

## **Melnick's walk-off single gives Nottingham 10s C-P Late title**

The Nottingham 10-year-old District All-Star team recently won the Cranbury-Plainsboro Late Tournament by rolling through the event with a 6-0 record.

Nottingham defeated Sunnybrae, 6-1, in the semifinal behind the pitching of Gehrig Rios. He scattered four hits through five innings while striking out four. Andrew Fessler and Mason Fitzparick pitched well for Sunnybrae.

In a well played, exciting final Nottingham rallied in the bottom of the sixth to defeat West Windsor, 3-2. Mario Mazur pitched a complete game gem with five strikeouts. Nottingham trailed 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth before Noah Raab tied it with a home run. WW regained the lead in the top of the sixth before the Sayen Gang staged its dramatic rally.

And we do mean dramatic, as Nottingham was down to its last strike with the bases empty.

Colin Smith had an 0-2 count with two outs before singling up the middle. Ryan Mains beat out an infield hit and Ryan Schwager's single scored Smith with the tying run. Danny Melnick then ripped a walk-off single down the third base line to score Mains.

Nottingham also got help throughout the tournament both in the field and at the plate from Brady Plunkett, Jake Loney, Gabe Santin, Matt Mimmo and Jake Muller, who also homered.