



ATTEMPTING THE PICK-OFF...Raider first baseman Joe Franzone catches the ball thrown from pitcher Dave Gewirtz and nearly nails the Morristown runner.

Morristown Boys Colonize Raiders in Sectionals, 7-3

fielder's choice to the Raider first baseman Joe Franzone and the Colonials led 6-1. Adam Baumwoll relieved Gewirtz in the top of the fifth, but the Colonials managed to add another run. Ryan hit a chopper to short and beat out the throw. The next batter walked, putting runners on first and second; then, each runner advanced on a double steal. Emonds drew a walk to load the bases, then Baumwoll walked Churnow to force in the run.

led off the seventh and drew a walk, then darted to second on a pitch into the dirt with Buccola at the plate. A second passed ball allowed Bishop to advance to third. On the next pitch, Buccola launched a towering home run over the right field fence, bringing the score to 7-3. Olgivie regained his composure and struck out the next two Raiders to preserve the victory. Morristown boosted its record to 16-10 and advanced to the semifinals. The Raiders dropped to 11-5.



AWAITING THE PITCH...Raider Joe Franzone awaits the pitch from the Morristown Colonial pitcher during the Group 3 Sectional game.

Devil JV Girl Laxers Finish Season With an 8-1-2 Record

The Westfield junior varsity (JV) girls lacrosse team ended their season with a record of 8-1-2 which included wins over established teams such as Kent Place, Pingry and Princeton. Coach Debbie Kephart said, "I am very pleased with the individual skill development as well as their ability to play as a team. Their record stands proof of the progress and effort they've made throughout the season."

goals each and co-captain Liz Winberry with eight goals. The team's attack had dominated throughout most of their games. As the season progressed, their connecting skills improved to enable them to surpass the most difficult defenses. The entire offense helped Westfield to several victories by totaling in 94 goals. The defensive powerhouse led by Sara Burnett, Liz Ambrosia, Donna Schaller and Lauren Mattes helped to minimize shots on goal keeper Libby Schundler. As the season progressed the



SUCCESSFUL JV LACROSSE SEASON...The Westfield High School junior varsity girls lacrosse team enjoyed a successful season.

on to hold the Hun School to a 6-6 deadlock. After a disappointing loss to Oak Knoll, the Lady Laxers faced Princeton, who had defeated Westfield last season. At the half, Princeton led 5-3. In the second half, Westfield came back strong, scoring five goals. Goal keeper, Libby Schundler, helped seal the victory by allowing only two goals. Westfield moved on with confidence to tally up a 6-5 win against Kent Place. Balanced play between the offense and the defense helped shut out Kent Place in the second half. The Devils delivered a crushing blow to Bridgewater with a score of 14-4. Pulling together in the second half, Westfield came back from only a 5-3 lead and scored nine goals while allowing only one goal. The JV Lady Laxers ended the season with a bang by prevailing over Pingry, 8-5. In the first half Westfield's attackers went on a scoring rampage, flicking in six goals, the defense also did its part allowing only two goals. Leading the attack this season was center co-captain Allie Rosenthal with 25 goals, Jenny Korecky with 15 goals, Rosy Hely and Alyssa Graye with nine

defense stepped up to disable other teams attack and brought home several wins. The defense was versatile as they could shut out other teams attack as well as contributing goals themselves. "The variety of individual skills of the team played beautifully together. Each person's individual strength was pulled together to make the team strong," said coach Kephart. "Overall, this was a strong, successful season for the Westfield JV Girls' Lacrosse team and there are high hopes and goals for next year."



Tiger Boys Slash Viking Nine, 12-1

Pat Kocher tossed a five inning one-hitter for the Linden High School baseball team in Linden on May 19. Ryan McKenna had an RBI single for the Union Catholic boys.

Gretchen Bowman for The Leader and The Times THE KICK...Tim Higgins takes a boot at the soccer ball during the Westfield Cup. Higgins played in the 8-9 age group.

Local Area High School Boys Baseball Results:

MAY 16: New Providence 2, Cedar Grove 1. The Pioneers won the Verona Tournament when junior catcher Ryan Stanek made a beautiful throw out in the seventh inning to preserve the victory. Stanek, Erik Ackersblom and Billy Izykowski each contributed doubles and John Quinta smashed a triple for the Pioneers. Todd Simo picked up his fifth win of the season. New Prov. (10-3) 100 010 0 02 Cedar Grove (12-4) 000 000 1 01

MAY 18: St. Mary's 13, Union Catholic 12. Despite out-hitting St. Mary's 15-10, the Vikings were edged 13-12 in Elizabeth. Viking Eric Conrad went 3-for-5, including a double and drove in two runs. Chris Pires, Mike Goworek and Ray Scudieri each had a triple and Ed Goworek added a double for the Vikings. Union Catholic 421 400 1 12 St. Mary's 009 001 3 13

Governor Livingston 8, Roselle Catholic 2. Rob Gianotti crashed a two-run homer in the fifth and added an RBI single in the fifth to zoom the Highlanders past the Lions in Berkeley Heights. Roselle Cath (8-9) 000 011 0 02 Gov. Liv. (14-6) 100 043 x 08

Minutemen Edge Raider Boys, 8-7

The Raiders put on a show of power but the Minutemen pulled out the victory by breaking a 7-7 tie in the bottom of the seventh in Elizabeth on May 18. Minuteman Pete Czajkowski drilled an RBI double in the seventh to win it. Jim Buccola blasted a home run, went 3-for-3 and drove in three runs for the Raiders. Dave Gewirtz, Luke Cerchio and Joe Franzone also crushed homers for the Raiders. Doug Bishop, Don Patterson and Franzone had one double apiece.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team slipped to 10-4 while Elizabeth upped its record to 15-1. ScPlns-Fanwood 002 220 1 07 Elizabeth 001 240 1 08

Raider Boys Burn Rahway in Sixth

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team got the two runs it needed when senior Dave Gewirtz bashed a one-run triple and Jim Buccola added a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning to give the Raiders an 8-7 victory over the Indians in Rahway on May 20. Buccola walloped a home run, tapped a single and drove in four runs for the Raiders. Luke Cerchio had a bases-loaded walk and Joe Franzone had a sacrifice fly in the fifth to give the Raiders a 6-5 edge. Franzone also smacked a double for the Raiders who improved to 11-4.

ScPlns-Fanwood 012 032 0 08 Rahway 050 000 2 07

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PERSONAL BEST...Blue Devil Dave Citrin clears 13-6 in the pole vault and nearly cleared 14 feet during the Group 4 Sectionals.



RECEIVING THE HANDOFF...Blue Devil Sage Stefuk receives the handoff from Heather Dennis during the 4x400-relay event at the Group 4 Sectionals in Plainfield.

MAY 19: Cranford 4, Kearny 3. Brian Weingart thumped a 450-foot home run in the first inning to give the Cougars a 3-0 lead. Bob Haber chopped an RBI single in the sixth to provide the winning margin. Pitcher Kevin Feeley picked up the victory. Kearny (14-8) 001 010 1 03 Cranford (17-0) 300 001 x 04

Governor Livingston 11, Roselle 0. The Highlanders smothered Roselle when pitcher Mark Leyrer fanned 10 and walked none. Hank Hansen launched a towering home run. Roselle (3-10) 000 00 00 Gov. Liv. (15-6) 033 5x 11

New Providence 13, Dayton 1. The Pioneers annihilated the Bulldogs twice and boosted their record to 12-3. Mike Waldron and Billy Izykowski had two triples apiece and Todd Simo added another. Mike Piccolo drilled two doubles and Tim Simo and Peter Brown added a double each. Dayton 000 01 01 New Prov. 611 23 03

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MAY 20: New Providence 9, Bound Brook 0. Kim Coleman hammered a triple and Mike Waldron smashed two doubles while Tim Simo added another double as the hot Pioneers dried up Bound Brook, 9-0, in New Providence. Bound Brook (9-11) 000 000 0 00 New Providence (13-3) 612 000 x 09

Cranford 13, Irvington 3. The No. 1-ranked Cougars picked up their 18th victory with the help of two RBI singles from Terry Donovan and a two-run triple from Andy Nordstrom. Westfield 321 600 3 15 Plainfield 120 101 1 06

Blue Devils Destroy Cardinal Boys, 15-6. Junior Lamont Turner burned the Cardinals, going 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored as the Westfield High School baseball team defeated the Plainfield High School Cardinals, 15-6, in Plainfield on May 18. Blue Devil Luke Mistretta launches a two-run homer in the seventh inning. Jayson Merrit thumped a triple and Phil Orsini ripped a double for the Blue Devils who improved to 14-7. Plainfield fell to 4-11.

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WARMING UP...Blue Devil Jeff Weber takes a practice swing before teeing off against the Cranford Cougars in a match at Echo Lake Country Club on May 21. The Blue Devils defeated the Cougars to remain unbeaten on the season. Weber, along with teammates Ronnie Kashlak, Brian Mann, Doug Brandely, Brent Brannick and Rob McCullam have been tearing up the courses with fine play.

Blue Devil Boys, Girls Group 4 Track Results

event. Senior Greg Gorski hurled the discus 153 feet to finish sixth in that event. Katie Egan grabbed sixth in the 800-meters with a time of 2:23 and teammate Sage Stefuk took fifth in the 1,600-meters with a time of 5:21. Egan teamed with Stefuk, Heather Dennis and Mary Korfmacher to finish sixth in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:10. Also, Egan placed sixth in the 400-meters at 1:00.7 and Korfmacher captured sixth in the 200-meters with a time of :26.9. Junior Allison Checchio tossed the javelin 97 feet to place sixth in that event. All Blue Devils who placed in the top six qualified for the State Group 4 Championships to be held in South Plainfield on May 29-30.



SPEEDING PAST THE LINE...Raider Lau'renn McDaniel, center, glides across the finish line in the 100-meter dash during the Group 3 Sectionals.

Raider Boys Finish 2nd; Girls 4th in Group Track

picked up two fourths with times of 2:01.1 in the 800-meters and 4:27.6 in the 1,600-meters. Raider Shawna Morgan placed second in the girls 100-meters with a time of :12.5 and the Raider 1,600-meter relay team captured third with a time of 4:24.8. Erin Brandt came in third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:10. Raider Christina Hillman placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 15-9.5, fifth in the shot put with a push of 29-4.5 and sixth in the high jump

with a height of 4-10. Kari Whitley grabbed fourth in the shot with a heave of 30-2.75 and fourth in the discus with a toss of 92-11. Erin Kelly placed sixth in the 800-meters at 2:29.7. Karen Haight took sixth in the 1,600-meters with a time of 5:41.2 and Kate Feighner placed sixth in the javelin with a toss of 91-6. All of the Raiders who placed in the top six have qualified for the State Group 3 Championships which will be held in South Plainfield on May 29-30.



100-METER DASH...Raider Shawna Morgan, right, wins her heat during the Group 3 Sectionals in Millburn on May 22-23.

Area High School Golf Results:

MAY 18: STATE TOURNEY: Westfield High school placed third in the Group 4 championships held at the par 70 Burlington Country Club. The Blue Devils totaled 345 and Washington Township took the title with a 341 total. Westfield: Ron Kashlak (44-39) 83; Brian Mann (42-42) 84; Doug Brandely (43-43) 86; Jeff Weber (48-45) 93; Brent Brannick (46-47) 93.



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