



RUMBLING DOWN THE LINE...Pat Noonan of Caffrey Tree Services singles to right as Deegan first baseman Oscar Perez awaits the throw.

Westfield's Jim Lane Named UCC Men's Basketball Coach

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Westfield resident Jim Lane has been selected as head coach of the Union County College (UCC) Owls men's basketball team after four years of coaching in the Westfield school system as an assistant and co-coach to Neil Horne, Jr., who won four New Jersey State Championships.

Lane, originally from Fanwood, played for coach Horne at Union Catholic when they won the state championship in 1987. His collegiate basketball career included four years of varsity basketball at Princeton University for Hall of Fame coach Pete Carril, during which the Tigers won four Ivy League championships and made four NCAA Division I appearances. Coach Lane earned the

team's Backboard award in his senior season.

"I didn't play very much. I had a great seat right up front," confessed Lane, who did play quite a bit his senior season.

Coach Lane earned a B.A. in History from Princeton University and a Juris Doctorate of Law from Rutgers School of Law in Newark. Before coming to Westfield, Lane worked on Wall Street until 2002 when he went back to law school. He resides in Westfield with his wife Jennifer and two children

vital in handling the basketball against the pressure defenses in Region 19.

"I was hired a little bit late to have a lot of impact on the personnel we are going to have on the court but I was thrilled that we were able to get Alex Jones to come on board," Lane said. "When you see him catch the ball, square up, shoot it, the way he dribbles, the way he defends, you can see that there are great fundamentals taught there. He comes in at 6'3", 195-lbs ready to play day 1. We are one more Alex Jones away from contention!"



MEN IN BLACK...Leader/Times Assistant Publisher/Sports Editor Dave Corbin, left, discuss Westfield resident Jim Lane's new assignment as head coach of the Union County Community College Men's basketball team.

"My wife and I were looking for a place to live. She fell in love with the town. I was commuting into New York and my job gave me the flexibility to start helping out with the Westfield High School program," Lane said.

Coach Lane expects that primary emphasis on academic development, combined with on-the-court team-defense focus and offensive aggressiveness will lead to the Owls' team and individual success.

Coach Lane should get a lot of help from shooting guard/small forward Alex Jones, a recruit from the heralded St. Patrick's High School of Elizabeth, a perennial national Top-10 program. Jones was a member of multiple state championship teams and a leading contributor to St. Patrick's No 1 ranking in New Jersey after winning the Tournament of Champions this year. Jones will be

The UCC women's basketball program under coach Sheryl Bell has done quite well in recent years.

"The women's program has been consistently strong for a long time," Lane said. "I think she inherited a good situation and she turned it into a great situation, which is very hard to do. I'm coming into it a little differently, where the last couple years, the men's program has started off strong and, in particular last year, finished up a lot weaker than they started. Academic problems have caused personnel problems. For me, it's an ideal situation to walk into for your head coaching job because I'm walking into a situation where there is a lot of ways to improve it."

In the 2010-2011 season, "Our goal is to be in serious contention to win the league, which is Region 19 of the National Junior Colleges," coach Jones said.

Deegan Roofers Slam Door On Caffrey Tree Service, 12-0

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grab in leftfield. Kaden knocked down a sizzling grounder to prevent a score. Roofer second baseman Bendix performed a smooth diving play to get a force out and right centerfielder Woodring gunned down a runner attempting to slide safely into third.

A 0-0, pitchers' duel between Carlucci and Caffrey's Frank Mackiewicz ended in the bottom of the third when the Roofers scored

three times. But in the top half of the inning Mankiewicz urged his team, "Start it up! We need to get away with two, at least, here!" - Three up, three down!

The Roofers responded though! Bendix doubled, Perez walked and both scored on a throwing error. Brainard added his RBI sac fly.

Five more Roofers stomped on the plate in the fourth. Juchnik drew a leadoff walk, Spellman singled, Woodring walked and Aumenta lofted an RBI sac fly. Banasiak walked and Bendix grounded into an RBI force out. Perez yanked an RBI single and Carlucci slapped his two-run single.

The Roofers needed four more runs in the fifth inning to win via 12-run mercy rule. It happened! Parkhill led off with a single to right, Juchnik walked, Spellman singled and Woodring hit an RBI sac fly. Aumenta bashed his two-run triple over the centerfielder's head and Banasiak singled in the game-ending run.

At the beginning of Game 2, Bendix decided to be the leadoff batter, much to his teammates' concern. "I guarantee I will get on base," Bendix predicted. He was true to his word with a single to right.

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St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Standings:

ANGELS DIVISION:
(As of June 26:)

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Aloysius	5	0	1.000
St. Matthew	3	2	.600
St. Anthony	1	4	.200
St. Patrick	1	4	.200
St. Stephen	1	5	.167

SAINTS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. David	4	2	.667
St. Joseph	4	2	.667
St. Luke	3	2	.600
St. Jude	4	3	.571
St. Anne	2	3	.400

St. Jude 13, St. Anthony 11
Jude's Keith Middleton hit the trifecta (5-for-5, 5 runs scored). Jason Fiore (4 hits, 3 runs, 5 RBI including a 2-run homer in the eighth), Bruce Evens (3 hits, 4 RBI) and Tom Kucin (3 hits) also led Jude. O J Simpson (4-for-4, 2 runs scored), Jack Ley, Tony Perconte and Bill Lawrence each with a triple led the Tonys.

St. Joseph 19, St. Stephen 15
Never turn your back on Dirty Dean Talcott's Crew. Down 14-3 in the fifth, the Joey's erupted for 11 runs to steal this one from Stephen. Corey Woodring and Lewis Blau each homered and knocked in five for Joe. Ed Marchelitis and Joe Negley roped four hits apiece, and Ken Blaes scored twice on two hits. Howard Bialos and Joe DeRosa (4-for-5, 3 runs) homered for Stephen. Dave Hill and Rob Zerafa

each tripled. Larry Szenyi scored three runs.

St. Matthew 17, St. Jude 7
St. Matt posted nine runs in the second inning, featuring small ball with many of the players getting two hits. Lou Balestriere (four runs scored), James Barba and Tom Straniero each with three runs scored, and Phil Velucci (two hits, run scored) led the charge. Jason Fiore homered for St. Jude and Joe DeChiaro had three hits. Brian Williams and Dan Nigro each scored twice.

St. David 5, St. Patrick 1
The Farley crowd was stunned into silence, as they watched a Stingy Al Betau toss yet another masterpiece for David. Steve Polak (two hits, run scored), Nash Warfield, Tom Baldowski and Karl Grossmann also scored for St. David. Kevin Marron scored for Patrick and Pat Enright roped a double.

St. Joseph 14, St. Anthony 13
Pete Chemidlin and Corey Woodring each homered and knocked in three runs. Tom Ulichny chased home four more on three hits for St. Joseph. Tony Perfilio scored twice on two hits as did Walt Patrylo. Kenny Blaes chipped in a run. Pete Costello homered for St. Anthony's and drove in two. Chris Paterek went 3-for-4 and chased home three. Russ Voorhees and Kevin Callahan also had three hits each.

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