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RICCIUTI, ANDERSON HR; KOLB GOES 4-FOR-4, HR

Blue Devils Score 4 in Sixth, Hold Back Raider Nine, 7-5

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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To be champions of the Watchung Conference, the Westfield High School baseball team needed to defeat rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood, who had defeated the Blue Devils, 6-

3, on April 27. The "Big Bang" technique came into play once again in the late innings to give the 20-6 Blue Devils a 7-5 victory over the Raiders in Westfield on May 25.

Senior Tom Ricciuti provided the first "big bang" with a two-run home run in the fourth inning and senior Jay Anderson ignited a four-run charge in the sixth inning with a two-run shot over the leftfield fence. Justin Olsen banged a triple and a single, while scoring twice, and Craig Ellis tapped a pair of RBI singles and added another single.

"He was probably trying to get ahead of me with a fastball and I was looking fastball. He threw it right where I was looking for it. I hit a line drive and it went out," said Ricciuti. "I feel our team performs better in high pressure situations. In these high pressure games against high pressure pitchers, we have really been ripping the ball."

Raider senior Chris Kolb ended his high school baseball career in style with a 4-for-4 day (2 runs scored), which included a solo blast on his last at bat. Senior Colin Weber went 2-for-4, with an RBI double and senior Jeff Bell rapped a two-run double. Bell also made a fabulous sliding catch in centerfield.

"I caught a fastball right down the plate and drove it right to leftfield. I was seeing the ball really well today," said Kolb who added, "I love these games!"

Using wise management in preparation for the state sectional games, Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster worked four pitchers. Anderson pitched the first two innings, yielding three runs on five hits while striking

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WILD PLAY AT FIRST...Blue Devil Jayshawn King has a little collision with Raider second baseman Matt Ferrara on a close play at first. King was ruled safe on the play.



Fred K. Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
IN CONTROL OF THE BATTLE...Blue Devil Chris Mattes, No. 11, seizes control of the ball and rolls past a Viking defender during the NJSIAA quarterfinal round. Westfield handily defeated Vernon 11-7.

SHARKEY NETS 6 GOALS; SIMONE, 5 ASSISTS, 1 GOAL

Blue Devil Lax Men Advance With 11-7 Win Over Vernon

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior attacker Ryan Sharkey flicked in four of his six goals in the first half to lead the third-seeded Westfield High School boys lacrosse team to an 11-7 victory over sixth-seeded Vernon Township in the NJSIAA Tournament Group 3 quarterfinal round at Kehler Stadium

in Westfield on May 26.

The No. 17, 11-6 Blue Devils pelted the Vikings with 36 shots on goal while succeeding with a stingy defense. Junior attacker Joe Simone zipped in one goal and added five assists to reach 105 career points. Mike Bialick netted two goals and one assist. Sophomores Harry Bernstein and Andrew Rosenberg each added one goal. Blue Devil goalie Ben Thomas made 18 big saves. Dan Rawson and C.J. Flar led the 14-5 Vikings with two goals each.

"We started out playing the way we wanted to but did not play a perfect game like we have been playing but the most important thing is we're the ones that are advancing," said Westfield Head Coach Gerry Benaquista. "Our shots were not the way they usually are but we hustled. We wanted to control the ball, work it, move it and run through our offense, cutting, picking and taking hard shots but we finished it as a team."

The Blue Devils did encounter some difficulty in controlling the game from the face-off circle and picking up ground balls.

"Ground balls, I say, always win games. I don't really know how many we had. I think it wasn't as usual but it just shows that, when we don't play a perfect game, what we can still do as a team. Everyone getting involved and getting the job done," added Benaquista.

The Blue Devils penetrated Viking territory and scored five quick goals on 12 shots in the first quarter, including a hat trick by Sharkey, and goal from Bialick and Rosenberg. Viking Flar fired in a goal at the 2:24 mark, just before Rosenberg's goal that was assisted by Ryan Yarusi.

After a defensive deadlock, Sharkey scored his fourth goal at 11:23 in the second quarter. Vikings Danny Colvin scored an unassisted goal at 8:22 and Flar, assisted by Rawson, closed the lead to 6-3 with just over one minute remaining in the half.

"Our defense was playing right on them and they were giving away open shots to the middle," said Thomas. "I believe we're one of the best and have some of the hardest workers on the field with C.J. Patella, Eddie Kane,

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PERRELLA WINS 1600, 3200; ROWBOTHAM TRIPLE JUMP, ALLEMAN SHOT PUT

Raider Boys Get Second, Girls Get Third; Blue Devil Boys Get 7th at Sectional Track

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Senior Jeff Perrella took top honors in the 1600 meter and the 3200 meter to contribute 20 of 26 points to help give the Westfield High School boys track team a tie for seventh place with East Orange in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 meet at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield on May 27. Competing in four events, junior Kyle Rowbotham contributed 28 points as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys finished second in the Group 3 meet with a total of 62 behind New Brunswick that finished with a 79 total.

Irvington won the boys Group 4 section with a total of 99 points. The

Raider girls finished third in their group with a total of 61 behind Montgomery at 64.33 and winner Ridge with 74.33 points. The Blue Devil girls finished with two team points in their group, which was won by Plainfield with 72.5 points.

Perrella crossed first in the 1600-meter with a personal-best time of 4:16.3 - he was clocked at 4:15.6 in the anchor leg of the distance medley relay at the Blue Devils Classic. Perrella took the lead from the beginning, but Bridgewater-Raritan's Ryan DiOrio nudged in front of him at the end of the third lap. With a little more than 300 meters remaining, Perrella turned on the burners to finish the

final lap in 60.6 seconds.

"He came at me pretty strong with a lap to go. He tried to move away from me, but I tried to hold on to him as long as I could. I was holding out for a 300 move, but I had to go a couple steps earlier than I wanted to because I heard Ryan coming up behind me, coming up fast too. I know I can run long and steady, but I have to see if I have the speed to finish," said Perrella.

Perrella led from beginning to end in the 3200 meter and even stepped his pace up a notch in the final two laps to cross first in 9:26.52, more than 12 seconds ahead of North Hunterdon's Dale Taylor, who finished in 9:38.63.

Blue Devil senior Marcus Allen Graham advanced to the Group 4 meet to be held this weekend at Egg

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Registration Requirements

Registration Fee: \$150

Registration Deadline: June 15th

Registration will be capped at 40 campers. (Currently at 26)

Proof of Medical Insurance

Medical Release with Parents Signature

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

The Cobras summer softball camp will provide a softball player the opportunity to develop skills in:

Infield & Outfield Play; Pitching; Catching; Bunting; Stealing; Base Running; Hitting techniques; Situational Ball Playing.

Campers will use these skills in daily softball games. Each afternoon players will be organized into teams to play a softball game.

June 29th: Pizza

Camp Coaching Staff Includes:

Tony Piniat, Head Coach, Cobras 18U Fastpitch National Softball Team. With more than 16 years coaching experience, in the past (4) years his 16U fastpitch team won the 2003 Garden State Parkway League Championship; qualified for & competed in both the 2004 & 2005 PONY Nationals; & 2006 TCS World Series.

18U Cobras National Softball Team

Questions:

Please Call Tony Piniat 908 757 8197

COBRAS SUMMER SOFTBALL CAMP

Registration

Ages: 8 - 13

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy #: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please send registration and payment to:

Tony Piniat

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7 Round Hill Road

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Registration Deadline:

June 15, 2006

Make check payable to: SP PAL Cobras

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CAMP FEATURES:

Goal Keeper Training Novice to Advanced Ability Grouping Indoor Facilities Available Lunches & Drinks Available to Purchase Safe & Secure Environment

HOURS: Grades 1-4: 9:00am-12:00am
Grades 5-11: 9:00am-3:00pm

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DIRECTORS:

Tom Breznitsky: Head Boys' Soccer Coach
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TO CONTACT CAMP:

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I. 2006 Fun & Fundamentals Basketball Clinic

For: Boys & Girls entering grades 2-5
Where: Westfield High School
When: Monday June 26th and Tuesday June 27th (2 days)
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: \$50.00

II. 2006 Blue Devil Basketball Camp

For: Boys & Girls entering grades 4-9
Where: Westfield High School
When: Monday July 10th thru Friday July 14th (5 days)
Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Cost: \$70.00 * 2 Full Court Games Per Day

CAMP FEATURES:

- Drill Stations teaching the fundamentals of the game: ball handling, dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, defense, one-on-one moves & team offense
- Contests one-on-one, foul shooting, hot shot and knockout
- Game play, T-shirts, Adjustable height baskets used for the younger grades.

INFORMATION: JOE MARINO 908-612-9515

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Ages: 8 - 13

June 26 - June 29 2006

9 AM - 3:00 PM

Location:

Farley Softball Field Complex
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Scotch Plains