardiac Kids...RR Started the first inning by scoring a run, TB scored in the bottom of the 1st to tie the game up....what looked like a defensive struggle after 3 innings turned out to be a slug fest come from behind win by the Cardiac Kids RR, there was two sides to the game when TB took a 12 to 5 lead after 5 inning, TB shut Restaurant Runners out 3 of the first 5 innings....Andy Endsley pitched a great game, but some errors and bloop hits helped TB to open a 7 run lead. Then Andy "Mariano Rivera" Burger came in and held the powerful Hitters of TB to 3 runs over the last 3 innings.... While the clutch hitting from RR players woke up and out scored TB 11-3 over the last 3 innings ...The defense was lead by Carl Villegas, Steve Savod, Rich Sicardo Tony Janicik and Bobby Dempsey making up the infield while Bobby Cotter, Danny Diesing, Reggie Dolson and Gerod Haugh put together a great Game closing down the gaps in the outfield. Gerod came up with a running catch on a ball hit just over the first baseman head to seal the victory. Reggie and Danny Diesing had assists from the outfield. Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith also Caught a ball from Danny Diesing to get a runner out at the plate....The hitting was led by Reggie Dolson 4hits,(2extra base hits) 4runs,3rbi. Danny Diesing 4hits (2extra base hits)2runs,4rbi. Andy Endsley 3hits, 3runs, 1rbi. Carl Villegas 3hits, 2runs 1rbi. Bob Cotter 3hits, 1run 2rbi. Bobby Dempsey 2hits, 1run. Da' manger 2hits 1rbi. Steve Savod 1hit,1run, 1rbi. Tony Janicik 1hit,1run 1rbi, plus (Tony make a great grab on a hard hit grounder to put an end to a TB rally.) Ray"Johnny Bench" Smith1hit,1rbi

(big rbi). Andy(Mariano Rivera) Burger 1hit,( clutch!!) 1rbi. Gerod 1hit. Joe Demaria 1hit. Rich Sicardo Had three hard hit balls caught...the best part of the game was everyone picked up one another.....Never Giving up.

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## JULY 26, 2023

In a game played at Stitzel field since Sheafe road was unplayable after Tuesday's downpour, A&R Security maintained their firm hold on 1st place by defeating TaxBrakes by the score of 18 - 6. Leading the way for A&R was Joe Barbarito and Doc Prisco who both had 4 hits. John Ostuni, Bill Volpe and Joe Hatch contributed 3 hits each to the attack.

A & R's offense took charge right from the first inning scoring 5 runs and Taxbrakes offense was never able to get on track being held scoreless for 5 of the 8 innings. On a positive note Taxbrakes welcomed Scott Babrowsky to the team. Scott played middle infield and did well. Offensively TaxBrakes was led by Gary Lasko who was 2 for 4 with 1 run and 1 RBI. Pete Longobardi went 3 for 4 with a double, 2 singles and 2 runs scored. Mike 'Junior' Spinelli also went 3 for 4 with 3 singles and 3 RBI's while the aforementioned Scott Babrowsky was 2 for 3 with a double, a triple and 1 RBI.

At 'Baby Beale' Arlington Grill defeated J&N by the score of 18 to 5. It was a total team effort with great defense. Russ Gilmore and Rod Whitby had 5 hits. Mike Vuozzo, Mark Joao, Bob Diggelmann and Jack Hale all had 3 hits, Jack was also the winning pitcher. For J&N they were led by Lou Post who went 3-3. Bill Kyle and Jamie Pagan both went 2-3 and Mike Capra was the losing pitcher.

At Digilio field Michael's beat Doyle's by the score of 13 to 5. Michael's was led by the pinpoint pitching of Royal Bogardus. Carl Parris led the offense going 4 for 4 with 2

home runs and 4 RBI's along with some stellar defense at first base. Other notables were Stan Smilkstein 4-4 (2rbi), Tom Hotaling 3-5, Paul Laskowski, Phil Chontos (Great D as lefthanded 3rd baseman!), Stan Silverman and Cary Wassenberg who each had 2 hits.

For Doyle's Mark Battistoni batted 2 for 3 for 2 RBIs plus a walk (= 3/4); Frank Goberish batted 2 for 3 with a double and 1 RBI; Gary DiMaggio batted 2 for 3 with 1 RBI, and Gary Landman also batted 2 for 3. Lead-off batter Steve Morris batted 2 for 4 with two doubles, and scored two runs. (Note: Five Doyle batters batted 0 for 3. Hard to Win when we only score 5 runs)

Defensive "Highlights" for Doyle's: In the bottom of the 2nd Inning, with two outs and bases-loaded Left Fielder Donny Black caught a hard-hit line-drive to save two or possibly three runs from scoring if the ball got past him. In the bottom of the 5th inning, with two outs and runners on 1st and 2nd Base, a batter singled to Donny Black in Left Field, and as the runner rounded 3rd Base and was heading Home . . . Donny threw the ball to 3rd Baseman Jim "Doc" Willoughby who made a quick relay throw to our catcher Steve Schmid for the OUT at Home Plate !!! Essentially we played well defensively with the exception of a few errors . . . which didn't affect the outcome of the game at all.

Next door at Whitesell field the Restaurant Runners won a slugfest with McHoul's by the score of 25 - 20. McHoul's jumped out to a 9 -3 lead, RR was playing without their two star Pitcher's Andy Burger and Andy Endsley. Also Missing Reggie Dolson. McHoul's widened their lead with another 5 runs in the 3rd inning, taking a 14-8 lead. Then RR went on to score 17 runs over the last 5 inning, to McHoul's 6 runs. RR defense pulled together to slow up the powerful Hitters of McHoul's, Defensive star of the game goes to Joe Demaria playing the middle threw two runs out from SF and assisted on a double play. Carl Villegas played a great 3rd base, Steve Savod came up big on a few key plays, Tony Janicik held down 2nd base while Bobby Dempsey made great plays at 1st with the stretch. Gerod Haugh played a great right field after being tripped up running to second, Gerod sustained a cut on his forehead but continued

playing. Danny Diesing had another assist throwing to Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith getting a runner at home. Rich Sicardo played a solid outfield along with Bobby Cotter. Chris "Billy Martin" Edwards pitched. Offensive stars were Gerod Haugh 5-5, 3-doubles, 4runs, 3rbi. Tony Janicik 4hits, 2 doubles,3runs,3rbi. Carl Villegas 4hits 1-HR,3runs,2rbi. Danny Diesing 4hits ,3runs,3rbi, Danny Hit for the cycle! Rich Sicardo 4hits 1-Hr, 1run,4rbi. Bobby Cotter 3hits,2runs,1rbi. Steve Savod 3hits, big triple in the 8th,3runs,3rbi. Da' Manger 3hits,2runs,3rbi. Bobby "Rusty Staub" Dempsey 2hits,2runs,2rbi. Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith 1hit (key!) 1run. Joe Demaria 2hits,1run,1rbi . Joe hit the ball well but great plays held him to 2hits. Great Game by both teams! No highlights from McHoul's at this time.

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## JULY 19, 2023

At Beale, Doyle's eked out a thrilling victory over McHoul's as they were able to withstand an 8th-inning rally to notch their third win of the campaign. Leading 18-11 after seven innings, McHoul's put up seven runs in the top of the 8th to tie the game, but Doyle's was able to answer back in the bottom of the frame to prevail 19-18 after McHoul's failed to convert a game-saving double-play. For Doyle's, Lou Rossi led the way with a 5-for-5 effort that included 4 RBI's. Aiding in the attack, Mark Battistoni, Dan Sopchak and Gary DiMaggio each went 4-for-5, while Frank Goberish, Jim Willoughby, Steve Schmid and Steve Lynch went 3-for-5 in the slugfest, which also saw defensive highlights from Doyle's SS Lou Rossi, 3B Dan Sopchak, and alternating 2B Gary DiMaggio and Stan Zmudzinski. Playing one man short, McHoul's put in a valiant effort led by Tom Milholm, who went 5-5. Jeff Walter and Charlie Melia also collected five hits, while Jim Flood added four, Steve McGee got 3 and Jim Kirzoncic had 2 with a SAC.

First-place A&R Security took on J&N on Wednesday, with the division leaders succumbing to their third-place rivals in a back-and-forth struggle that lasted nine innings. Despite taking a six-run lead heading into the bottom of the 5th, A&R was unable to secure the win after being held hitless over the last four innings by the pitching combination of Mike Capra and Tom Giordano, to go along with outstanding defensive plays by Mo Ragusa, Dan Doyle, Bill Kyle, Jamie Pagan and Lou Post that kept J&N within striking range. J&N's offense was paced by John Cacciola (4-4), Mo Ragusa (3-4), and Mike Capra (3-3). Dave Lowitz, Tom Giordano, Joe Pennachio, Bill Kyle and Angello Digregorio chipped in with two hits apiece. For A&R, Greg Miller (4-5) led the way, with John Ostuni, Tom Derito, and Bill Volpe all going 3-for-5. Frank Paterson, Sam Duke (SP), and Joe Barbarito had two hits each.

At Stitzel Field, TaxBrakes beat Michael's 13 to 6 to climb to seventh in the standings. This game was played with heavy hearts as Eddie Smilkstein of TaxBrakes was having potentially season ending surgery on his right arm. TaxBrakes took the lead in the bottom of the second inning and never looked back. Ricky Brettholtz, winning pitcher, pitched a masterful game and rumor has it he actually made a terrific defensive play from the seat of his pants to throw out a runner. For Michael's, Paul Laskowski had four hits, Ernie Morris had three (2 RBI's), and Cary Wassenburg (2 RBI's), Carl Parris, and Stan Smilkstein had two hits apiece in the losing effort. For TaxBrakes, Joe Wassweiler went 3 for 4 (1 double, 2 singles) and scored 1 run, Gary Lasko went 3 for 4 (3 singles) and scored 2 runs (1 RBI), Tony Dalia went 3 for 3 (3 singles) and scored 3 runs, Mike Spinelli went 3 for 4 (1 single, 1 double, 1 triple) with 4 RBI's, Mike DeLuca went 3 for 4 (3 singles) and scored 1 run (1 RBI), and Ricky Brettholtz went 2 for 3 (2 singles) and scored 1 run.

Another team at the top of the table fell on Wednesday, with Arlington Grill defeating Miller's by a score of 18 to 5. Leading the charge for Arlington Grill were Ralph Bondi, Mike Vuozzo, and Rod Whitby, who all had four hits. Jim Ranucci and Russ Gilmore

each had three hits. Jack Hale and Bert Keating shared pitching duties, with Jack staking claim to the win.

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## JULY 12, 2023

At Whitesell field, Michaels beat Mchoul's 10 to 9. After falling behind 7-2, Michael's scored 3 runs in the bottom of 7th to beat Mchouls. Leading the way for Michaels was Phil Chontos 3 hits (winning Pitcher), Paul Laskowski 3 hits. Carl Parris (3b), Mike Lynch, Von Ahouse, Tom Hotaling, Stan Silverman and Stan Smilkstein (3b,4rbi) all had 2 hits each.

For McHoul's, going scoreless in the last three innings proved fatal. McHoul's played a decent defense although there were a few miscues but, on balance a solid effort. Offensively, Kevin Laffin led the attack going 4-4 and Larry Stewart went 3-4. Jeff Walter, Charlie Mellia, Woody, and Tom Milholm contributed 2 hits apiece.

Next door at Digilio field, the Restaurant Runners ran past A&R Security by the score of 20 - 14. It was a great game today by both teams.

Restaurant Runners jumped out to a 13 to 5 lead after 3 innings , then A&R scored the next 8 runs to tie the scored going into the 6th inning. Then RR scored 2 runs in the top of the 6th, and A&R scored 1 in the bottom to cut the lead to 1 run heading into the 8th (open) inning. Then RR scored 5 straight unanswered runs in the top of the 8th to take a 6 run lead, RR played tough Defense in the bottom of the 8th to win by a score of 20-14. There were great defensive plays throughout the game by both teams, Tony J played a great 2nd base , Bobby Dempsey coming back from a injured shoulder played a great 1st base, Steve Savod made some great plays a shortstop to keep runners from scoring, Rich Sicardo closed off the middle. Bobby Cotter played a great left field along with Reggie Dolson's running catches and keeping the speed of A&R off second

base, Danny Diesing again playing a solid right center, and Gerod Huagh came up big with some great running catches. Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith played great defense behind the plate, along with Joe Demaria playing middle fielder and catcher to finish the game. Andy Endsley started the game and did a great job, the defense gave up unearned runs and Andy Burger came in Relief and closed the door. The hitting was a complete team effort with Rich Sicardo 4hits,2runs,2rbi. Manager 4hits,3runs,5rbi, (2-HR with running help from Danny Diesing). Reggie Dolson 3hits,2runs,1rbi. Danny Diesing 3hits,2runs,2rbi (plus Dan scored 6times while pinch running) Steve Savod 2hits,2runs,2rbi, Bobby Cotter 2hits,2runs,1rbi. Carl Villegas 2hits,3runs,3rbi. Bob Dempsey 3hits,1run,1rbi. Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith 3hits,1run,1rbi. Gerod Haugh 2hits,1run,1rbi. Joe Demaria 1hit,1run,1rbi. Andy Endsley 2hits, Tony Janicik and Andy Burger Hit the ball hard all three at Bats. Great all around game for RR. A&R was led by Tom Derito and Bill Volpe who both rapped out 4 hits. Johnny Ostuni and Greg Miller had 3 hits and Fred Patterson contributed a triple.

At Sheafe Road field, Doyle's Full Team of 14 Players defeated Arlington Grill's Team (short 5 players - away at a Tournament) 16-7. For Doyles, Frank Goberish batted 3 for 3 plus a walk (so 4 for 4?); Jim "Doc" Willoughby batted 3 for 4 with a double and 3 RBIs; Lou Rossi batted 3 for 4 also; Steve Schmid batted 2 for 2 plus a walk (so 3 for 3?); Mike Muffs batted 1 for 2 plus a bases-loaded walk for an RBI; Steve Morris batted 2 for 4 including a 3 run Home Run over the Left-Centerfielder's head; Mark Battistoni and Dan Sopchak both batted 2 for 4 each with an RBI triple in our 5 run 1st inning. The three batters who drew walks - all scored. Six batters at the bottom of Doyle's batting order scored 7 of Doyle's 16 runs.

Doyle's players played very well defensively, and third baseman Dan Sopchak received the "Defensive Player of the Game" Award for making several really good defensive plays at 3rd Base including the game-ending double play - Dan Sopchak to Gary DiMaggio at 2nd Base for one out, and then Gary's quick throw to first baseman Bob Hahn for the final out of the game. Mike "No Walks" Muffs was the winning pitcher.

For the undermanned and injured Arlington Grill team, they only had 9 players, and 5 needed runners because of various injuries. Dick Michaels had 4 hits, Russ Gilmore had 3 hits and Bob Digglemann crushed 2 home runs.

At 'Baby Beale' with the score tied going into the 9th inning TaxBrakes scored 2 runs to take the lead. Then it was Miller's turn to bat, scoring 3 runs on a 2 out clutch single by Russ Bock to bring home the winning run for a come from behind win. The final score was 15 - 14 in 9 innings. That was Russ's second big hit. He had another 2 out hit the inning before to tie the game. The other leading players were Mark Joao, Rich Hill, Joe Paoloni, Jeff Noe. All with big hits in crucial situations.

For TaxBrakes in a tightly contested game where the largest lead for either team was 3 runs Taxbrakes was leading 11 to 9 after 6 innings. In the top of the 7th Taxbrakes tacked on 1 run to extend the lead to 3 however Miller's offense scored 3 in the bottom of the 7th inning to tie the game. Neither team scored in the 8th inning. In the top of the 9th Taxbrakes pushed 2 runs across the plate which proved not to be enough as Miller mustered 3 runs in the bottom of the 9th for the game winning score. Hitting notables for TaxBrakes were Joe Wassweiler who was 3 for 5 (2 doubles and a single), Dave Napolillo who went 5 for 5 (2 doubles, 3 singles and 1 RBI), Tony Dalia went 2 for 5 (1 double, 1 single and 4 RBI's) and Mike Jaffe who went 3 for 5 (2 doubles, 1 single and 2 RBI's)

Special thanks to George Hammer for pitching for Taxbrakes today and he went 2 for 3 with an RBI.

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## JULY 7, 2023

At Whitesell field, it was another close win for J&N as they knocked off Miller's by the score of 12 - 11. With the score 10-6 in the 8th inning Miller's scored 5 runs to take a

one run lead into the bottom of the 8th. In the bottom of the eighth Mo Ragusa singled to left and pinch runner Bill Kyle scored on a sacrifice fly by George Hammer. Joe Karam then singled and pinch runner John Cacciola scored the winning run on a hit by Joe Pennachio. Mike Capra was the winning pitcher. Leading the attack for J&N was John Cacciola who was 4 for 4 with 3 doubles. Joe Karam was also 4 for 4 while Mo Ragusa was 3 for 4. Dan Doyle, Jamie Pagan, George Hammer and Dave Lowitz all chipped in with 2 for 4 days. No highlights available from Miller's at this time.

At Digilio field Arlington Grill defeated TaxBrakes by the score of 28 - 14. TaxBrakes went into the eighth inning winning by 1 run. The Grill scored 15 runs in the top of the eighth and then held TaxBrakes to no runs. For the Grill, Ralph Bondi had 6 hits. Mike Vuozzo and Ed Bergamini had 5 hits. Jim Ranucci, Russ Gilmore, Tom Mirande, and Dick Michels had 4 hits. Drew DeAngelo, Bert Keating and Rodney DeLoatch had 3 hits. Jack Hale was the winning pitcher.

For Taxbrakes they were led by Gary Lasko who was 5 for 5 with 3 runs and 5 RBI's. Tony Dalia was 3 for 5 with 2 runs and Mike Jaffe was also 3 for 5 with 3 runs. The original Mike Spinelli was 3 for 5 with 1 run and 5 RBI's and Rick Brettholtz also chipped in with a 3 for 5 with 1 RBI.

Special thanks to Gary Lasko and Mike Spinelli ( 1 ) for running the team in Mike 'Junior' Spinelli's absence.

At Sheafe road field, 1st place A&R Securities held off last place Doyle's winning by the score of 16 - 12. Leading the way for A&R was Greg Miller and Chip Mulkins who had 4 hits each. Bill Volpe, Fred Patterson and Joe Barbarito chipped in with 3 hits apiece and Joe 'Flash' Prisco had 4 RBI's.

It was a valiant effort by Doyle's as they lost a close one to A&R in a well played game. Dan Sopchak was Doyle's *BIG HITTER* batting 6 for 8. "Hmmmmm - HOW IS THAT possible. . . " (fellow Doyle Teammates are obviously asking) . . . "when we all got up to bat 4 times each during the game?" Well, somehow I overlooked the FACT that

Dan Sopchak batted 3 for 4 in our game on Friday, June 30th . . .SO I NEED to correct MY oversight!

Most Offensive Players for Doyle on July 7th: Gary Landman batted 4 for 4 with 3 RBIs (7 straight hits for Gary over the last 2 games), and Steve Schmid batted 4 for 4 with 2 RBIs. Dan Sopchak, Bob Hahn, Mike Muffs, and Steve Lynch each batted 3 for 4; Mark Battistoni batted 2 for 3 plus a nice Sacrifice Fly, and Steve Morris, Donny Black, and Gary DiMaggio batted 2 for 4. Mike "One Walk" Muffs was the losing pitcher in a game that Doyle almost won . . . but left 17 base-runners STRANDED on the bases! P.S. In the bottom of the 8th Inning - losing by 4 runs, Doyle rallied to load up the bases with two outs, and then Team Manager Steve Lynch (batting 3 for 3) got up to bat - teammates were Cheering for ME to hit a Grand Slam Home Run!!! But, I planned on belting a line-drive over the first baseman's head down the right field line to score two runs and then Doyle would have runners on 2nd and 3rd Base, and Steve Morris - lead-off batter - would come up to bat, and hit a single or double for 2 RBIs to TIE THE GAME . . . and then score the WINNING RUN on the next batter's single. BUT unfortunately, "it didn't go according to plan" and Steve Lynch grounded out to second baseman Joe "Flash" Prisco who threw to Tom "Spider" Derito at First Base to end the game: A&R 16 . . . Doyle 12.

Down at Sports Park on one of the smaller fields (not Junior), Michaels put a beating on a severely undermanned Restaurant Runners team that only had 8 players by the score of 33 - 3. Michael's was led by Ernie Martin 6 hits (3rbi), Stan Smilkstein 6 hits (6 rbi), Mike Lynch 5 hits, Eddie Smilkstein 5 hits (6 rbi), John Berracol , Paul Laskowski, Stan Silverman (5rbi), Chris Thomas (5rbi,32b), Phil Chontos(Winning Pitcher) and Cary Wassenburg who all had 4 hits.

Restaurant Runners was forced to play with 8 players two over 75 years old in 90° weather and couldn't compete with a full squard (12) Michael's team..I want to thank all R&R players for their effort in the 90° heat. Five Players had 2 hits each, Tony Janicik 2hits,1Rbi, Andy Endsley 2hits, Rich Sicardo 2hits,1Rbi, Gerod Haugh 2hits, Chris had 2hits,1rbi....Reggie Dolson added 1hit along with Andy Burger's 1hit....Gerod Haugh

Reggie Dolson and Rich Sicardo did all they could in a wind open outfield. Andy Burger and Andy Endsley split mound duty. Carl Villegas played a solid 3rd base along with Tony Janicik at 2nd base....

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## JUNE 30, 2023

At Whitesell field, 1st place A&R Security came off their bye week firing on all cylinders as they handily defeated McHoul's by the score of 27 - 7. Hitting stars for A&R were Joe Barbarito and Tommy DeRito who had 5 hits each. Greg Miller, Bill Volpe and Fred Patterson contributed 4 hits apiece and every other guy in the A&R lineup had at least 3 hits in the game.

For McHoul's, despite the solid shellacking, one McHoul's player was able to get three hits and that was the ageless Woody. Our main highlight is also to Woody's credit when he brought up the fact that we had no new injuries. Have a happy fourth everyone.

At 'Baby Beale', Taxbrakes raced out to an early 10-1 lead after 2 1 /2 innings but J&N came from behind, holding them to 1 run over the final five innings as they eked out a 12 - 11 victory. J&N was led by Jamie Pagan who was 3-5 with 2 doubles, George Hammer was 3-4 , Dave Lowitz, Bill Kyle , Lou Post, and Angelo Digregorio had 2 hits apiece. The outfield of Pagan , Post , Ragusa , and Lowitz played well. Bill Kyle at short made some excellent defensive plays to keep J&N in the game. George Hammer was the winning pitcher.

As mentioned earlier, Taxbrakes had a 10 to 1 lead by the middle of the 3rd inning when their offense stalled. J&N's defense kicked into high gear with several outstanding defensive plays by Billy Kyle. J&N mounted its come back scoring 5 runs in the 3rd and 3 runs in the 4th and 5th inning. George Hammer held Taxbrakes scoreless

the last three innings. Offensively TaxBrakes was led by Tony Dalia who was 3 for 4 with 3 singles, a walk, 3 runs scored and an RBI. Gary Lasko was 4 for 5 with 3 singles, a double, 3 RBI's and 2 runs scored. Mike 'Junior' Spinelli was 2 for 4 with 2 singles, a walk and 2 RBI's and Gene Daley went 2 for 4 with a single and a double. Defensively Mike Jaffe made several terrific plays in the outfield and Bob Thompson made a great fielding gem on a hard hit ball.

At Digilio field it was the battle of the shorthanded teams with the Restaurant Runners coming out on top over Arlington Grill by the score of 26 - 21. For Arlington Grill, they were led by Ralph Bondi and Ed Bergamini who each had 5 hits. Russ Gilmore, Mike Vuozzo, Tom Mirande, Dick Michels, and Bert Keating all had 4 hits apiece.

Playing with only 9 players it looked like it was going to be a long day for the Restaurant Runners, when RR scored 3 in the first, ARL Grill answered back with 6 straight hits taking advantage of the wide open middle and outfield gaps of Digilio , ARL pushed 4 runs across the plate to take a one run lead....Restaurant Runners would go on to score 23 more runs over the next 7 innings out scoring the Grill 26 to 21. Restaurant Runners had great defensive plays throughout the game help keep the game close. Reggie Dolson made a great running grab of a screaming line drive, Dan Diesing had some great throws and Joe Demaria's hustle in right helped to close the outfield gaps. Great plays by Carl Villegas at third base shut down any possible rallies of The Grill. New comer George Norris held his own at shortstop while Tony Janicik played a great second base again helping Andy Endsley who pitched a great game again keeping The Grill's powerful hitters off balance. Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith covered the plate and would later come up with two big plays, one at home and later at first base. Restaurant Runners offense stayed hot with Carl Villegas leading the way with a perfect day going 6-6 ,scoring 5 runs, 7 Rbi...Dan Diesing 5hits,(grand slam) 4runs, 8Rbi (Dan also scored 5runs Pinch running) ....Reggie Dolson 5hits,5runs,2Rbi (2 run Hr)...Andy Endsley had 5hits 5runs,1Rbi....Ray Smith had 4hits,1run,1rbi.....Tony Janicik kept up his hot hitting with 4 more hits,1run, 1Rbi.....George Norris 4hits,2runs,1Rbi.....the coach finally helped out the team with 4hits,2runs,5rbi. and a

game ending double play with a great scoop by Ray "Johnny Bench" Smith at first....  
Game ball goes to "Our Lady Queen of Victory Pray for Us" .....I Want too Wish  
everyone a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!! Happy "247th" Birthday to our Great  
Country! God bless America!!!! God bless Our great Heroes!

At Sheafe road field in a fairly close game, Miller's made the key defensive plays they  
needed to defeat Doyle's by the score of 10-6. Two runners were thrown out at 3rd  
Base trying to advance to third base on a single to the outfield, but great relay throws  
cut them down. A runner on 2nd Base was doubled-up off second base while running  
to 3rd Base on an infield pop-up that he didn't think Miller's 3rd Baseman could get to,  
(Infield Fly Rule NOT called because it was a very difficult running catch) and on a  
line-drive out to Right Field, a runner on 3rd Base Tagged up . . . but was thrown out at  
Home Plate for an inning-ending double play with a runner also on 2nd Base. These 4  
base running outs should have scored 4 runs, and perhaps each inning's rally could  
have continued with a few extra runs for Doyle's.

"Most Offensive Players" for Doyle: Gary Landman batted 3 for 3 with a double;  
Steve Morris batted 3 for 4 with a double and 3 RBIs total; Lou Rossi also batted 3 for  
4 with a double; and Frank Goberish, Donny Black and Bob Hahn each batted 2 for 4.  
Mike "No Walks" Muffs was the losing pitcher but pitched 4 shutout innings, and made  
an excellent running catch of a pop-up down the first base baseline that most-likely  
would have been an infield hit.

For Miller's the game evolved into a pitcher's duel after the first inning. Doyle's started  
off by loading the bases in the top of the first but scored only 2 runs. Miller's followed  
with 5 runs to lead 5-2. The pitchers then took over and the next four innings were  
scoreless for both teams. Obviously the hitting was nothing to write home about for  
either team with Miller's coming out on top by 4 runs, 10-6. Miller's had some  
tremendous plays on defense. With a runner on first, a Doyle's batter singled to left and  
the runner on first tried to stretch it to third. The throw from Joe Paoloni to Mark Joao  
to Roger Merritt chopped down the runner at third. Not satisfied with one tremendous  
play, the group repeated the sequence a couple of innings later. To top off the

defense, in the last inning with Doyle's trying to make a comeback, they had a runner on third. A fly ball to deep right field was caught by Jeff Noe who gunned a throw home to Bob Joy to cut down the runner trying to score. A tremendous day of defense for Millers.

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## JUNE 21, 2023

At Digilio field, Miller's crept to within a game of 1st place by defeating McHoul's by the score of 13 - 10. It was great defense and timely hitting that led Miller's to the victory. The team was led by Mark Joao (3dbs and a triple), Roger Merritt (triple and 3 singles) and Jeff Noe (2 dbs and a single). Great defense by our second baseman Joe Kupiec, short centerfielder Al Hicks and the entire team.

McHoul's came up short in the battle of the funeral homes. Offensively, McHoul's was led by Kevin Laffin, Bob Wood and Jim Flood who each had 3 hits. George Cole went 2-2 with 2 SACs. Jeff Walter, Charlie Mellia, and Tom Milholm each added 2 hits. Rich Rella and Jeff Walter each had some key defensive plays along with Bob Wood who made a great double play from right field, but for Mchoul's, it was too little too late.

In a game played at 'Baby Beale' that had several twists and turns, including a field destination change early in the morning, Taxbrakes claimed a come from behind win by a score of 14 to 13 over Doyle's.

Special thanks to the field crew that worked a miracle getting Beale field ready for us to play on such short notice since Sports Park Jr was a no go.

Doyle had a 7 to 2 lead after 5 innings. Taxbrakes then removed the brakes on the offense scoring 5 runs in the 6th inning. Doyle would not take Taxbrakes offensive outbreak lying down scoring 5 runs in the top of the 7th. Doyle added another run in the top of the 8th increasing the lead to 6 runs. As earlier mentioned, with the twists

and turns the next 8 batters for Taxbrakes would reach base safely with the final nail in the coffin being delivered by Pete Longobardi who cracked a majestic shot over the left field fence to secure the win.

Leading the attack for TaxBrakes was Joe Wasweiler who was 4 for 4 ( 2 triples 1 double, 1 single ) 3 RBI's, Dave Napolillo was 3 for 3 with a double, 2 singles, 3 RBI's and a walk, Pete Longobardi was 2 for 4 with 2 doubles including the game winner, Bobby Thompson was 3 for 3 (3 singles) and Mike 'Junior' Spinelli was 2 for 3 with a double and a single along with an RBI. Rick Brettholtz was the winning pitcher.

For Doyle's they had a nice comfortable 7-2 lead over Taxbrakes thanks to GREAT Pitching by Mike Muffs and good defensive plays by several fielders. BUT in the bottom of the 6th Inning, Mike had to leave the game - not feeling well - light-headed - and so Steve Lynch came in to pitch and two batters belted doubles over the outfield fence at Beale Field and other batters got hits, and suddenly Taxbrakes scored 5 runs to tie the game 7-7.

In the top of the 7th inning, Doyle's had a big rally to score 5 runs, and added one run in the 8th inning to take a nice comfortable 13-7 lead going into the bottom of the last inning. BUT, in the bottom of the 8th inning, with a runner on first base, an easy double-play ball hit up the third base baseline HIT 3rd Base and stopped - for a single. The next batter hit a slow roller down the first base baseline for an "infield hit" to load up the bases. A couple of batters got line-drive base hits just out of the reach of player's outstretched gloves, and then two batters belted doubles over the outfield fence, and suddenly the score was tied at 13-13 with NO OUTS YET.

With the "Winning Run" now on 2nd Base, and 1st Base open - Steve Lynch pitched carefully to Pete Longobardi and had a 3-0 Count. Fellow Teammates were shouting to "WALK HIM" . . . BUT the Wednesday Softball League's PITCHING RULE [#2](#) Specifically STIPULATES: "Intentional Walks are NOT Allowed"! So, Steve Lynch figured that Pete would NOT be swinging on a 3-0 Count, and I pitched the ball right down the middle of the plate for *Strike One*. NOW it wouldn't be an "Intentional Walk"! My next Pitch was meant to be a bit outside and deep - JUST MISSING the back corner of the plate for BALL FOUR . . . BUT my pitch wasn't deep enough, and

Pete Longobardi belted the ball over the left field fence for the game-winning double. BUMMER!!! The on-deck batter was Gary Lasko, and I figured I could get HIM to hit into an inning-ending 5-4-3 Triple Play!

Oooops I almost forgot: For Doyle, Dan Sopchak was 3 for 3 with a double; Steve Morris and Mark Battistoni batted 3 for 4 with two doubles each; Lou Rossi and Frank Goberish also batted 3 for 4; Donny Black batted 2 for 3 plus a Sacrifice for 3 RBIs total; Bob Hahn batted 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs, and Steve Schmid also batted 2 for 4 with a double. Steve Lynch was the "Losing Pitcher" giving up 12 runs in the last 3 innings.

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At Whitesell field Arlington Grill nipped Michael's by the score of 14 - 13. After fighting there way out of an 8 to 2 hole, Michaels took a 13 -12 lead into the bottom of the 8th only to lose on a 2 out clutch hit by Mike Vuozzo. For Michaels, Carl Parris had 4 hits, Tom Hotaling 3 hits(3b), John Berrocal 3 hits, Stan Smilkstein 3 hits (5rbi), Eddie Smilkstein and Ernie Martin had 2 RBI's apiece, Chris Thomas, Cary Wassenburg, Dewey Borgardus all chipped in with 2 hits.

For Arlington Grill, Mike Vuozzo had 4 hits, including the game winner. Jack Hale, Bob Diggelman and Rod Whitby had 3 hits. Bert Keating was the winning pitcher.

At Sheafe road field, the Restaurant Runners got their 2nd win of the season knocking off J&N by the score of 20 - 8. Leading the way for J&N was Jamie Pagan and Lou Post who both had 3 hits. Tom Giordano, Dan Doyle, Billy Kyle, Joe Karam and Angie DiGregorio had 2 hits apiece. Mike Capra was the losing pitcher.

For the Restaurant Runners the game started off with a moment of silence for Reggie Dolson's Wife Donna Marie, It was Reggie first game back..Total team effort for the Restaurant Runners on both sides of the fence, great defensive plays Carl Villegas on the hot corner, Steve Savod played a great shortstop , Joe Demaria made a diving stop on a hard hit grounder up the middle, Tony Janicik also came up big with the glove, Andy Burger playing over the middle and first base also played great defense. Gerod Haugh made a great inning ending catch near the fence in right field. Andy Endsley

made his first start of the year and kept the powerful hitters of J&N off balance, Ray "Johnny Bench " Smith also had two plays at the plate, Offensively RR team put together 20 hits scored 20 runs, lead by Reggie Dolson with 3hits, 4 runs. Bob Cotter 3hits,3runs, 4 Rbi's, Carl Villegas 3hits,2Rbi's, Steve Savod kept up his hot hitting with 2hits, 2 Rbi's (key). Danny Diesing had a monster game with 2hits, 2runs ,3Rbi's, a 3 Run homerun blast, Andy Endsley helped himself with 2hits 1walk,2 runs, 3Rbi's, Rich Sicardo added 2hits,2rbi's ,Gerod Haugh had 2hits, 1run score,Joe Demaria also had a 1hit, 1run, 1rbi. Tony Janicik chipped in with 2hits, 1run, 1rbi. Andy Burger had three hard hit balls caught. The Manager finally chipped in Offensively with 3hits, 2runs(Danny Diesing running double, triple, 1rbi..... The guys gave me a game to game contract.... lol..... Game balls were given to Reggie Dolson and Andy Endsley!!

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## JUNE 14, 2023

At Whitesell field, J&N prevailed in extra innings, defeating Doyle's by the score of 14 - 11. The game was marked by great defensive plays by both teams. John Cacciola made two outstanding running catches in LF while Billy Kyle made 4 great plays at shortstop for J&N. Steve Morris and Donny Black made outstanding catches for Doyle's. Doyle's came back from being 4 runs down in the last inning to tie the game at 11-11. J&N scored 3 runs in the 9th inning to win the game. For J&N Billy Kyle was 4-4 with 2 doubles while George Hammer and Doug McCracken were 3-4 . Dave Lowitz , John Cacciola, Jamie Pagan ,Tom Giordano, Joe Karam and Joe Pennachio each had 2 hits. Mike Capra was the winning pitcher .

In a hard-fought game Doyle's came up a little short against J&N,

Doyle scored 5 runs in the 2nd inning to take a 6-3 lead as Frank Goberish belted a bases-loaded triple, and then Steve Morris followed with an Inside-the-Park Home Run. Trailing 11-7 going into the bottom of the last inning, the last 3 batters in Doyle's lineup each singled to load the bases. One run scored when the next batter grounded out to 1st Base, and then Lou Rossi hit a 2 RBI double, and then scored the tying run on a single. Another single, and the WINNING RUN was on 3rd Base and it appeared that Doyle was going to have a GREAT last inning rally to WIN - but the next batter lined out to Right Field. J&N then scored 3 runs in the 9th inning to win 14-11. For Doyle's Donny Black batted 3 for 4; Frank Goberish batted 2 for 3 with the bases-loaded triple, and Steve Morris. Lou Rossi, Steve Schmid and Mark Battistoni each batted 2 for 4. Mike "No Walks" Muffs pitched a good game, but was the Losing Pitcher.

Down at Sheafe road field, Arlington Grill came back off their bye week smoking hot and defeated McHoul's by the score of 24 - 16. Mike Vuozzo, Russ Gilmore, and Dick Michels all had 5 hits. Ed Bergamini had 4 hits. Jim Ranucci, Jack Hale, Rod Whitby, and Bob Diggelmann had 3 hits. One of Bob's was a home run. Bert Keating was the winning pitcher.

For McHoul's there would be no miracle finishes today. The Grill was able to cause damage throughout their lineup. For McHoul's, Larry Stewart lead by going 5-5 but had to be removed from the outfield due to a nagging leg pull. Kevin Laffin went 4-4 as did Tom Milholm. Jeff Walter also got on 4 times with 2 hits and 2 walks. Rich Rella and Bob Wood each had 3 hits to lead McHoul's offense.

At Sports Park Jr, A&R Security maintained their hold on 1st place by defeating Michael's by the score of 18 - 16. John Ostuni and Tom Derito led A&R with 5 hits apiece. Ostuni had 3 doubles while DeRito had an incredible 8 RBI's in the game. Pete Schwarze had 4 hits for A&R and Greg Miller, Doc Prisco and Sammy Duke chipped in with 3 hits apiece.

For Michael's which was led by Eddie Smilkstein, they had the winning run up at the plate coming back from 7 runs down but came up just a little short. Eddie Smilkstein was 4-4 (4 2b,6rbi), Stan Silverman 3-3 (2rbi), Carl Parris 3-4, Tom Hotaling (2rbi), Ernie Martin, Phil Chontos, Paul Laskowski, and 'THE' JOHNNY B all with 2 hits and Chris Thomas and Stan Smilkstein chipping in with 2 rbi's each.

At Digilio field, Miller's banged out 33 hits and got the best of the Restaurant Runners by the score of 25 - 18.

It was a seesaw battle the entire game. The hitting attack was led by Mark Joao 4 hits (hr), Danny Glum 4 hits, Jeff Noe (cycle), Roger Merritt 4 hits (hr), Russ Bock 4 hits. The winning pitcher was Jim Thorne.

It was another tough loss for the Restaurant Runners, the game was a back and forth struggle. Neither team had more than a 4 run lead till the top of the 8th, when Miller's added 4 more runs to their already 3 run lead and iced the game. The hitting stars were Steve Savod 5 hits,3 runs,5 Rbi. Danny Diesing 4 hits,4runs 4 Rbi's, Andy Endsley was on base all 5 times at bat 3 walks and 2 hits and scored 4 runs. Carl Villegas had 3hits and 2 Rbi's. Gerod Haugh had a great day with 3 hits and a great catch in left field, Tony Janicik came through with a 2 hit day and his outs were all line drives, Tony also made great plays at 2nd base....Ray Smith and Andy Burger also had a hit. Andy pitched a great game against the powerful line up of Millers, Ray Smith looked like Johnny Bench catching a pop fly behind the plate .....The game was played with heavy hearts due too the untimely passing of Reggie Dolson's wife Donna Marie Huston on Saturday..... Our Hearts go out to Reggie and Donna's family.... May Donna forever walk in the Sunlight of heaven....Wake is this Friday at Ferguson Funeral home at 20 North Street, Washingtonville NY from 4pm to 7pm...

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## JUNE 7, 2023

At Digilio field, Michaels beat J&N 13-12 in a very close game that ended with a doubleplay in the bottom of the 8th. Leading the way for Michael's offensively were Carl Parris 4-4 ( 3runs,3RBI's), Von Ahouse 4-4 (2rbi's), Tom Houghtaling 3hits (3runs), Eddie Smilkstein 3 hits (2rbi's), Stan Silverman 3-3 (HR,3rbi's), Phil Chontos 2 hits (Winning Pitcher), Stan Smilkstein 2 hits (2rbi's) and Ernie Martin 2 rbi's.

J&N was led by Jamie Pagan who had a single, double and triple, Dan Doyle who was 3 for 3 and Joe Pennachio, Tom Giordano, Mo Ragusa, Dave Lowitz, John Cacciola and Bill Kyle who were all 2 for 3.

Next door at Whitesell field, A&R Security retained their hold on 1st place by defeating Miller's by the score of 17 - 14. A&R was led by Greg Miller who had 4 hits, one of which was a triple. John Ostuni, Pat Rose, Chip Mulkins and B-Man Edwards all chipped in with 3 hits apiece

In the game at Sheafe Rd, both McHoul's and TaxBrakes came out like a wildfire with McHoul's prevailing by the score of 29 - 24. The game seesawed inning after inning, but it was the eighth inning that determined the outcome. TaxBrakes was up 2 runs going into the last inning. With two outs, McHoul's managed to tie the score in the top of the eighth. It is often that last out that kills you. With two outs, McHoul's managed to score another 8 runs. TaxBrakes came out strong in the bottom of the eighth with 3 runs, but as the smoke cleared, McHoul's held on to win. For McHoul's, the highlights belong to the whole team as everyone contributed. Rich Rella had a stellar day at the bat and made a diving play in the eighth to get a crucial out. Charlie Melia, Rich Rella and Jim Kirzoncic had 5 hits apiece. The rest of the team joined in with multiple hits.

For TaxBrakes it was a game that had 6 lead changes with McHoul's scoring 10 runs in the top of the 8th inning to power their way to victory. Further compliments to JIm

Flood and the men from Mc Houls as they played with only 10 players. Offensively TaxBrakes was led by Joe Wasswieler who was 4 for 4 with 3 doubles, a single and 2 RBI's. Dave Napollilo also went 4 for 4 with 2 doubles, 2 singles and 4 RBI's. Gary Lasko was 3 for 4 with a double, 2 singles and 3 RBI's. Mike Spinelli (2) was 3 for 3 with a single, double, triple and a sac fly totaling 4 RBI's and the 'original' Mike Spinelli made the Spinelli's perfect on the day with a 4 for 4 including a home run, 2 singles and a double which accounted for 3 RBI's. Tony Dalia also shone brightly for TaxBrakes with a 4 for 4 day which included 3 singles, a triple and 1 RBI. Mike DeLuca also went 2 for 4 with 2 singles and an RBI and last but far from least, Rick Brettholtz was 3 for 3 (3 singles) and pitched a very good game.

In a very close game - in which the lead changed 9 times, Doyle's narrowly defeated Restaurant Runners 14-13 at the Sports Park Jr. Field. Doyle was losing 10-8 going into the bottom of the 7th inning, and scored 4 runs to take a 12-10 lead going into the top of the 8th Inning. Restaurant Runners scored three runs to take a 13-12 lead going into the bottom of the last inning, but Doyle bounced right back and had bases-loaded with no outs, and then scored the tying and winning runs to win 14-13. Players on both teams made excellent defensive plays.

"Most Offensive Batters" for Doyle: Frank Goberish was 4 for 4; Lou Rossi batted 3 for 4 with a double, and 3 RBIs including the game-winning run scored on a long Sacrifice Fly; Donny Black was 3 for 4 with a triple and 2 RBIs; Jim Willoughby was also 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs; and Steve Morris batted 3 for 5 with two doubles. Bob Hahn, Mark Batastoni, Gary DiMaggio, Gary Landman and Steve Lynch each batted 2 for 4. The last 5 batters in Doyle's lineup scored 7 of their 14 runs. Steve *"Almost NO Walks"* Lynch was the Winning Pitcher.

(Editor's note: Steve 'almost no walks' Lynch is also modest Steve Lynch because Gary Landman, Frank Goberish and Steve Lynch led off the bottom of the 8th inning with hits to allow the top of the order to come up and put Lou Rossi in position to drive in the 'walk off' run and win the game.)

For the Restaurant Runners it was another tough loss, 2 runs in the bottom of the 8th. The game was back and forth the whole way. Great defensive plays by both teams. RR turned 3 double plays...the combination of Steve Savod and Bob Dempsey worked well and Andy Endsley played a great short fielder, Carl Villegas made some great plays also....The hitting was pretty balanced with the bottom of the order coming through with key hits.... team was led by Danny Diesing who was hitting balls onto the other infield... Danny went 4-4 ,3 Rbi's, 2 runs score not including running for other players he score 3 runs as a Pinch Runner...Bobby Cotter had a great game also he was 2-4 and scored 2 runs....Tony J continues his hot hitting with two more hits on the day,he had the hit that tied the game in the top of the 8th....Andy Burger and Andy Endsley had 2 hits apiece, Richie Sicardo also was 3-4 with 2 runs score and 3 knocked in, Joe Demaria was thrown into action playing right field and did a good job he collected his first hit of the season.....

All together another tough loss...The players bought me a book called Mutiny on the Bounty.....They told me my job is on the line.....lol

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## MAY 31, 2023

Today on a sun drenched Whitesell field, Taxbrakes defeated Rest. Runners in come from behind fashion by a score of 16 - 14. Taxbrakes jumped out to a 8 - 0 lead after an inning and a half. That's when Rest. Runners turned up the gas by scoring 5 runs in the bottom of the 2nd, 3 runs in the bottom of the 3rd and 4 runs in the bottom of the 4th while Taxbrakes offense took a coffee break not scoring any runs until the top of the sixth when Taxbrakes scored 2 runs. Rest. Runners were serving up the blue plate special of 2 runs in the bottom of the sixth. Starting in the top of the 8th, Taxbrakes was down 4 runs when they mounted their comeback scoring 6 runs with crucial hits by Joe Wassweiler, Gary Lasko and the senior Mike Spinelli. Taxbrakes Winning pitcher was

Rick Brettholtz. Leading the attack for TaxBrakes was Joe Wassweiler who was 3 for 4 (1 double), scoring 3 runs and adding 2 RBI's, Gary Lasko was 2 for 4 (1 triple) and knocked in 3 runs, Tony Dalia was 3 for 4 (2 doubles), 2 runs scored and 2 RBI's. It was noted by manager Mike 'Junior' Spinelli that Tony played a great game. He was a bit nicked up but gutted it out today.

Next door at Digilio field, J&N hammered McHoul's by the score of 18 - 8. J&N was led by Bill Kyle who was 4-4 with 2 doubles and excellent defense at shortstop, Dan Doyle was also 4-4 with a double and a triple .

Dave Lowitz was 3-4 with a home run and George Hammer also had 3 hits .

Angelo Digregorio , Joe Karam, Joe Pennachio, Lou Post, and Mo Ragusa had 2 hits each for J&N. Mike Capra was the winning pitcher.

Down at Sheafe road field, Miller's raced out to a 10 - 1 lead after 2 1/2 innings but Michael's fought back and actually had the tying run on base in the bottom of the 8th inning before the rally fell short. Miller's came out on top by the score of 16 - 15.

For Michaels they were led by Stan Silverman 4-4, Eddie Smilkstein 3-4, Carey Wassberg 3-4, Phil Chontos 3-4 (3rbi), Stan Smilkstein 3-4 (3rbi), Von Ahouse 2-4 (2rbi) and Ernie Martin 2-4 (2rbi).

Over at Sports Park Jr., A&R Security took over sole possession of 1st place with a walkoff win over Arlington Grill by the score of 13 - 12. A&R was led by Greg Miller, John Ostuni, Tom DeRito, Pete Schwarze and Chip Mulkins who all had 3 hits apiece. Two of John Ostuni's hits were doubles and he was matched by Pete Schwarze who also had 2 doubles.

It should be mentioned that the Grill fought back to tie the game in the top of the 8th only to see it slip away in the bottom of the inning. Arlington Grill was led by Mike Vuozzo, Bob Diggelman and Ed Bergamini who each had 4 hits.

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## MAY 24, 2023

Today on the vast confines of Digilio field, A&R Security fought back from 3 runs down in the top of the 8th inning to come away with a 16 - 14 victory. Leading the way for A&R was the great John Ostuni who had 4 hits, 3 of which were doubles. Also having 4 hits was Tony Scaduto, Doc Prisco and Sammy Duke. Pete Schwarze chipped in with 2 triples and a double for A&R. For the 2nd consecutive week, Taxbrakes played the game shorthanded (10 players) and was unable to hold off the powerful A&R attack as they exploited the middle of the field in the last inning. Leading the way for TaxBrakes was Pete Longobardi who was 4 for 5 with 4 runs scored and 4 RBI's. Gary Lasko was also 4 for 5 with 2 runs scored and 4 RBI's. Mike DeLuca was 3 for 5 with 1 run scored and the 'original' Mike Spinelli was 3 for 6 with 1 run scored and 1 RBI. Tony Dalia, playing hurt, was also 3 for 6 with 3 runs scored. On a lighter note Taxbrakes welcomed two first game players to the team in Mike Jaffe and Dave Napolillo.

Down at Sheafe road field, in a game where the final score does not reflect the closeness of the game, Michael's defeated Doyle's by the score of 17 - 4. Leading the way for Michael's was Von Ahouse 4-4 (3 rbi, Outstanding OF defense), Eddie Smilkstein 4-4 ( Great 2B defense), Stan Silverman 4-4, Ernie Martin 3-4, Stan Smilkstein 3-4 (3rbi), Carl Parris {Game Opening HR} and Phil Chontos (Winning Pitcher).

This game was a "Classic Pitchers Duel" for 6 innings with Michaels leading by one run 5-4 going into the top of the 7th Inning . . . but Michaels' batters exploded for 12 runs in the last two innings to win 17-4.

Offensively for Doyle: Steve Morris batted 3 for 3 with a double; Lou Rossi and Dan Sopchak each batted 2 for 3 with a double; Gary DiMaggio batted 1 for 2. (The top of Doyle's batting order only got up to bat 3 times each, and the bottom of the order only twice each). Players on both teams made really good defensive plays.

"Defensive Player of the Game" goes to Michaels' Pitcher Phil Chontos . . . who caught two line drives, made six 1-3 outs, and made one double play: 1-4-3. So Phil accounted for 10 of Doyle's 27 outs in the game. Phil limited three batters to only 1 hit each, and five batters had NO HITS.

At Whitesell field, Arlington Grill had their way with J&N defeating them by the score of 18 - 3. Arlington Grill to a man played great defense. Bob Diggelmann, Rod Whitby and Ed Bergamini all had 4 hits. Dan Zoller chipped in with 3 hits. No highlights available from J&N at this time.

Down at Sports Park Jr., Restaurant Runners garnered their first win by defeating McHoul's by the score of 18 - 9. McHoul's simply could not get their batting mojo working as we hit it at them and RR found the gaps. Once we were down to 10 players, the gaps got bigger and they found them. Nevertheless, RR played a good defensive game. McHouls only had two players get 3 hits, Larry Stewart and Kevin Laffin. Charlie Mellia, Jim Kirzonic, George Cole, Bob Wood and Jim D' Aleo each had 2 hits in the losing cause.

For the Restaurant Runners it was the first game with all the players drafted in place. Andy Burger kept the McHoul's hitters off balance , while the defense came up with great plays to slow down the great hitting team of McHoul's. Led by the great play of Reggie Dolson, Steve Savod, Andrew Endsley , Bob Dempsey, Carl Villagas celebrating His Birthday with great plays up the middle and collecting 2 keys hits and scoring one also scoring (3x) Pinch running. The outfield came up with great catches led by Rich Sicardo, Bobby Cotter, Danny Diesing (great throws) and Gerod Haugh's great Defense. Hitting was a team effort lead by Steve Savod's 4 hits and 3 runs scored and 3 Key Rbi's. 4 other players Reggie , Dan ,Bobby C, had at least 3 hits and 2 runs scored. Dan drove in 3 runs along with Bobby C. There were 9 other players with 2 or more hits . Andy Endsley had 2 hits and drove in 2runs and scored 1, Tony Janicik added two clutch hits and 2 runs scored, Ray Smith's big hits set up some big innings, Gerod and Andy Burger had 1 hit each... Total team effort!

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## MAY 17, 2023

At windswept Digilio field, Michael's broke open a close game against TaxBrakes by scoring 10 runs in the 6th and 7th innings to defeat them by the score of 25 - 13. For the 3rd week in a row Michael himself (Mike Lynch) led the attack with 5 hits. Von Ahouse also had 5 hits while Eddie Smilkstein had 4 hits (4rbi) and Phil Chontos also chipped in with 4 hits along with being the winning pitcher. Johnny Berrocal, Ernie Martin, Paul Laskowski, Chris Thomas (Great Outfield Defense), Carey Wassenburg, and Stan Smilkstein all had 3 hits.

Taxbrakes was playing under manned ( 10 players ) and the large field proved to be too much to cover. Notable hitting stars for TaxBrakes were Gary Lasko who was 4 for 5 with a double 1 run scored and 3 RBI's. Mike 'Junior' Spinelli was 3 for 5 while the original Mike Spinelli was 3 for 5 with 3 RBI's and 2 runs scored. Joe Wassweiler was 3 for 5 with a double, 2 runs scored and 2 RBI's and Tony Vinciguerra was 2 for 4.

Special thanks to Gerard Haugh for assisting Taxbrakes today. G Man's team had a bye and was gracious enough to be Taxbrakes 10th player.

Next door at Whitesell, McHoul's was able to defeat Doyles by the score of 24 - 18 but it was no breeze. Doyle's came on like a fierce north wind scoring 15 runs in the first 4 innings. McHoul's was able to get the wind at their sails by catching up and going ahead in the last 4 innings. Both teams had their bats working but both teams had some defensive lapses as well. For McHoul's, Jim Kirzoncic led by going 5-5. Charlie Melia and Jim Flood each added 4 hits. Jeff Walter, Rich Rella, Kevin Laffin, Steve McGee and Bob Wood all contributed with 3 hits apiece.

For Doyle's Team: Mark Batastoni batted 4 for 4 with two triples; Jim Willoughby batted 4 for 4 with a double, and Mike Muffs also batted 4 for 4. Donny Black batted 4 for 5 with 3 RBIs; Frank Goberish batted 3 for 4, and Steve Morris batted 3 for 5 with two triples and 2 RBIs.

Unfortunately Doyle's batters hit into 4 Double Plays killing big rallies. GREAT defensive plays were made by players on both teams.

Down at Sheafe road field, J&N scored 9 runs in the first two innings and A&R scored 7 runs in what looked like an apparent slug fest. J&N was then shut out for the last 6 innings and A&R was held to one run with the final score being J&N 9 - A&R Security 8. Doug McCracken and David Lowitz led J&N with 3 hits apiece while Lou Post had 2 hits. Bill Kyle and George Hammer had 2 RBI's apiece and Mike Capra was the winning pitcher, making a great play on a hard hit ball up the middle.

For A&R Security, they were led by John Ostuni who had 4 doubles and Pete Schwarze who contributed a triple.

At Sports Park Jr., Miller's won a close game with Arlington Grill by the score of 11 - 10. For the Grill, Ralph Bondi had 4 hits and Jim 'Doc' Ranucci, Bob Diggelman, Dan Zoller and Bert Keating all chipped in with 3 hits apiece.

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## MAY 10, 2023

At Sport's Park Jr., McHoul's ignored Stan Smilkstein's birthday wishes and came out ahead by the score of 15-10, although we still wish him a happy birthday. McHoul's had a somewhat balanced attack, scoring runs throughout the order. Bob Wood led us off going 3-4. Jim Kirzoncic went 3-3 with a Sac. George Cole, Steve McGee, and Jeff

Walter each added 3 hits apiece. The defense held when it had to as we were able to hold a good hitting team to 10 runs. Larry Stewart, Jim Flood and Tom Milholm added two hits each.

For Michael's, they were led again by Mike Lynch who had 4 hits. Eddie Smilkstein had 3 hits with 3 RBI's while John Berrocal and Carl Parris also chipped in with 3 hits apiece. The following players all had 2 hits in the game, Stan Silverman, Chris Thomas, Johnny B., Stan Smilkstein (along with 2 RBI's) and Ernie Martin who also had 2 RBI's.

At Whitesell field, Taxbrakes fell 3 runs short and was defeated by Miller's by the score of 23 - 20. After falling behind 15 to 6 in the third inning Taxbrakes started inching closer and by the end of the 7th inning the deficit was 2 runs. Miller's put the final nail in the coffin ( no pun intended ) by scoring 5 insurance runs in the top of the 8th inning. Taxbrakes could only muster 4 runs in the bottom of the inning however making it close with the tying runs on base. Leading the attack for TaxBrakes was Joe Wassweiler who was 4 for 5 with a triple, 4 runs scored and 2 RBI's. Dan Dillon was also 4 for 5 with 4 runs scored and 2 RBI's. Pete Longobardi was another 4 for 5 with 4 runs scored and 4 RBI's. Gary Lasko was 4 for 4 with 2 runs scored and 5 RBI's while Mike 'Junior' Spinelli was 4 for 5 with 1 run score and 2 RBI's.

There were no highlights available from Miller's at this time. (7PM Wednesday)

Next door at Digilio field, Arlington Grill defeated Doyle's by the score of 19 - 9. It was a relatively close game for 6 innings with Arlington Grill leading 13-9 going into the 7th inning; The Grill scored 6 more runs while getting six consecutive Doyle batters out in the last two innings.

For Doyle, Lou Rossi batted 4 for 4; Mark Batastoni batted 3 for 3; Dan Sopchak batted 3 for 4 with a triple; and Frank Goberish and Gary DiMaggio both batted 2 for 3. Key defensive plays were made by Left Fielder Donny Black - a shoestring catch of a sinking line drive; Short-Centerfielder Jim Willoughby made a great running catch in shallow

Right Field behind the infielders; and second baseman Gary DiMaggio made a lunging catch - to his right - of a hard hit line drive.

Arlington Grill was led by Drew D'Angelo and Bob Diggelman who each had 4 hits with Bob hitting for the cycle. Jim 'Doc' Ranucci, Ralph Bondi, Russ Gilmore and Rod Whitby had 3 hits apiece and Bert Keating was the winning pitcher.

Over at Sheafe road field, A&R Security took over sole possession of 1st place by defeating the Restaurant Runners by the score of 23 - 17.

Restaurant Runners went back and forth all game with A&R security. It was 14 to 10 going into the 6th inning.

A&R would score 9 more to RR 7.....RR had 5 guys with 3 hits each led by Dan Diesing who scored 2 runs and had 2Rbi's, Bob Cotter 2runs, Steve Savod 2 runs, 1Rbi. Ray Smith 2runs. Bob Dempsey had 2 hits 2runs, 2rbi's, Rich Sicardo 2runs, 2rbi's. Gerod Haugh had a double 3rbi day, Carl Villegas played great defense at 3rd base, Andy Burger, Andy Endsley pitched well and fielded the position well. Joe Demaria also had a great defensive game over the middle, the last inning rally was started by Tony Janicik singling in the bottom of the 8th inning...

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## MAY 03, 2023

It was a dank, chilly and dreary opening day for the 2023 season. At Whitesell field, Michaels came from behind in the bottom of the 8th inning to knock off the Restaurant Runners by the score of 11 - 10. Ernie Martin was the hero with a 2 out single to drive in the winning run. Michael's was appropriately led by Michael himself (Mike Lynch) who had 4 hits. Phil Chontos had 3 hits (triple) along with being the winning pitcher.

Ernie Martin also had 3 hits and 2 RBI's. The following players all had 2 hits ( Carl Parris, Eddie Smilkstein, Von Ahouse, Stan Smilkstein, Stan Silverman, Chris Thomas (2rbi), John Berrocal and Paul Laskowski). For the Restaurant Runners, Andy Burger pitched a great game and the defense made some big plays when needed. Great defensive plays by outfielders Dan Diesing, Bob Cotter ,Rich Sicardo, Gerod Haugh, Carl Villegas , Joe D played great up the middle making big plays, Great hitting by the whole team led by Ray Smith, Andy Endsley, Dan Diesing, Bob Cotter, Bob Dempsey all had over 2 hits each and over 1rbi each. It should be noted that Restaurant Runners played with a few people out of position due to two of the top infielders being out for the game.

At Digilio field A&R Security put up a 5 spot in the bottom of the 1st inning and that was enough to defeat Doyle's by a score of 12 - 4. No highlights available from A&R at this time. For Doyle, Gary DiMaggio batted 3 for 3; Donny Black batted 3 for 4; and Steve Morris, Mike Muffs, and Frank Goberish each batted 2 for 3. Defensively, Shortstop Lou Rossi made a nice over-the-head catch of a pop up in shallow left field, and with bases loaded, outfielders Donny Black and then Steve Morris made nice catches of hard-hit balls to prevent additional runs from scoring.

Moved from soggy Sheafe road field to 'baby Beale', TaxBrakes put up 17 runs and then held off a late charge by the Arlington Grill to win by a score of 17 - 15. For TaxBrakes the winning pitcher was Rick Brettholtz. Leading the offense was Tony Dalia who went 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's. Joe Wassweiler was 3 for 5 with 2 RBI's. Pete Longobardi was 3 for 5 with 3 RBI's and played some excellent defense. Dan Dillon was 4 for 4 with 5 RBI's and played an outstanding mid-field. Mike DeLuca went 3 for 5 with 2 RBI's. Arlington Grill was down 15 - 7 after 3 innings but made the game very close. Leading the Grill's attack was Rod Whitby and Russ Gilmore who each had 4 hits while Ralph Bondi had 3 hits.

Down at Sports Park Jr, J&N Carpentry had their way with Miller's, thrashing them by the score of 18 - 1. J&N was led by Jamie Pagan who was 4 for 4 with a double and 3 rbis. David Lowitz, Billy Kyle, Tommy Giordano, and Mo Ragusa were all 3 for 4. Defensive plays by Tom Giordano (short field) and Lou Post 2nd base highlighted a strong defense that turned 3 double plays . Mike Capra was the winning pitcher holding Miller's to no runs after the first inning. For Miller's, manager Bob Crabtree probably summed up the game best when he wrote, 'J&N 18 - Miller's 1 please read and erase like it didn't happen'

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## FEBRUARY 26, 2023

The draft for the 2023 season will be held on Wednesday March 1 at the Our Savior Lutheran church in Fishkill beginning at 9AM.