

Westfield White 11s Hold Off Cougar 11s' Come Back, 15-9

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and scored once. Knight went 2-for-2, scored once and stole three bases. Comer singled, walked twice and scored once. Jamie Brawley singled, scored, walked and stole a base. Joe Norton, Smith and Jake Steele each singled and Josh Cucuzzella scored once.

Although offensive clout was exercised by both teams, base running and defensive mental miscues were also present, but that is where the learning experience comes into play and it would be nothing more than getting back to the drawing board to begin correcting the miscues.

"We pick out two or three plays that made a difference in the game and point out what they need to do differently so that they improve each time out," Westfield Head Coach Joe Rinaldi said.

Westfield White struck hard with four runs in the top of the first inning, beginning with Varakian's leadoff double to right. Varakian scored on a fielder's choice then Mele crushed his two-run shot over the centerfield fence. Anderson tripled to left and Boutsikaris brought him home with a grounder to short.

Shortstop Mele pulled off a fine defensive play to keep the Cougars off the board in the bottom of the inning then the possibility of a shortened game appeared when Westfield exploded with seven more runs in the second to seize an 11-0 lead. DiFilippo smashed a leadoff homer then a walk, two hit batters and two singles gave Westfield a 7-0 lead and a bases-loaded situation when Rinaldi stepped to the plate and unloaded his grand slam.

Kane launched his solo blast in the Cougar second inning. Comer singled, Leahey doubled and Szekeres dropped his two-run double into leftfield. Westfield added two unearned runs in the third on a passed ball and a throwing error and the Cougars answered with an unearned run. Leahey, playing second base, made a brilliant diving catch in the fourth to hold Westfield scoreless.

"Sean is a three-sport athlete. He always give 100 percent on the field," coach Norton said.

The Cougars had a great opportunity in the fourth, and did score three runs on Szekeres' RBI double and Beato's two-run double but base running miscues shortened their rally.

DiFilippo singled and scored on an error in the fifth to make the score 14-7, but the Cougars put together two doubles and a single to score twice in the bottom of the inning. In the sixth, Mobarakai singled, stole second and

scored on a throwing error for the final Westfield run.

"It's tough to spot a team like Westfield 11 runs and come back, but I was real proud that my guys, at least, got us in the game. Against Westfield, we can't make the base running plays that we made and the silly plays. We still have some things to work on," said coach Norton. "It's all about a learning experience for the boys."

"We jumped out early and they battled and made it a very close game. One more hit at the right time and it could have gone the other way," coach Rinaldi said.

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WF White Captures Ripken District 12, 11U 50/70 Title

Westfield White captured the Cal Ripken District 12 title for the second year in a row with a 10-5 victory over South Orange Maplewood (SOM). This year's championship was in the 11U, 50/70 Division where the tournament consisted of Scotch Plains, Warren, SOM, Bayonne, Cranford and Westfield Blue.

Westfield came into the championship game undefeated in District competition but they immediately got off to a shaky start, allowing three unearned runs in the top of the first inning. Pitcher Vin DiFilippo battled through the adversity, then Westfield answered with two runs to make it 3-2. Eric Varakian singled and Chris Rinaldi walked and both stole bases. DiFilippo launched an RBI sacrifice fly and Nick Mele ripped an RBI single.

SOM tallied an unearned run in the second but Westfield exploded for eight runs in the fourth to grab a 10-4 lead. Scott Tupper singled up the middle, Varakian walked, Rinaldi rapped a two-run single and eventually made it to third where he scored on a misplayed pop. Mele walked and Devin Anderson hammered a two-run triple. Chris Boutsikaris slapped an RBI single. Tommy Summers walked and Tupper singled. Hopper Murray whacked a ground-rule



The Westfield Blue Storm 12U Softball Team

WF Blue Storm 12U Wins Carteret Softball Tourney

The Westfield Blue Storm 12U girls softball team won the Carteret Tournament on June 6 and 7. The girls outscored their opponents, 51-5, in the five games they played.

In Game 1, Lauren Schneider tossed a 4-0, shutout against West Milford. Lizzie Fox caught a superb game all day. Centerfielder Chrissy

Ferraro turned in outstanding defensive plays. Next, the Storm crushed the Roxbury Gold, 11-1, with the superb pitching of Elena Scarano. Emily Mastrocola thumped two triples, while Michelle Kostyack and Chrissy Moscorapped one triple each.

In Game 3, Schneider tossed a 17-0, four-inning shutout against Sparta. Ferrara turned in several fine defensive plays. Allie McBrearty went 3-for-3 and Mosco had a key double.

The semifinal game put Blue Storm against West Milford. Scarano and Mastrocola teamed up to handle the pitching. West Milford battled but, in the sixth inning, Julia Criseuolo came up with a big hit to secure the 8-3, victory.

In the championship game Blue Storm faced the Bordentown Bandits, who proved to be no match for the pitching of Schneider and Mastrocola. Ferrara and Lizzie Fox again had an outstanding game defensively. Scarano and Fox both went 4-for-4. Westfield Blue Storm won 11-1.



WINNING SEASON...The Westfield U9 Tornadoes had a winning season. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Daniel Lisak, Jason Little, Michael Canabarro, Leo Warsh, Kevin Fuller, Matthew Bromberg and Andrew Ellner; middle row, Sean Biglin, William Walswee, Matthew Manning, Matthew Canabarro and Joey Wirtshafter; back row, coaches Eduardo Canabarro, Joao Vitor and Jeff Warsh.

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ DIVISION A (As of July 12):		
TEAM	W	L
Babooshka	9	1
Awnings Galore	13	3
Buffy's Tavern	10	3
American Legion/LLG	8	4
S.M.C.	4	9
D&K Associates	2	11

50+ DIVISION B:		
TEAM	W	L
Molly Maguire's	9	4
JTD Construction	7	5
Linda's Driftwood Bar	6	7
Contact Lens & Vision	5	7
Iceman's Karaoke	3	9
Northwestern Mutual	1	13

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Kilkenny House	14	0
TLC	10	4
Creative Industries	10	5
LA Law	5	10
The Office	5	10
Associated Auto Parts	0	15

Oscar Harrison (2 HRs, 3B, 6 RBI) and Bob Lorincz (4 hits) led TLC. Creative Industries 13, The Office 1

Creative plated six in the fourth. Tom Lombardi (2 doubles, 3 RBI), Demo Cervelli (2 hits, RBI) and Art Kopacz (2 hits, RBI) led Creative. Bill Hinkle had two doubles and a single for the losers.

Kilkenny House 21, Associated Auto Parts 0

Phil Fink and Pete Ierino each had two-hit games for Associated. Contact Lens & Vision 16, JTD Construction 1

Jerry Archibald (4 hits, HR, triple), Kerry Gelb, Ray Yarusi, Bob Beiner, Ed Quinn and Rick Wolf also with multiple hits, George Merlot's pitching led the Lensmen.

Awnings Galore 12, D&K Assoc. 6

Awnings scored five runs in the seventh inning. Neil Granstrand, Bruce Crawford and Tom Breen (3-for-4, RBI each), Joe Penczak (2 doubles, 2 RBI), and Ray Meigs and

Joe Behler with big RBI led Awnings, who turned four double plays and threw two runners out at the plate. Molly Maguire's 14, Iceman's Karaoke 2

Bill Hinkle tossed five shutout innings. Dick McKay (4-for-4, 2 triples, 4 RBI), Jim Hardman, Glenn Zuhl, Bill Hinkle and Charlie Wischusen (each with 3 hits) led Molly's. Babooshka 17, S.M.C. 15

Tom Straniero, Joe Massimo, Tony Williams and Larry Esoldo all with three hits led Babooshka.

Linda's Driftwood Bar 15, Northwestern Mutual 7

Keith McDede, Jack Helfrich, John Esposito, Phil Fink, Steve Adase, Joe Bakunas, Tom Siano, Bob Wasyluk, Rich Krov and Ron Horinko all had multi-hit games for Linda's.

Buffy's Tavern 10, American Legion 9 The Office 13, Associated Auto Parts 10

The Office put together a four-run rally capped by Chip Weiss' two-run triple. Dave Bell and Phil Fink each had three hits for the losers.

Kilkenny House 10, TLC 4 Creative Industries 19, LA Law 2

Tom Lombardi (4 hits, 3 RBI), Bill Dougherty (4 hits) and Demo Cervelli, Nick Lehotsky (3 RBI), Merlo (2 doubles) and Larry Berra with three hits each led Creative.

Babooshka 21, D&K Assoc. 11

Babooshka's Tom Straniero, Dave Lavelle and Tony Williams each had four hits, while Brian Williams, Harry Semple, Keith Gibbons and Tim Deegan each had three hits.

Awnings Galore 7, Buffy's Tavern 4

Awnings' Bruce Crawford and Neil Granstrand each went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Tom Breen and Ray Meigs each doubled and tripled. Awnings completed three double plays and Bobby Rahnenfuhrer threw out a runner at home.

Contact Lens & Vision 5, Molly Maguire's 4

Ray Yarusi (2 triples) George Merlo (pitching) and Rick Wolf and Jerry Archibald with late inning RBI led Contact. Molly's John Hartnett (triple, 2 RBI), Dave Drechsel (RBI) and Glen Zuhl (RBI) had multi-hits.

Iceman's Karaoke 10, Linda's Driftwood Bar 8

JTD Construction 14, Northwestern Mutual 13

JTD won it in the seventh. Ed McColgan (4 hits), and Steve Falco, Rich Grossberg, Anthony Abbaleo and Tom Romanowicz (3 hits each) led the Insurers. Eddie Malko contributed an RBI single.

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