

# LABOR BLAST PROVIDES FIRST SWINGS OF FALL

By Bob Behre

The Labor Day Blast kicks off its three-day tournament on Saturday morning as the players take their first swings of Fall.

The tournament features the 14U and 17-18U brackets and the 17-18U tournament will be a wood bat event.

The **14U Labor Day Blast** opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday with a pair of games that includes an intriguing match-up pitting High Point Travel and Rising Stars Baseball on Field 5.

The 14U tournament playoffs begin at 10 a.m. on Monday when the Nos. 2 and 3 seeds square off for a right to earn a berth in the championship game. The 2 vs. 3 winner will oppose the No. 1 seed in the final at 12:15 p.m. on Field 4.

Beast Crimson, Cage Academy Elite, Complete Game of Pa., NY Gothams 14U Red and NY Prospects (Belson) round out a talented late summer 14U field.

The **17-18U Wood Bat Labor Day Blast** gets underway with two 10 a.m. contests including a competitive pairing of the BY Yankees and Pacoy Dragons Showcase on Field 3. The 17-18U Wood Bat tournament playoffs begins with the semifinals at 10 a.m. on Monday. The 17-18U championship game follows at 12:15 p.m. on Field 1.

Bluerock Showcase Baseball, Jersey Shore Baseball, LVBA Prospects, NY Prospects 2020, TCB USA Upperclass Scout Team and Rising Stars Baseball fortify the 17-18U field.



# SAVO SCHALK LAW FIRM IS YOUR TEAM IN TIME OF NEED

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Whether you are running a business or trying to succeed at your preferred sport, there is no substitute for hard work and the desire to provide optimum value to your teammates, work-mates or clientele.

Charles Schalk learned at a very young age what hard work looked like and the value of such.

"I am the son of a factory worker who worked swing shifts most of his life to provide for his family," said Schalk, now the Managing Partner of the Savo Schalk law firm in Somerville. "Due to my father's generosity and hard work, along with the care and love of our mother, they raised three very successful children."

Schalk has been practicing law 28 years, embracing the example put forth by his parents and applying it to bringing about the best possible result for his clients.

"What differentiates our business from others is the quality of results that we get our clients," says Schalk. "This is based on the representation in the legal community and our ability to

identify meaningful claims from ones that are not."

The attorneys at Savo Schalk have represented more than 23,000 clients, including municipalities, international corporations, local businesses, utility companies, municipal boards, families and individuals who have come to rely on the firm to quickly get to the root of the matter in complex matters.

"The employment bar is a relatively small community in New Jersey, so the attorneys know that the cases I bring to litigation are significant and those claims are taken seriously," said Schalk. "They also know that if a trial is required, I have achieved spectacular results for my clients at trial."

Schalk and his team of attorneys at Savo Schalk have developed a great reputation among fellow lawyers for their ability to work efficiently and pragmatically within the system to keep client costs in check while achieving the highest possible value for each case.

"The most joy that I get is when a client suffers a terrible injustice and feels there is nowhere else to turn," says Schalk, "Numerous times I have gotten extremely creative and crafted arguments and found ways to achieve success in the courts when other lawyers have given up and told clients there is nothing to be done."

It is that attention to detail that Savo Schalk brings to its everyday business of protecting its clients rights.

"The greatest value we offer our clientele is careful, intelligent, personal attention to their matters," Schalk said. "The claim is not whisked off to a paralegal or junior associate, but rather receives my handiwork from day one to the end."

Savo Schalk has recently upgraded and modernized its facilities in a brand new office at 56 E. Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, N.J. Savo, Schalk, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher is a full-service law firm with 14 lawyers dedicated to improving the legal affairs of the individuals and businesses it serves. Savo Schalk covers the entire state of New Jersey and the jurisdictions of New York and Maine.

"It's an exciting time for our firm," said Schalk, "and the future is going to be very good."

# NY PROSPECTS OUTLASTS CONN. TITANS IN 12U SUMMER FINALE

By Bob Behre

Conquering the Titans proved a long and difficult order but the NY Prospects found a way, primarily with a very noisy display of hitting that carried it to a wild 13-11 victory in the 12U Summer Finale last night at Diamond Nation.

"We've played well all year, so this was a great way to go out this summer," said NY Prospects coach Anthony Capo.

Capo's boys struck for four runs in the top of the sixth that appeared to be no more than window dressing as the rally extended their lead to 13-7. But the Connecticut Titans had no interest in folding their tents without a fight and struck for four runs of their own in the bottom of the sixth to draw within 13-11. But, with the tying run on second, NY Prospects reliever Aidan Colasante induced a pop up to end the game.

Colasante was the NY Prospects' third pitcher in the game as Capo attempted to piece together six innings in the championship game with what remained of his available staff.

"That was Aidan's first time out of the pen for us," said Capo. "We had guys going full games earlier in the tournament so we'd have some available arms in this one."

Despite falling into a 7-2 hole before its third at bat, NY Prospects would find its way back in the game. Ryan Gabianelli laced a two-run double in the first inning and Tyler Waterbury crushed a grand slam to right field in a five-run second to help stake the Titans to that five-run bulge. The righty hitting Waterbury hit an opposite field laser that just cleared the right field wall.

Vincent DeGrado (3-for-4, RBI, run) singled home Jacob Saladis in the third inning to trim the Titans' lead to 7-3 before the NY Prospects erupted for six runs in the top of the fourth to grab a 9-7 lead. Vincent Bardone triggered the rally with a one-out infield single and he would score on a bloop single to left field by Colasante. That brought leadoff batter Saladis to the plate with two runners aboard. The third baseman lifted a deep fly ball to left field that just kept carrying over the fence for a clutch game-tying three-run home run.

"That was Jake's first career home run and it was awesome to do it in that spot," said Capo. "It's not easy coming back when you are down 7-2 but Jake came up big."

Saladis was named the 12U Summer Finale co-Most Valuable Player with teammate Andrew Marquis, the team's No. 3 hitter. "Andrew had a bunch of big hits this weekend, too," Capo said.

John Harrington and Marquis drew walks after Saladis' home run and DeGrado followed with a single to left field to score Harrington and give NY Prospects their first lead, 8-7. Marquis would score later in the inning on a wild pitch to push the advantage to 9-7.

Marquis (3-for-3, walk, 2 RBI, 2 runs) singled home Harrington in the top of the sixth, Kyle Senk brought a run home on a fielder's choice grounder, another run scored on an errant pickoff attempt and Omar Abuzarich drove home a run with single to right field to extend the lead to 13-7. That four-run tack-on would prove valuable when the gritty Titans came to the plate in the bottom of the inning.

And the Titans would do much of their damage in the sixth with two outs.

Andrew Rondino led off the bottom of the sixth for the Titans with a single to center field but was caught trying to steal second before Colasante walked Lucas Kopp. Colasante was in great shape to get through the inning clean after striking out the dangerous Waterbury for the second out. But he hit Joe O'Hara with a pitch and uncorked a wild pitch to put both runners in scoring position. Gabianelli (2-for-4, 4 RBI) then singled to center to score both runners and shave the deficit to 13-9.

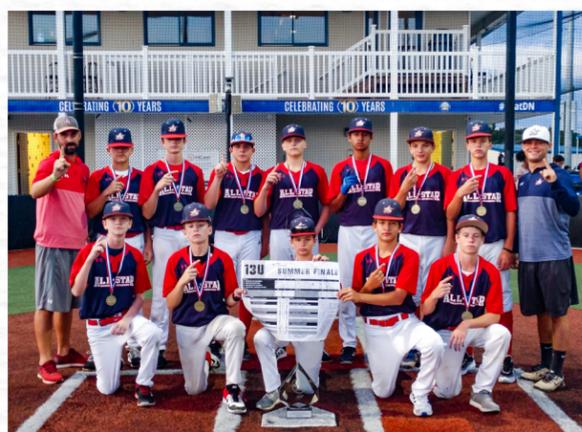
Trey Leman kept the Titans alive by drawing a walk and Leo Paragrino (2-for-3, 2 doubles, RBI, run) doubled to left field to chase him to third. Finn Geisler followed with a clutch two-run single to left field to inch the Titans within 13-11. Paragrino reached third on the hit and Geisler took second on the throw in. The Titans were perhaps a single away from a miraculous comeback.

Colasante had entered in the sixth inning with two runners on and no outs and retired the next three batters in order to get out of the jam. In equal trouble in the sixth, the neophyte closer induced a pop up to shortstop to end the drama.

The Titans had picked off NY Prospects, 4-2, in an earlier pool play game on Sunday as the two teams were very equal in their two matchups, each scoring a total of 15 runs. The NY Prospects (3-1) outscored their tournament opponents 28-17. The Connecticut Titans (2-2) held a 32-19 runs advantage on their opponents.



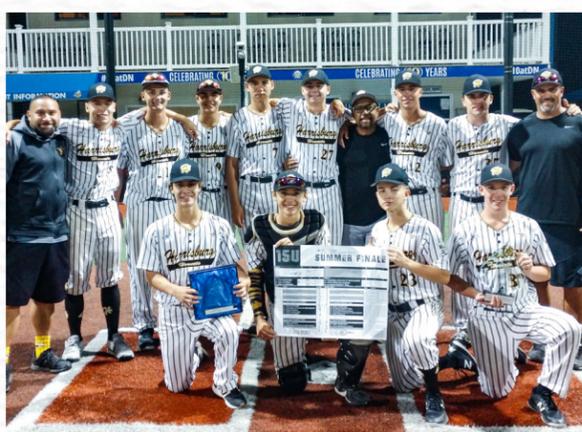
**11U Renegades 11, ASBA Cherry Hill 3**  
The Renegades defeated ASBA Cherry Hill, 11-3, in the 11U Summer Finale championship game. Thomas Velaoras of the Renegades was named the 11U tournament's Most Valuable Player. The Renegades (3-0-1) outscored their opponents 42-12. ASBA Cherry Hill (3-1) held a 25-20 runs advantage on its opponents.



**13U ASBA Downingtown 5, Generals Baseball Blue 4**  
ASBA Downingtown defeated Generals Baseball Blue, 5-4, in the 13U Summer Finale championship game. Dylan Hansen of ASBA Downingtown was named the 13U tournament's Most Valuable Player. ASBA Downingtown (5-0) outscored its opponents 33-7. Generals Baseball Blue (3-2) held a 41-18 runs advantage on its opponents.



**14U Baseball U. Pa. 4, Clifton Red Hawks 3**  
Baseball U. of Pa. defeated the Clifton Red Hawks, 4-3, in the 14U Summer Finale championship game. Peter Lynch of Baseball U. Pa. was named the 14U tournament's Most Valuable Player. Baseball U. Pa. (3-1) outscored its opponents 39-10. The Clifton Red Hawks (2-2) held a 14-12 runs advantage on their opponents.



**15U Harrisburg Hornets 6, SJ Hawks Prospect Team 2**  
The Harrisburg Hornets defeated the South Jersey Hawks Prospect Team, 6-2, in the 15U Summer Finale championship game. Ryan Ness of the Hornets was named the 15U tournament's Most Valuable Player. The Hornets (5-0) outscored their tournament opponents 49-11. The Hawks (3-2) held a 28-22 runs advantage on their opponents.