

CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times. BATTLE IN THE SECTIONALS...Blue Devil Jessica Lutkenhouse controls the ball against Roxbury in the sectional finals.

Devil Athletes Uphold Their Winning Tradition in 1997-98

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Union County title, but totally dominated in a tournament which had six of the top-ten teams in the state. The girls' softball team did the same in the Union County Tournament when senior pitcher Shannon Wagner tossed three-straight shutouts to lead the Blue Devils to victory. One week later, the Blue Devils knocked off the 1997 Champion Governor Livingston team, 3-2, in Westfield.

Westfield dominated once again in golf. The Blue Devils easily won the Watchung Conference and Union County titles and finished unbeaten at 18-0. The Blue Devil girls track team won their fourth-straight Watchung Conference National title and sent several girls to the Group 4 Championships. The Blue Devil boys tennis team successfully defended their Union County title by edging Summit 68-66.

The boys and girls lacrosse teams made significant strides this year. The girls, only in their second year, qualified for the state sectionals

and the boys not only qualified for the states but made an outstanding showing by downing West Morris Central, 8-5, and by giving No. 1 ranked Bridgewater all they could handle, losing 6-4.

Although not every Blue Devil team could win titles this year, the individuals who competed gave it their best shot and made their school, parents, citizens and local newspaper proud of them.

Bostwick, Aquila Make All-Union/M'sex Tennis

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior Mike Bostwick and Westfield High School senior Dan Aquila have been selected All-Union/Middlesex First Team boys' tennis by The Courier News. Union Catholic High School senior Chris Mason also was named First Team All-Union/Middlesex.

Bostwick finished third in the Union County Tournament in an extremely competitive first singles group. Aquila received the sixth seed at first singles for the county tournament. Mason also competed at first singles for the Vikings.

Blue Devil Jeff Diamond at second singles, Sam Fluder at third singles and Peter Lau and Josh Warren at first doubles were named as Honorable Mentions. Also named to the Honorable Mention list were Raiders Dave Hassan at second singles and Paul Swedlund and Shawn Larkowitz at first doubles. Second singles player Ken Soriano of the Vikings also was named as Honorable Mention.

POSTERS

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Hely, Lygate Named All-Area Lacrosse

Westfield High School senior Meghan Hely and junior Pamela Lygate have been selected to the First Team All-Area Girls Lacrosse list by The Courier News. Sarah Chance, Amelia Hanley, Kelly Korecky, Kristen Salmund and Kit Simon were Honorable Mentions.

Hely as the third home/center finished with 36 goals and eight assists. Hely had five-goals against Oak Knoll in the Blue Devils' 14-12 win. Hely sizzled with 27 goals in the final eight games of the season. Hely will be attending Amherst College in Massachusetts this fall.

Coach Lee to be Honored For 25 Years of Service

The Town of Westfield, the Westfield Recreation Department and the Westfield Memorial Pool staff, along with current and former swimmers, their families and friends, will officially honor Head Swim Coach Judy Lee for 25 years of service to the youth of Westfield.

The event will take place on Tuesday, July 7, at the Westfield Memorial Pool from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and will include food, music and guest speakers.

Under Coach Lee's tutelage, the Westfield Memorial Pool's Blue Team currently enjoys a 14-year undefeated streak in the North Jersey Summer Swim League.

The league comprises municipal pools from Union, Essex and Morris Counties. This year, Westfield will host the league's annual "Meet of Champions" at the end of the season.

Westfield also has a White Team for novice competitive swimmers.

Coach Lee is a mathematics teacher at The Pingry School in Martinsville, where she also coaches swimming and field hockey. In addition, she holds several state and zone age group records in Masters Swimming competition.

The rain date for the celebration is Thursday, July 9. All children must be accompanied by and supervised by at least one parent at the event. For further information or directions, please call the Westfield Recreation Department at (908) 789-4080.



Coach Judy Lee



Mike Baly

Baly Gets Selected All-Area Lacrosse

Westfield High School senior Mike Baly has been selected to the First Team All-Area Boys Lacrosse list by The Courier News. Senior Kevin Mansfield and junior Mike Krug have been named to the Second Team All-Area list. Three other Blue Devils, Bryan Gates, Scott Mann and Steve Abeles have been named as Honorable Mentions.

Baly finished his season with 32 goals and 15 assists, totaling 47 points. Baly's aggressive play and ability to control most of the face-offs enabled the Blue Devils to have a successful season and to be very effective in the playoffs.

ST. ANNE 'WALKS' FOR 8 RUNS IN 6TH St. Thomas Catches Up; Ties St. Anne, 17-17

By DAVID B. CORBIN

St. Thomas scratched out four runs in the bottom of the seventh to settle for a 17-17 tie with St. Anne in a game called due to light exhaustion in a St. Bart's Oldtimers Softball League game at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on June 10. It was definitely not a pitchers' duel as both teams combined for a total of 31 hits and 25 walks.

St. Anne, sponsored by Sideline Sports in Scotch Plains, got the first opportunity to wear down the base paths and did, with five runs in the top of the first. Leadoff batter Steve Ferro drew a walk, Mike Brennan yanked a single to right and Ed Marchelitis crunched a two-run triple to deep center. Steve Mihansky bounced a single to left to bring home Marchelitis with the third run. Wayne Morse poked a one-out single to center. Al Weber reached first on an infield single, then scrambled to second on a throwing error as Mihansky scored. Jack Haight brought home the fifth run by hitting into a fielder's choice.

St. Thomas, sponsored by Advanced Power Wash of Westfield, won its first three games of the season by overwhelming margins and was not yet impressed by St. Anne's show of strength. Tony DiChristofaro drew a leadoff walk, Lee Didonato hacked a single and Ed Belford whacked a sacrifice fly to center which brought home DeChristofaro.

Henderson had singles, St. Thomas was unable to score in the second. Weber, Haight and Ferro walked in the third but St. Anne failed to bring any runners home.

In the bottom of the third, DeChristofaro walked, Didonato punched a single to center and Belford loaded the bases by reaching first safely on an error. Hagen received a free pass to first which brought home DeChristofaro. Gallagher launched a long sacrifice fly to center and Didonato and Belford dashed around the bases and scored. Nick DiNichilo singled home Hagen to tie the score at six but was thrown out while attempting to take second.

Without the presence of its ace pitcher, St. Thomas continued struggle by walking three more St. Anne batters in the fourth; but fortunately, neither batter scored. In the bottom of the first, Stan Lesniewski singled to left, Tom Littiero reached first on a throwing error which allowed Lesniewski to score and to give St. Thomas a 7-6 lead.

St. Anne was silenced in the fifth but St. Thomas roared with four in its half of the fifth. Belford bopped a one-out double down the left field line and Hagen hammered a two-run homer to right. Gallagher wobbled a single and DiNichilo knocked a single off the right fielder's foot. Pepe, demanding respect, drew an intentional walk to load the bases, but Lesniewski, resenting the maneuver,



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times. FIRST OF FOUR HITS...Lee Didonato of St. Thomas blasts the first of his four hits against St. Anne. The St. Bart's League slugfest at Brookside Park ended up in a 17-17 tie on June 11.

Didonato alertly flew home to score the second run on a bad throw to the infield. Terry Gallagher sailed a triple to deep left field but was left stranded.

St. Anne added another run in the second to take a 6-2 lead. Brennan, who reached first on a fielder's choice, moved to second on Marchelitis' single to center and trotted to third on Mihansky's walk. Steve Pirella walked with the bases loaded to bring home Brennan.

Although Frank Pepe and Tom

ver, laced an RBI single to left. Littiero put St. Thomas ahead, 11-6, by sending DiNichilo home with a fielder's choice.

Just as the St. Thomas players imagined that they had situations under control, their dream turned into a nightmare in the sixth inning. The St. Thomas pitcher walked the first six batters, then allowed the next batter to reach base on an error. With no one out, Haight hit into a fielder's choice, then Wally Bradshaw slashed a three-run triple down the right field line. Finally, Joe McEvoy hacked a single to right-center as the eighth St. Anne player crossed the plate. When the inning finally ended, St. Anne led, 14-11.

St. Thomas had to wipe off the cold sweat of the sixth inning nightmare. DeChristofaro bashed a one-out triple to left and Didonato drilled a topspinning a double to right as DeChristofaro scored. After Belford walked, Hagen got his fourth RBI of the game by sliding a double to right.

Entering the top of the seventh, St. Anne held a slim, 14-13, lead and was not satisfied. Mihansky led off with a looping double down the third base line. Pirella drew a base-on-balls and Morse flied out to center. Weber skid a single past short and Mihansky scored on an errant throw from the outfield. Haight made it to first on a chopper to short, then Bradshaw drove in the third run of the inning by grounding into a fielder's choice.

As the daylight was seriously tiring, St. Thomas desperately needed to put on a flashy offensive. Pepe peppered a steaming single to right-center, Lesniewski grounded out to the pitcher, Littiero walked, then Henderson slapped an RBI single to right. Al Curcie grounded into a fielder's choice for the second out, but DeChristofaro pushed an RBI double to left.

Now down 14-12 with two-men out, Didonato slashed a two-run double to center to tie the score. The nervous St. Anne team intentionally walked the next two batters to load the bases and the entire outcome of the game came down to the next batter. St. Anne's gamble paid off as the St. Thomas batter grounded out to third to send the game into what would have been extra innings; however, with nearly all the daylight gone, the umpire mercifully halted the game.

St. Anne (1-1-1) 510 008 3 17
St. Thomas (3-0-1) 204 142 4 17

Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association

FOMSA STANDINGS: (As of June-14)

TEAM	W	L
Hunter Avenue	7	2
Willoughby Road	5	2
Russell Road	5	3
Montrose Avenue	4	4
Shady Lane	2	4
Poplar Place	2	3
Sun Valley	1	3
Marian Avenue	1	6

WEEKLY RESULTS: JUNE 9

Montrose Avenue 6, Poplar Place 5

JUNE 10

Willoughby Road 16, Shady Lane 12

JUNE 11

Hunter Avenue 23, Marian Avenue 1



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times. JUST PUTTING AROUND...Several of the Blue Devil golfers practice their putting prior to the start of the Union County Golf Tournament at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Coach Soviero Retires After Stellar Career

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In 1993, Westfield won the New Jersey State Championship.

Soviero has been a Health and Physical Education teacher at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield and will also be retiring from teaching after 34 years.

"I going to keep active and to keep working. I feel good physically," commented Soviero. "Hopefully, I will be working at Rutgers Golf Course full time."

"We had a great year! Ronnie (Kashlak) had another great year and I am happy to hear that he was selected as The Westfield Leader's

Scholar-Athlete of the Month," expressed Soviero when hearing of Kashlak's selection.

Kashlak led all the Blue Devil golfers with a 39.1, nine-hole average. Perhaps, Kashlak's best outing was his amazing two-under par performance against the previously undefeated, 12-0, South Plainfield High School team at the difficult Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Freshman Brent Bramnick started many opponents with his ability and finished second to Kashlak with a 41.2 average. Bramnick placed second in the Union County Tournament after tying Kashlak in regulation with a 79, then winning a sudden-death playoff hole.

The Blue Devils had a wealth of good depth and talent. Brian Mann and Jeff Weber both finished with season averages of 42.8 and senior Doug Brandely turned in a 43.2 average. Senior Co-Captain Rob McCullam averaged 44.8, Brian Fitzpatrick averaged 45.5 and Jon Kotler had an average of 45.8.

Several young Blue Devils did quite well this season and will continue to add depth to the lineup next year. Josh Rogers, Alex Dupre, Roger Curlik, Matt Morrison, Dan Maus, Evan Smith, Claude Fusco and Andrew Osborn all turned in respectable averages.

Coach Soviero leaves plenty of talent for his successor and definitely will be remembered as a fine golf coach.

Kashlak, Bramnick Make All-Area High School Golf

Westfield High School junior Ronnie Kashlak and freshman Brent Bramnick have been selected to The Courier News First Team All-Area Golf List. Blue Devil sophomore Brian Mann and Jim Thomson of Scotch Plains-Fanwood were named to the First Team All-Union/Middlesex list while Blue Devil Doug Brandely and Raider Eric Schnellenger were named as Honorable Mentions.

Kashlak, who averaged 39.1 for nine holes, highlighted his season by firing a two-under par 34 against previously undefeated South Plainfield at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. In addition, Kashlak was voted as the Westfield Leader's Scholar-Athlete of the Month of May by a panel of judges from the Optimist Club of Westfield on June 10.

Bramnick was a very pleasant surprise to Head Coach Joe Soviero. Bramnick shot a par 33 at Scotch Hills in Scotch Plains and placed second at the Union County Tournament with a 79.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times. SINGLE TO RIGHT...Mike Brennan of St. Anne yanks a single to right field in the first inning against the formidable St. Thomas team at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on June 11.

St. Bart's Oldtimers Release Softball League Results

St. Bart's Oldtimers Softball League:

(As of June 14)

Angels Division:

TEAM	W-L	Percentage
St. Jude	4-0-0	1.000
St. Thomas	3-0-1	1.000
St. Paul	1-2-0	.333
St. Joseph	1-2-0	.333
St. Blaise	0-1-0	.000

Saints Division:

TEAM	W-L	Percentage
St. James	2-1-0	.667
St. Michael	2-1-0	.667
St. Anne	1-1-1	.500
St. Patrick	1-3-0	.250
St. Louis	0-3-0	.000

St. Paul 15, St. Louis 12

On June 8, St. Paul scored 3 runs in the top of the eighth inning and held off St. Louis to earn a 15-12 win. For St. Paul Mike Camfield had 4 hits & 5 RBI, Matt Hoelzel & Fran Celardo had 2 hits each and Darryl Eaton & John Wilkinson had 2 hits apiece. For St. Louis Glen Walz, Bill Mirto & Gary Jose Cardinale each had 3 hits and Captain Marty Lillis, Rookie Art Hobbie, Gary Forsyth and Nate Mangiris had 2 hits each.

St. Jude 11, St. James 4

St. Jude continued on their winning way on June 9 with a 11-4 win over St. James. Pete DeCristofaro, Rookie Joe Matuska and Bill Canata each had 2 hits for St. James. St. Jude

DEADLINE INFO.

Sports deadlines are: All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY, 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS.