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**APPLYING PRESSURE...Raiders Chris Cardinal and Ryan Hahner apply pressure on their opponent as they have done throughout the soccer season.**

## Raider Boys, Girls Display Remarkable Ability

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Camden in the Group 3 State Championships. The outstanding accomplishments of junior Blair Woodward and seniors Karl Jennings, James Canterbury and Adam Bowser were enhanced by fine performances from the remainder of the team.

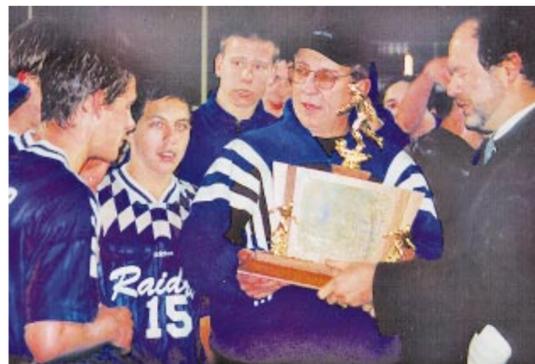
The Raider girls' track team placed second to Westfield in the Watchung Conference National Division and placed fifth in the Union County Tournament. Several Raider boys and girls qualified for the Group 3 Championships.

Under the guidance of Head Coach Brian Homm, the Raider baseball team blazed its way to a share of the Watchung

Conference National Division title by burning Cranford, 6-3, in the final game of the season. The Raider boys finished with a 14-5 record.

As always, the Raider boys' tennis team led by senior Mike Bostwick and golf team led by Jim Thomson and Eric Schnellenberger performed well this spring. The Raider girls' softball team turned a sub-.500, 1997 season into a highly competitive 10-8 season in 1998. The Raider girls also qualified for the state sectional tournament.

Although not every team could finish with an outstanding season, as long as the participant has given his/her best, then he/she is indeed a winner for having made the attempt to improve in the first place. After all, that is what sports is all about.



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**GROUP 3 STATE CHAMPS...Head Coach Tom Breznitsky accepts the trophy after the Raiders defeated Brick Memorial, 2-1, to become the New Jersey State Group 3 Soccer Champions. See additional Raider picture on page 16.**

## DAVE LEGG STOMPS A TWO-RUN HOMER IN THE 3RD PEPCO's Firey Ambush Drops The Hideaway Twice, 9-8, 12-3

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Dave Legg stomped a two-run home run and had three RBI in the first game of a double header to lead PEPCO past the Hideaway, 9-8, in the Scotch Plains Softball League action at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on June 9. PEPCO flushed the Hideaway out of first place in the A Division with a 12-3 thumping in the second game.

In game one, PEPCO went to work with four runs in the bottom of the first. Doug Fisher netted a leadoff single to center, Jim Hellwig sizzled a single to left, then Curtis Gillmore reached first on an error and loaded

ter, Petersen peppered a single to center, then Paul O'Sullivan bounced an RBI single over third. Dan Serido reached first on a fielder's choice and Nick Piscopo punched a single to right to drive home Petersen.

The shelling continued with Mike Whalen bopping an RBI single to left and Bob Darby knocking a single off the glove of the pitcher. Greg McCombe hit a solid smash and found an opening in right-center field as Piscopo and Whalen came flying home to score.

Temporarily shaken, PEPCO failed to score in its half of the second and the Hideaway returned to bat in confidence. After Pat

Kaufman thumped a long fly out to left to end the inning. At that time, PEPCO regained the lead, 6-5.

The Hideaway came out of its lair in the top of the fourth to take a 7-6 lead. Whalen tapped a one-out single to left, Darby drew a walk and McCombe drilled a two-run double to center.

Sensing that it was its turn to be on the good end of a see-saw battle, PEPCO raged in the bottom of the fourth with three runs. Pat Peterpaul pummeled a leadoff single to left. Greg Peterpaul flied out to center for the first out, but Mike DeRosa dribbled a 15 foot single down the third base line. Fisher sliced an RBI single to right, then Jim Hellwig hammered a long sacrifice fly to center to bring home DeRosa. Gillmore hopped an RBI single to right. After Gillmore, Wirkus rapped a single to right but no further runs were scored.

The Hideaway was stirring nervously in the fifth. Only Petersen had a single and PEPCO returned to bat. Fluhr got his third single of the game and Butch Hellwig got his second, but PEPCO was unable to score. Both pitchers held their opponents to no runs in the sixth. Only Fisher of PEPCO netted another hit.

Down 9-7 in the seventh, it was do-or-die for the Hideaway. McCombe led off with a single to left, Dave Serido and Dan DiDario both flied out to deep right-center and the Hideaway was down to its last out. Pat O'Sullivan wasn't about to give up so he poked an RBI single to center to tighten the score to 9-8. Unfortunately for the Hideaway, the next batter popped up to first for the third out and the game belonged to PEPCO.

The double victory upped PEPCO's record to 9-2 while the double loss slumped the Hideaway to 9-3.



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**SINGLE PAST THIRD...Paul O'Sullivan of the Hideaway bounces an RBI single past third in the second inning against PEPCO in Scotch Plains Softball League action at Jerseyland Field on June 9.**

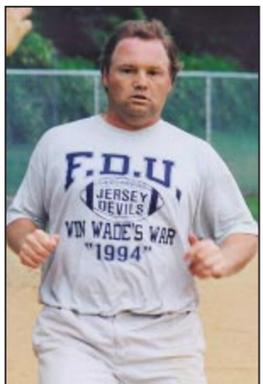
the bases. Dale Wirkus came to the plate and ripped a two-run single to left-center. Legg stepped up and sliced a single to right to bring home Gillmore. Walt Fluhr followed with another single, then Wirkus scored when Hideaway pitcher Mike Petersen initiated a great second-to-first double play.

Determined not to taint its 9-1 record, the Hideaway answered loudly with five runs in the second. Dan O'Sullivan ricocheted a single to cen-

O'Sullivan got a leadoff single, Legg, the PEPCO pitcher, retired the next three batters and PEPCO had recovered its stability.

Jim Hellwig chopped a single up-the-middle and advanced to second on Gillmore's fly to deep center. After Wirkus lined out to the pitcher, Legg launched his two-run shot to remote center. Although Fluhr whacked a single off the pitcher glove and Butch Hellwig hooked a single down the third base line, Tim

| (Game one) |     |     |   |    |
|------------|-----|-----|---|----|
| Hideaway   | 050 | 200 | 1 | 08 |
| PEPCO      | 402 | 300 | x | 09 |



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**LEGG UP...Dave Legg of PEPCO crosses home after smashing a two-run homer in the third inning.**

## Westfield Will Host Second Annual Women's Games

The second annual Women's Games will be conducted on Saturday, June 27, at Westfield's Kehler Stadium. Presented by PNC Bank and Sports Action/Reaction, the "Games" feature a competitive, fun filled day open to all girls and women from ages 8-and-under to 70-and-over. Proceeds benefit the Westfield Rotary Interact Club.

As in 1997, festivities kick off with the 8:30 a.m. 5 Kilometer (3.1 mile) road race run through residential

thirteen age groups. In 1997, the Remington Flyers of New Rochelle, New York, the Outstanding Athlete Award went to Raven Lea of Maplewood. Also considered was triple winner Jennifer Buccino of Westfield.

Pre-registration fees are \$6 per Track & Field event and \$12 for the 5 Kilometer road race. For an application call 732-381-0318 or visit any of the following local Women's



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**THE WOMEN'S GAMES...Will be held at Gary Kehler Stadium on June 27.**

streets and Tamaques Park, finishing on the track in front of a cheering crowd. Stacey Graham of Carteret crossed the line as the inaugural winner. Westfield's own Lauren Saul finished third. Other notable local finishers included Lena Holman of Scotch Plains and Westfield's Amy Tourtelotte.

On tap for 9:30 a.m. is the only event in which men can participate, the One Mile Fun Run. In fact, any male who volunteers for the Women's Games 5K gains a free entry to the fun run and a complimentary "Games" T-shirt.

Track & Field activities follow the Fun Run. The morning session beginning at 9:15 a.m. and the 12:15 p.m. afternoon session will feature runs from 100- to 3,000-meters, a race walk, a hurdles race and the shot put, discus, high and long jump. Over 500 medals are available to be won in

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## Raider Boys Share Conference Title

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Sophomore Dave Herrmann finished with 12 hits, scored 15 runs, hit four doubles and had nine RBI. Junior first baseman Joe Franzone had 13 hits, scored 12 runs, crunched one home run, drilled three doubles and had 14 RBI.

Of the Raiders who had partial playing time, Ryan Hahner went 4-for-10 with a .400 batting average, scored five runs and drove in one. Junior Tony Melendez had three hits, three stolen bases, three RBI and four runs scored which included the game-winning run against the Blue Devils on April 22.

Matt McCarthy contributed two hits, five runs, two stolen bases and three RBI. Joe Ascolese added one hit and two runs scored and Kevin Schenk added one hit, one run scored and one RBI.

As a team, the Raiders had a thunderous .360 batting average, with 19 home runs, seven triples and 33 doubles. The Raiders had 183 hits, drove in 151 runs and scored a total of 171 runs.

Probably the finest performance of the season was turned in by both teams on April 22 when the Raiders defeated the Blue Devils, 4-3, in eight innings in Westfield. Both teams turned in marvelous offensive and defensive plays which, if done properly, would have shifted the momentum entirely in the favor of one or the other team.

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## Scotch Plains Men's Softball League:

(As of June 9)

| A Division:       |     |            |
|-------------------|-----|------------|
| TEAM              | W-L | Percentage |
| PEPCO             | 9-2 | .818       |
| The Hideaway      | 9-3 | .750       |
| Sneakermania      | 6-2 | .750       |
| Phoenix Tube      | 6-4 | .600       |
| Malibu            | 4-6 | .400       |
| CTC Renovations   | 3-7 | .300       |
| Bravo Landscaping | 2-8 | .200       |
| Jade Isle         | 1-8 | .111       |

| B Division:        |     |            |
|--------------------|-----|------------|
| TEAM               | W-L | Percentage |
| C & C Landscape    | 7-2 | .777       |
| D & L Locksmith    | 6-3 | .667       |
| Starlight Cleaners | 6-3 | .667       |
| S. P. Post Office  | 6-4 | .600       |
| Flanagan's         | 5-4 | .555       |
| Depth Chargers     | 4-6 | .400       |
| Appezato Const.    | 2-6 | .250       |
| Fridays            | 1-9 | .100       |

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