

Baseball Cougars Won Group 3

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centage and went 39-for-77 for a .506 avg. Additionally, he scored 29 runs, and led the team with 48 RBI and six sacrifices. Polinusz also pitched five innings, struck out six, walked none and allowed three hits to finish 1-0 with a 1.40 ERA.

"Chris had a fantastic year hitting and catching. This was his first year behind the plate and nobody ran on him. He was on a championship football team. He can do a lot of different things," Coach McCaffrey said.

Junior right fielder Andrew Difrancesco led the team with 42 hits (10 doubles, 2 triples) for a .483 avg. He finished with 29 RBI and 30 runs scored, while striking out only four times.

"Andrew had a great year offensively, defensively and running the bases," Coach McCaffrey said.

Senior second baseman Eric Garguilo led the team with 11 stolen bases, which also led to a team-leading 34 runs scored. He finished 29-for-90 (.322 avg.) with four doubles

and three triples and struck out only five times.

"He is a very fast athlete. He made things happen. When on base, he created havoc," Coach McCaffrey said.

Junior shortstop/three-year starter Sean Feeney had a .444 avg. (36-for-81, 5 doubles, 3 triples, 12 walks), while scoring 30 runs and adding 17 RBI.

"He played third last year. We moved him to shortstop this year. His triple in the state final helped us get started," Coach McCaffrey said.

Junior first baseman Alex Plick finished with a .261 avg. (18-for-69, 2 doubles). He had 13 runs scored and five RBI and drew nine walks and six hit-by-pitches. On the mound for 17 innings, he finished 1-2 with 10 strikeouts and allowed eight walks and 24 hits.

Sophomore centerfielder Tommy Trotter finished the season with more bruises than his teammates, receiving 11 hit-by-pitches to go with nine free passes. Trotter went 28-for-68 (.412 avg.) with three doubles and only five strikeouts, 11 RBI, 16 runs scored and five stolen bases. Senior designated hitter Sean McGovern finished with a .344 avg. (22-for-64, 5 doubles, triple) with 21 RBI, 13 runs scored and five sacrifices.

Junior George Georgeadis had 12 hits (5 doubles) to finish with a .250 avg., while adding seven runs, 10 walks and three RBI. Junior John Armstrong contributed three hits, including a double, and a run scored. Armstrong pitched 15.33 innings, fanned 13, walked three and allowed eight hits to finish 2-0 with a 0.91 ERA.

"We will enjoy this year and take next year as it comes. Anybody is fortunate to win a championship. It is a credit to the community, the parents, the Cranford Baseball League and the administration," Coach McCaffrey said.



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LEADING RAIDERS SCORER...Senior Dan Nizolak, No. 4, led the Raiders this year in scoring with 46 goals and 28 assists. Nizolak surpassed 100 total points in just two years of varsity.

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Raider Laxmen Qualify For States, Finish 9-10

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

As a second-year team at the varsity level, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys lacrosse team took some lumps but did make a step in the right direction. The Raiders qualified for the state tournament and finished with a 9-10 record.

Last year, the Raiders, in their first varsity season, finished with a 6-12 record and with only four seniors on the squad, lots of experience was gained but, obviously due to the newness of the team, more is needed.

"I was very happy with this year but not satisfied. I believe we are laying the groundwork for the program for a very bright future, but there is a lot of work to do," Raider Head Coach Nick Miceli said.

The Raiders had a strong outing early in the season with a 12-6 win over the Cranford Cougars in Scotch Plains. The victory was especially pleasing since the Cougars had beaten them by double digits last year. The Raiders also had several close calls but ended up on the short end of the score.

"We finished 9-10 this season with six losses by two goals or less," Coach Miceli said.

Senior attacker Dan Nizolak, who broke the 100 career points mark - two years of varsity - midway through the season, led the team with 46 goals and 28 assists for 74 points. Nizolak was named to the All-Kimber Division First Team and All-State Group 3 Honorable Mention. Nizolak will

continue his lacrosse career at Stevens Tech.

Junior attacker Jack Cunningham finished the season with 23 goals and 17 assists for 40 points. Junior midfielder Matt Greenberg finished with 20 goals and 10 assists for 30 points. Greenberg made the All-Kimber Division Second Team and All-State Group 3 Honorable Mention, and Cunningham was an All-Kimber Division Honorable Mention.

"I believe having 10 sophomores and two freshmen on the team this year and all seeing time will be a plus for next year, because they have experience. Our defense will be our strong part with our top five poles and goalie returning," Coach Miceli said.

WHS Girls Golfers Complete 1st Season

The Westfield High School Board of Education approved a girls golf team, which competed with other girls teams, this spring season. The team was coached by Andrew Levy Assistant Golf Professional and First Tee of Plainfield Program Coordinator at the Plainfield West 9. The team consisted of eight girls (2 seniors, 2 juniors, 2 sophomores, 2 freshmen).

The Lady Blue Devils completed their season with a 193-198 win over previously unbeaten J.P. Stevens at Plainfield West 9. The team will be looking for new players next year and anyone can try out.

Softball Raiders Were Competitive

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"Arielle Zuaro got off to a little bit of slow start, but really turned it on the second half of the season. She hit .455 over the last half of the season to finish the season right at .300 and was a true pitcher's catcher behind the plate. She even started calling the games and our pitchers thrived," Coach Hulnik said.

Sophomore first baseman Mary Coloney had a .234 BA with 11 hits (double), six runs scored and three RBI. Junior Lindsey Wilkinson was injured early in the season but finished with a .364 BA.

"Mary Coloney did a great job at first base for us. Lindsey Wilkinson missed most of the season with an injury, but when she was healthy, she was a force to be reckoned with at the plate," Coach Hulnik pointed out.

Early in the season, Kelly Yeager contributed much behind the plate and also finished with 13 hits (3 doubles, triple), six RBI and seven

runs scored.

"Kelly Yeager was a much appreciated surprise this year. She gave us innings behind the plate as well as in the outfield, and with her power and speed, she was a threat at the plate and on the bases," Coach Hulnik said.

Maria Pansulla and Racheal Brokaw jumped up from the JV squad and made very pleasant contributions. Pansulla had a .459 BA with 17 hits (triple), 14 runs scored and two RBI. Brokaw had a .294 BA with five hits and five runs scored.

"Maria Pansulla and Rachel Brokaw were late-season additions and played solidly both offensively and defensively," Coach Hulnik said.

Junior Hannah Greaney returned to the field and saw some action.

"Hannah returned to softball after a year off and improved greatly during the season. She has a lot of potential and I look forward to her return," Coach Hulnik said.

Joes Ambush 'James Gang' 17-12

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Gano ripped a two-run double and scored once. Steve Abrunzo had two RBI, singled and scored once. Marty Bernstein singled and scored twice. Pete Chemidlin scored once and Tom Maher singled once.

Abram got action started with his first walk in the top of the first inning. Ulichny singled, Marchelitis sliced an RBI single, and Williams lofted an RBI sacrifice fly. Pitronzo banged an RBI triple and Voorhees muscled a looping RBI single to right, making the score 4-0.

The "James Gang" answered with three runs when Leso lined an RBI single and Cassidy drilled a two-run single. But the Joe boys added three in the second. Mavrakis singled, Abram drew his second walk and Ulichny slashed a two-run triple to right.

"What did I say about a walk being a run? It's the wisdom of age," Talcott commented.

Marchelitis added the third run with an RBI groundout then the Joes' defense corralled all three "Gang" batters in the bottom of the inning.

Marchelitis shouted, "Way to go fellas! 1-2-3!"

The Joes then made the score 10-3 in the third. Mavrakis doubled, Abram added his third walk, Ulichny poked

an RBI single and Marchelitis plopped a two-run single over first.

In the "Gang" third, Pitronzo made a great running grab in centerfield then two batters later he tried it again but came up short.

"You win one. You lose one," he said as the Joes came in to bat in the fourth.

The Joes unloaded with five more runs in the fifth, highlighted by Marchelitis' and Veglia's two-run singles and Williams' RBI single. "James Gang" top gun Aumenta finally arrived and fueled a four-run rally with a leadoff triple to the centerfield fence. Stratton and Abrunzo had RBI singles and Shneyder belted a two-run double.

"I don't feel good. It's only 15-7," mumbled Pitronzo.

Ulichny punched an RBI single and Marchelitis added an RBI sac fly to give the Joes a 17-7 lead in the sixth.

The "James Gang" plated five runs in the bottom of the seventh but the breakout attempt ended when Maher singled and unsuccessfully tried to stretch it to a double, resulting in the final out.

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WF Lax Girls Named Academic All-America

Four Westfield girls have been selected to the 2012 U.S. Lacrosse Academic All-America team. Junior Elizabeth Cusick and senior Emily Gretskey both of Westfield High School, and juniors Lauren Oberlander and Colleen Sheridan of Kent Place School received the All-America honors.

A US Lacrosse All-American player is one who exhibits superior skills and techniques as well as possessing exceptional game sense and knowledge, while embodying good sportsmanship, and strong academic scholarship. In all of Union County, only 12 Academic All-Americans were selected by the US Lacrosse Selection Committee this year.

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LADY BLUE DEVIL GOLFERS...Pictured, left to right, next to Head Coach Andrew Levy are: Mia Ballan, Molly Hart, Meghan Bachmann, Erin Hart and Elizabeth McCabe; back row, Christina Gulla, Anna Centrella and Kate Capodanno.

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