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Blue Devils Hold Off Raiders In Section Baseball Semis, 3-1

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Opportunities that were exploited and a number of key defensive plays earned the eighth-seeded Westfield High School baseball team a 3-1 victory over the fourth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders in the semifinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament in Scotch Plains on May 29. The Blue Devils'

key defensive plays occurred in innings one, four and six, denying the 18-9 Raiders of any major rally, while they capitalized on Raider miscues to score once in each of innings four, six and seven.

"Our mistakes hurt us today. Sometimes that happens where your mistakes magnify. But our guys competed hard all season," Raider Head Coach Joe Higgins expressed.

The performances from both starting pitchers were outstanding. Blue Devil Mike Carlone, who was relieved by MJ Catanzaro with two outs in the sixth inning, allowed eight hits, walked one and hit a batter, while striking out six Raiders. Catanzaro then retired all four batters that he faced. Raider starter Danny Wilkinson tossed one out shy of a complete

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MAKING THE PLAY AT HOME...Blue Devil catcher Mike Charlton prepares to put the tag on Raider Willy Gale in the first inning of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 semifinal game in Scotch Plains on May 29. Westfield won 3-1.

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BIG REASON TO CELEBRATE...The Blue Devils celebrate after defeating Ridge, 4-2, for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship in Basking Ridge on June 1. It was the Blue Devils second straight sectional title.

McINTYRE 4-4, 2 RUNS; FLYNN 3-4; CATANZARO 4 HITTER

Blue Devils Rattle Ridge, 4-2, For North 2, Group 4 Crown

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Four games into the season the Westfield High School baseball team was staring at an 0-4 record and the outlook appeared cloudy but come sectional tournament time the Blue Devils qualified as the eighth seed and proceeded to run the table culmi-

inating with a 4-2 victory over the second-seeded Ridge Red Devils for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship at Basking Ridge on June 1. Timely hitting, crucial defensive plays and the deceptive pitching performance from senior lefty MJ Catanzaro made it possible for the Blue Devils to capture their second

sectional title in a row. Catanzaro went the distance, allowing just four hits and striking out four against the Red Devil machine, while walking three - one intentional.

"I even didn't have my curveball really all throughout but today it was

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