

July 22 NJ Legion Section 3 Tournament: The hits keep on comin' for North Trenton



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*Jordan Guest was 4-for-5 with two runs and an RBI in North Trenton's 22-9 win over Haddon Heights tonight (Photo by John Blaine/purchase photos by e-mailing [jbsportphoto@aol.com](mailto:jbsportphoto@aol.com)).*

## North Trenton explodes for 25 hits in 22-9 win over Haddon Heights

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**July 22:** How impressive was the North Trenton lineup in the first inning tonight?

How about this – through the first 10 batters, they batted 1.000 by going 8-for-8 with two sacrifice flies.

That led to a 6-0 lead and, although Haddon Heights managed to crawl within two a bit later in the game, it never seemed as if North Trenton was in trouble as it rolled to a 22-9 victory in tonight's New Jersey American Legion Section 3 Tournament game at Moody Park.

The victory advances Post 458 (20-8) to Saturday's 6 p.m. (approximately) winner's bracket game against powerful Brooklawn (34-4).

As nice as those eight first-inning hits and six first-inning runs were, they paled in comparison to the rest of the game as North Trenton exploded for 25 hits, including two home runs and five doubles.

Three players had four hits, including Jordan Guest (2 runs, RBI), winning pitcher Nick Senatore (4 runs, 2 doubles, RBI) and Dan "The Mayor of MT" Chiappetta (2 doubles, home run, 3 RBIs).

"I actually changed bats," Chiappetta said. "I was looking to do something because I hadn't been doing anything, and it worked out today."

Chiappetta has been DHing for most of the year after serving as the team's catcher last year, but says it hasn't bothered him.

"As long as I'm hitting, it's OK," he said. "That's all I really care about."

The whole team is OK in that aspect, as Andrew "Dino" Immordino (2 runs, RBI) and Matt Patterson (4 runs, 2 RBIs) had three hits, while birthday boy Jon Krecicki (HR, 4 RBIs, 2 runs), Ryan Reid (3 RBIs, 2 runs) and Blasé Cottrell (run 2 RBIs) all added two hits.

Immordino, Patterson and Guest are a scalding 19-for-29 with 10 RBIs and 16 runs scored in the districts, while Patterson is 7-for-9 with seven RBIs and four runs scored.

For good measure tonight, Joe Kubis added a sacrifice fly while filling in for shortstop Eric Patterson, who had to sit out one game after being ejected against Washington Township Wednesday. (Kubis played right and Reid moved to short).

The tone was set in the first inning, as North Trenton just smoked the ball off starting pitcher Shea Hardy.

Immordino and Guest started the first-inning uprising with singles and Matt Patterson continued to be torrid with an RBI single. (Immordino actually led off with one of his patented "doubles" as he beat out an infield hit and reached second on a bad throw).

Senatore's single got past the leftfielder, allowing Guest to score and leave runners at second and third.

Krecicki lifted a sacrifice fly, Chiappetta got an infield single and Reid and Cottrell hit RBI singles before Joe Kubis's sac fly completed the scoring.

North Trenton upped the lead to 9-2 in the second, but Haddon Heights crept to within 9-5 and 11-9 before starter Charlie Battis had to be removed with two outs in the fifth.

Senatore entered with runners on second and third and got a strikeout to end the threat, and allowed just two baserunners over the next three innings before Krecicki finished up.

North Trenton continued to pile it on, scoring two in the sixth, seventh and eighth and five in the

ninth.

Next up is perennial power Brooklawn, who many feel are the tournament favorite.

“We’re gonna come out there and do what we did today,” Chiappetta said.

There may not be enough scorebooks left in the world to record another offensive night like this.