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WESTFIELD BLUE DEVIL SOFTBALL TEAM 2006... Taking a moment to reflect on a super strong season are, pictured left to right, front row: Alyson Moskowitz, Kim Townsend, Alex Pecora, Cyndil Matthew and Erin Scialabba; back row, Assistant coach Ellen Muir, Assistant coach Caitlin MacDonald, Lindsay Brown, MaryKate Flannery, Jenny LaSpata, Kristina Fietkiewicz, Jillian Olsen, Jenn Urciuoli, Jess Moskowitz and Ashley Dunnan.

Westfield Blue Devil Softballers Finished Season In Top Notch Fashion With a 14-10 Record

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The Blue Devils had a 264 BA, rapped 10 homeruns, six triples and 18 doubles and had 14 stolen bases. Flannery, a centerfielder, led the Blue Devils with a .419 average and 31 hits. She was very dangerous on the bases, and struck out only twice in 70 at bats. Defensively, she had the highest fielding average (FA) at 1.000. "MK is an exciting ballplayer to watch," said Pignoli. "She worked hard to have developed the many tools that makes her a challenge to keep off the bases."

Fietkiewicz had a sizzling .353 BA (24-for-66), scored 16 runs, had three doubles, two triples and led in homeruns with four. She led the team with a slugging percentage at .641

and in RBI with 19. As a shortstop, she had a .932 FA, recording 26 putouts with 49 assists. "My assistant coaches, Ellen Muir and Caitlin MacDonald, and I would beg for other teams to hit her the ball from the sidelines," said Pignoli. "Kristina knows this game well and plays it with passion. She has fought through her four-year varsity career with broken bones, bleeding knees or a high fever."

Olsen had a .264 BA, led the team with 18 runs, had eight RBI, thumped four doubles, one homerun and 19 hits. Behind the plate, she had a .975 FA, and tossed out 167 batters with 25 assists. "Jillian handled our young and in-

experienced pitchers well. She called every pitch of every game this season," said Pignoli. "She had to work hard to handle Lindsay's pitches which often spun their way into the dirt below the swinging bats of her opponents. I am proud for the leadership and confidence she brought to this team from behind the plate."

Senior rightfielder Jen Urciuoli had a .286 BA, drove in 13 runs, bashed 19 hits, ripped two homeruns, two doubles and stole three bases. Sophomore third baseman Erin Scialabba recorded 11 putouts and 38 assists. At the plate, she had a .279 BA with 12 hits and 12 RBI. Freshman second baseman Kim Townsend finished with 26 putouts and 35 assists with a .924 FA. She had a .231 BA with seven RBI, scored five runs and had five sacrifices. Junior first baseman Jenny LaSpata finished with a .230 BA, scored 11 runs, had two homers, 12 RBI and led the team in walks with 11. Senior leftfielder Jess Moskowitz recorded a .159 BA and 14 RBI. Freshman designated hitter Cyndil Matthew went 17-for-34 (.500 BA), with one homer and a triple and six RBI.

With an abundance of youth and experience, the Blue Devil girls look to be in the hunt once again for the Union County sectional titles. "Next season will be similar in that we have very skilled players returning. The challenge will be to prepare younger players for a higher level of play and fill in large holes left by our talented players," concluded Pignoli.

Westfield Blue Devil Baseballers Broke WHS Records, Won Union County Crown

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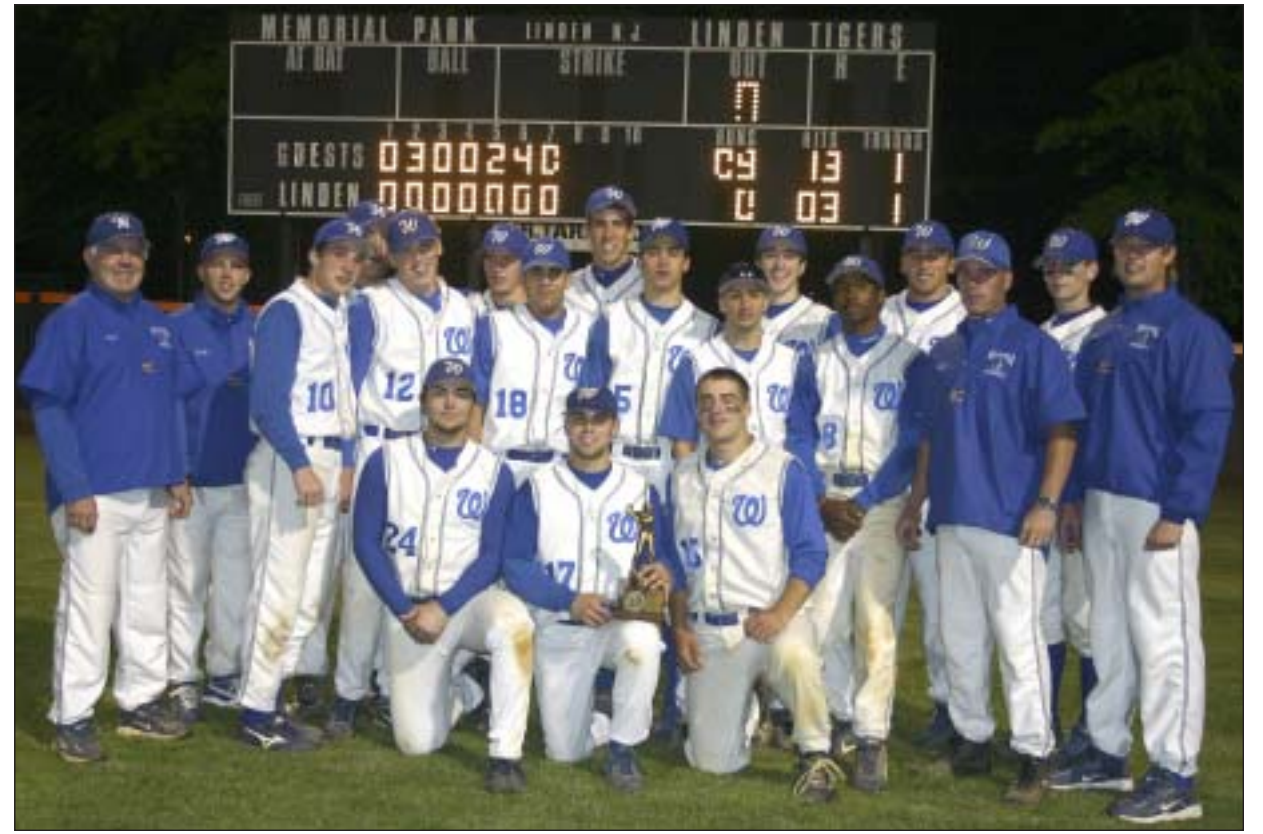
most every category: team batting average (BA) (.407), hits (331), runs (282), doubles (75), home runs (29) and RBI (253). Not necessarily a base-stealing team, the Blue Devils swiped 51 of 55 bases, led by seniors Tom Ricciuti, who was 11-for-11, and Jayshawn King, who was 9-for-9.

Murray, an All-American catcher and four-year starter, established nine known WHS offense records: season hits (51), home runs (8), RBI (44) and batting average (.560) - all this season - career hits (155), career doubles (33), career home runs (19), career RBI (145) and career extra base hits

the team this season with 67. From his cleanup spot, this season he had a .494 BA, with four homers, 36 RBI and 30 runs scored. "In over 100 games, I saw the three of them play together," Brewster said of Murray, Diaz and Ricciuti. "When they were freshmen, they had a love for the game that was just unbelievable. I said, 'fellows, don't ever lose that! That is what will set you apart.' That's the way they played the game."

Senior third baseman Jay Anderson, who had 30 RBI and 23 runs scored, finished with a .435 BA and his 20 extra base hits (11 doubles,

mound and went 4-for-9 (.444) at the plate. Right fielder Justin Olsen, who may be the starting catcher next year, had a banner sophomore year with a .420 BA with 10 doubles, a homer and a triple, 23 runs scored and 15 RBI. Sophomore Evan Shapiro showed promise on the mound, finishing with a 2-0 record and a 2.00 ERA. "Our hitting ability made teams have to pitch to Murray. Understand that little thing! Because everybody was hitting, it made everybody stronger. It was a total team effort," stated Brewster.



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UNION COUNTY CHAMPIONS... The Westfield High School baseball team won the Union County title with a victory over Roselle Catholic. The victorious Blue Devil boys included, Craig Ellis, Mike Diaz, Mike Murray, Tom Ricciuti, Alex Zierler, Jay Anderson, Brandon Cuba, Dave Kaplow, Jayshawn King, Josh Gerckens, Justin Olsen, Peter Antonelli, Joe Schurig, Tom Bonard and Evan Shapiro.

(59). Murray also scored 41 runs this season. Diaz, a senior second baseman, finished with a .448 BA, with 36 RBI, seven homers and a WHS record 47 runs scored. He provided amazing defensive security with a .961 fielding percentage, 56 assists and 43 putouts. Shortstop Ricciuti silently slipped into the WHS record book's No. 1 spot for career assists and led

four triples, five homers) tied Lamont Turner's 1999 single-season record. Senior first baseman Alex Zierler led the team in putouts with 169 and made no errors this season. Finishing the season with a .322 BA, he had 10 doubles, 36 RBI and 20 runs scored. Last year, Zierler established a WHS record by hitting two grand slams in a game against Bridgewater. An excellent catcher in his own right, senior designated hitter Kaplow had a .356 BA, with 17 runs scored and 11 RBI. Ellis, as the leadoff batter, hit .333 (30-for-90), scored 27 runs and had 14 RBI. As the Blue Devils' No. 1 pitcher, Ellis finished with a 7-2 record and a 3.08 ERA. Senior Brandon Cuba had a .306 BA, with two homers, including a key home run in the UCT title game, scored 16 runs and had 10 RBI. Aside from being a terror on the bases, King had a .340 BA with a homer and 18 runs scored. Junior Tom Bonard, next year's shortstop and team captain, displayed his defensive skills wherever needed, scored nine runs and had six RBI. Junior pitcher Joe Schurig went 7-for-9 (.778) at the plate and junior relief pitcher Peter Antonelli recorded two saves in his 13.33 innings on the

Softball Raiders End With 17-8 Record

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triples, three stolen bases and six RBI to go with a fielding percentage of .952. Junior first baseman Jillian Lusk had a .211 BA, one triple, two doubles, 10 runs scored and six RBI to go with a .994 fielding average. Leftfielder Allie Brown had a .255 BA, five runs scored and three RBI. Sophomore second baseman Stephanie Goines had a .859 fielding percentage and displayed some punch at the plate with a .214 BA, 14 runs scored, four doubles and seven RBI. Next season, the Raiders will return five starters and will bring in several talented junior varsity players from a team that claimed the Union County Tournament JV title. "We will miss Elaine tremendously on the mound, however we are not concerned because we have confidence in our up and coming pitchers," said Covert. "We will be strong next year. We have girls who want to play softball and possess in them fire that you cannot teach."

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