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HENKELS WHACKS 2 RUN HR; BINKIEWICZ GOES 8-0

Raiders Hold Off Tigers, 8-6, In Group 3 Sectional Baseball

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

Fine pitching by starter Gary Binkiewicz, strong interior defense and enough offense, including a two-run home run from Mike Henkels, earned the second-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team an 8-6 victory over visiting No. 7 seed South Plainfield in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament quarterfinal game on May 22. The victory boosted Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock's career record to 100-

47-1. Binkiewicz yielded 10 hits, struck out five and walked one in his six-plus innings to up his record to 8-0. Reliever Jon Kosenick gave up a two-run double in the seventh and finished with two strikeouts to get the save. Tiger starting pitcher Dylan Papa (1 strikeout, 4 walks) yielded all 10 of the Raiders' hits.

"Getting 100 wins is big! With coach Joe Higgins being with me all six years and coach Jerry Monti the last three years, they are a big part of

that success that we have with this program. Today, we put our guy (Binkiewicz) on the mound and he did not have his best stuff. But, he's a battler and he found a way to get guys out and that's a sign of a good pitcher. Our bats! Henkels came up with a big home run and that turned out to be huge," said coach Baylock.

After a rocky first inning that included an unearned run on an error by each team, the 20-3 Raiders took a 2-1 lead in the third when Joey

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BRINGING HOME THE BACON...Right fielder Mike Henkels blasted a two-run home run into the trees in the sixth inning to lead the Raiders to a 8-6 victory in the sectional quarterfinal playoffs.

JORDAN JOHNSON GETS 2ND IN HJ, ADAMS 2ND IN TJ

Blue Devil Boys, Raider Girls Place Fourth at Section Track

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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The Westfield High School boys and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls both finished fourth in their respective groups at the North Jersey, Group 3 and 4, Section 2 track and field meets at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield on May 22 and 23.

and they got me at about 200," Scrudato explained.

The next day, Scrudato stayed in a tight pack of several runners, including two from Franklin Township, well behind the two frontrunners, and finished fifth in the 3,200 with a time of 9:44.41 ahead of both Franklin runners.

"They were on my heels a lot. They kept moving me," Scrudato said. "I'm not glad about it (his time) but I'm satisfied about it to move on. One race at a time!"

way through his 3,200-meter event until Mendham's Mike Franklin and Millburn's Tyler Upland broke free and finished 1-2 with respective times of 9:21.27 and 9:22.31. Sweeney finished fourth with a time of 9:40.

"The first mile was right on plan but it got a little tactical around the turn at the second mile. They started

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The Blue Devil boys totaled 41.5 in the Group 4 meet, which was won by Plainfield with 98 and the Raider girls totaled 44 in Group 3, which was won by Voorhees with a 130 total. The Blue Devil girls tied for 13th with six points and the Raider boys finished 12th with 12 points.

Blue Devil Jordan Johnson cleared six feet in the high jump and was in a battle with Columbia's Terry Anderson to see which one could clear 6'2". Both missed on all three attempts but Anderson took top honors by having one less total misses and Johnson finished second.

Blue Devils Dave Fishman and Tim Woods tied for third in the pole vault with heights of 12 feet and teammate Henry Zhang tied for fifth with a height of 11 feet.

"Both of us need to roll more on top, kind of finish. It's more in the air. We are not finishing up strong but everything else looked pretty good. My run looked okay," Fishman said.

"I need to work on finishing, the top of my jump. And I need to work on consistently running because, in practice, I noticed that my run was all over the place," Woods said.

Blue Devil Josh Einbinder crossed fourth in a very tight 800-meter event, less than one second behind Union's Jon Jackson and Bridgewater-Raritan's Don Tasco, who finished in a dead heat at 1:57.61. Einbinder was timed at 1:58.57.

"I was just hoping to qualify for groups and I did. Last week at counties I tried a different strategy. It didn't turn out the way I wanted. This week I went back to my original (style) and it turned out pretty well," Einbinder said.

"The best I ever did was 6'4" at the end of the season (last year) but I haven't done a lot this year. I have to get better next week for Egg Harbor (Group 4 championships)," Johnson said. "Physically I felt fine. My approach has really been bothering me. It's all in my hip. I have to put more stress on my hips. I just have to keep my head on right. This week is going to be hard work."

Raider Martin Sweeney kept in a pack of four frontrunners most of the

On May 22, Blue Devil Ryan Scrudato crossed third in the 1,600 meters with a time of 4:26.21.

"I really didn't go out like I wanted to. I have to do a little more work on it. With about 500 to go, the two kids just had a little more speed than I did



NOT QUITE GETTING THERE IN TIME...Blue Devil second baseman Dave Babetski receives the ball just a little late as Ridge Red Devil Frank Cocuzza dives into second base safely in the first inning.

JENKINS GETS 2 DOUBLES, 3 RBI; TOSSES 3-HITTER

Blue Devils Level Ridge, 4-1, In Group 4 Baseball Sections

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Senior Chris Jenkins, mostly known for his performances on the mound, also let his opponents know that he could be lethal with the bat when he whacked a three-run double off pitcher Kyle Burdi and added a 400-foot double to help his cause in a 4-1, Westfield High School victory over the visiting Ridge baseball team in the quarterfinals of the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tournament on May 22.

15-foot infield single off Jenkins and Mike Thiele added a single in the third inning, and Eric Salamone singled in the seventh. The 11-13 Red Devils' sole run was unearned in the seventh.

"It was a very professional performance. He did his job. He hit the strike zone. He just kept throwing strikes, pounding the zone. I want to say 75, 80 pitches at the most. We had him in the low 60s for six innings, which is phenomenal," said Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster. "He still was tired from last Saturday (UCT finals). He threw a lot of pitches."

right time. Mike Clark led off the second inning with a booming triple to centerfield then Rob Anderson and Mike Lessner drew walks to load the bases for Jenkins, who slammed his three-run double to right field. In the fourth inning, Jenkins hammered his 400-foot double to center. Pinch runner Joe Ondi scooted to third on a groundout to second and scored on a wild pitch. Danny Kerr singled in the first inning and Matt Isabella singled in the fifth.

"We got just enough hits to get us home. And who was in the middle of both scoring rallies? Chris Jenkins!"

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"I know Kyle very well and he is a great pitcher. He's got a hammer of a deuce and he throws pretty hard. I love seeing guys, whom I played with in the summer. Hitting against them is so much fun," Jenkins said.

Jenkins also did his thing very well on the mound by tossing a three-hitter, striking out eight and walking none, while hitting two batters. Burdi got a

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Due to overwhelming response for Summer Baseball, the Westfield Baseball League will sponsor a summer-in-town recreation league. All children entering Kindergarten through 4th grade in September are eligible to play.

K - 2nd Grade League will run June 29 - July 30 with a fee of \$50
3rd - 4th Grade League will run June 27 - July 25 with a fee of \$60
K - 2nd Grade - Games Weekdays - 5pm or 6:30 at Jefferson School
3rd - 4th Grade - Games Sunday morning at Gumbert Fields

Please visit our website www.WestfieldBaseball.com to register and submit all applicable fees. Team T-shirt and Hat included

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For More Information E-mail the WBL at: westfieldbaseball@hotmail.com

Westfield Blue Devils

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Summer 2009

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I. 2009 Blue Devil Basketball Camp
For: Boys & Girls entering grades 4-9
Where: Westfield High School
When: Monday July 6th thru Thursday July 9th (4 days)
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: \$70.00 (*2 full court games per day)

II. 2009 Fun & Fundamentals Basketball Clinic
For: Boys & Girls entering grades 2-5
Where: Roosevelt Middle School
When: Thursday June 25th and Friday June 26th (2 days)
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
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Blue Devil Fast Pitch Softball Camp

For girls entering grades 2-9
June 23rd - June 26th, 2009
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Westfield High School

Camp Director: Maggie McFadden
For More Information call: 732-873-5399
Email: mmcfadden@westfieldnj12.org

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For girls entering grades 3-9
June 29th - July 2nd, 2009
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Kehler Stadium

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