

CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK



WHERE'S THE BALL...Raider catcher Chrissy Romeo makes a tag but does not seem to have the ball in the second inning against the Blue Knights on May 15.

Raider Girls Crumble Blue Knights, 14-4

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Raider Melissa Lorenz kept the flame blazing in an eight-run first inning with a two-run double as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' softball team galloped over the Blue Knights of Irvington, 14-4, in Scotch Plains on May 15. Lorenz and Diana Mendez accounted for nine RBI.

Raider pitcher Jill Mazzagetti took control in the first inning by striking out Maria Rivera. Next, she got Tray Moore to ground out to second, then completed the inning when Aida Gonzales hopped out to short.

The Raider offense stormed the Blue Knights immediately. Mendez led off by hustling into an infield single. When Lauren Schwartz stepped to the plate, Mendez stole second on the first pitch. Schwartz then reached first safely on an error by the first baseman and Mendez slid to third. Michelle Evans whizzed a single over short and Mendez sped

home with the first run and Schwartz followed on a throwing error.

Wendy Underwood whacked a liner to the left fielder who made a bare-handed catch for the first out. Chrissy Romeo drilled a single down the third base line to put runners on first and third. Jill Mazzagetti stepped to the plate and skid a two-RBI single past the shortstop. After Jen Stewart tapped a single to center, Jan Weiner rolled an infield single to the right side and two more runs scored. Lorenz brought Stewart and Weiner home with a double to left, then Schwartz drove Lorenz home for the eighth run of the inning with a single to center.

The Blue Knights lanced the Raiders with a run in the top of the second. Both Shondella Browne and Jen Cherilas got hit by pitches, then advanced one base on a fielders choice. Later, Browne slid into home safely after the ball was dropped by the Raider catcher.

Romeo and Mazzagetti both reached first safely on errors to begin the second inning. Stewart walked to load the bases, then Lorenz drove in Romeo on a fielder's choice. Mendez smashed a double to right to bring in two more runs and Schwartz brought in the fourth run of the inning with a sacrifice fly.

The Blue Knights added two more runs in the top of the fourth on two walks, an error and a single to bring the score to 12-3. Raider Stewart singled in the bottom of the fourth and Mendez crushed a triple to bring her home with the 13th run.

After Tray Moore scored the final run for the Blue Knights in the fifth, the Raiders finished them off when Evans thumped a double and Underwood poked a single to bring Evans home to enable the Raiders to win by virtue of the 10-run rule.

Mazzagetti got the win; however, Mendez pitched the last two innings for the Raiders who improved to 9-7.

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Blue Devil Girls Squeeze Crusaders, 1-0, in UCT

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Blue Devil pitcher Shannon Wagner came out on top of a tense pitchers' duel as the sixth-seeded Westfield High School girls' softball team ousted third-seeded A. L. Johnson girls from the Union County Tournament, 1-0, in Clark on May 14. Anisha Ambaradar crossed home safely on a bunt by Stephanie Flynn.

The game was not without scoring threats. Crusader Karen Kolmos thumped a double down the left field line to leadoff the bottom of the second. After Wagner struck out Katie Burns for the first out, Chris Azoia hit a pop-up which was dropped by the second baseman on the outfield grass. With runners on first and second, Jessica Gosdoski got off a beautiful bunt-single

out. With Lanigen at the plate, Azoia dashed to third when catcher Sue Phillips dropped the ball. Lanigen tapped a grounder as Azoia headed home. A throw to home resulted in Azoia sliding, creating a cloud of dust, and Phillips putting a tag on Azoia. When the dust had cleared, Azoia was called out. Ferrara bounced a one-hopper back to the mound and Wagner threw her out at first to quell another Crusader threat.

Now, it was the Blue Devils chance to do the threatening. Ryan smashed a double in the gap between left and center field. Ambaradar replaced Ryan at second. McKeon's bunt attempt was popped-up to the pitcher for the first out. Kristen Leonardis dribbled a grounder which was missed by the first baseman and the Blue Devils had runners on first and third. Flynn



CHOOSING THE RIGHT PITCH...Blue Devil Kristen Leonardis prepares to swing at a pitch from Crusader Karen Kolmos during the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament. Westfield defeated A. L. Johnson (Clark), 1-0.

stepped to the plate and laid down a bunt between the mound and first. Ambaradar alertly flew home with the only run of the game.

The Crusaders were not about to give up. Lynn looped a two-out single over first base and Kolmos reached first on an error by the second baseman. Lynn zipped to third on the error. With Burns at the plate, Kolmos stole second, and now there were two Crusaders dangling the Sword of Damocles over Wagner's head. However, Wagner kept her head and struck out Burns for the third out.

Both pitchers maintained their dominance in the final two innings and the Blue Devil defense put on a fine fielding display to preserve the win. Corbett made two spectacular catches in right field and Flynn made a beautiful snag of a foul ball between first and home base. Westfield improved to 11-5 and advanced to meet second-seeded Union in the semifinals. Johnson fell to 9-3.

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TIGHT RACE...Raider Adam Bowser and a runner from Shabazz battle it out in the 110-hurdles at the Union County Tournament held at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 15.

Raider Boys Ace UC Title; Devil Girls Capture Third

things better for us," added O'Connor. "I used Jennings as the anchor and that was the best way to go. I said let the baton be in his control. If we placed third, we would have the meet won," concluded O'Connor.

The Blue Devil girls captured two firsts and finished third overall with 67 points behind Plainfield which had 95.5 and Elizabeth which totaled 84.5. The Raider girls finished fifth with a total of 36. The Blue Devils came on very strong in the distance events.

Blue Devil Megan Shutts crossed first in the 1,600-meters with a time of 5:36 followed closely by teammate Sage

Stefiuk at 5:36.6. Raider Karen Haight took fourth with a time of 5:41.9 and Blue Devil Alexis Anzelone finished sixth at 5:49.4. Shutts at 2:25.7, Stefiuk at 2:27.1 and Katie Egan at 2:27.5 also placed third, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 800-meters.

Rachel Ackerman with a time of 12:30.6, Anzelone at 12:46.8 and Laura Brucia at 12:55.9 scooped up fourth, fifth and sixth place, respectively, in the 3,200-meters.

The Blue Devil girls also took first in the 4x400-meters. Mary Korfmacher, Heather Dennis, Stefiuk and Egan totaled 4:04.6 to grab the gold. The Raiders placed fourth in the same event with a time of 4:22. Egan at 1:00 and Korfmacher at 1:01 also placed second and third, respectively, in the 400-meters.

Korfmacher also ran into some interesting situations in the 200-meter dash. Korfmacher won her heat but was inadvertently and totally forgotten by the judges. After some discussion from some of the competitors and coaches, Korfmacher finally got recognized. Another bit of confusion came about in how the competitors were placed in their heats. The better the competitor's listed times prior to the meet, the better will be their opportunity to run in a faster heat. Several coaches claimed that some of the athletes' times may have been altered in order to get placed into a faster heat. Running without much competition, Korfmacher placed sixth with a time of :26.8.

Raider Erin Brandt grabbed second in the 400-intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:08.3 and Shawna Morgan captured a third in the 100-meter dash with a time of :12.9. Christina Hillman took second in the high jump with a height of 4-10 and in the long jump with a leap of 15-9.5.



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FIRST IN HEAT...Blue Devil Mary Korfmacher crosses the finish line to easily capture first in her heat of the 200-meter event.

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GIRLS - At Sycamore Field			BOYS - At Houlihan Field		
Div	Date of Birth	Tryout Dates	Div	Date of Birth	Tryout Dates
5B	8/1/89-7/31/90	Friday, 6/5 - 6pm Friday, 6/12 - 6pm	5B	8/1/89-7/31/90	Friday, 6/5 - 6pm Friday, 6/12 - 6pm
5A	8/1/88-7/31/89	Saturday 6/6 - 10am Tuesday, 6/9 - 6pm	5A	8/1/88-7/31/89	Saturday 6/6 - 10am Tuesday, 6/9 - 6pm
4B	8/1/87-7/31/88	Saturday 6/6 - 12pm Wednesday 6/10 - 6pm	4B	8/1/87-7/31/88	Saturday 6/6 - 12pm Wednesday 6/10 - 6pm
4A	8/1/86-7/31/87	Saturday 5/30 - 10am Monday 6/8 - 6pm	4A	8/1/86-7/31/87	Saturday 5/30 - 10am Monday 6/8 - 6pm
3	8/1/84-7/31/86	Saturday 5/30 - 8am Thursday 6/11 - 6pm	3	8/1/84-7/31/86	Saturday 5/30 - 8am Thursday 6/11 - 6pm

INFORMATION AND TRYOUT RULES

- FREQUENCY OF TRYOUTS:** Tryouts will be conducted once per year with team assignments for play during the following Fall and Spring seasons. Players selected for the teams will be expected to play both seasons.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Players will only be permitted to tryout in their appropriate age group.
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Rain Date - Week of June 15th - Call 233-4482 for Rainout Information

Devil Girls Upset Union; Advance to County Final

The Westfield High School girls' softball team had a rough road to travel to get to the finals of the Union County Softball Finals; however, they reached their destination by pulling a shattering, 6-0, upset over second-seeded Union at Memorial Field in Linden on May 15. Senior Shannon Wagner whizzed a six-hit shut-out over the mesmerized Farmers.

Wagner also led the six-seeded Blue Devils offensively with three hits and three RBI. Wagner drove in two runs in the second inning just after Liz McKeon ripped an RBI single.

The Blue Devils upped their lead to 5-0 in the sixth. McKeon thrashed a single, then scored on an error. Stephanie Flynn poked a single and came in to score on Abby O'Neill's squeeze bunt.

The Blue Devils totaled 12 hits and committed only one error as they eliminated their record to 12-5. Union dropped to 16-3. On May 16, Westfield faced fourth-seeded Roselle Park which upset first-seeded Governor Livingston, 11-1.

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Blue Devils Blank Panthers in UCT

in the finals earlier that evening. Both the Blue Devils and the Raiders had high seeds and had to travel to the higher seeded ball parks; however, they both prevailed.

It was the second time that both the Blue Devils' junior varsity and the varsity teams have won the Union County Championship at the same time. In 1990, in Head Coach Maggie McFadden's first year, the Blue Devils' varsity captured the title by downing Union, 2-0. The junior varsity, also under the guidance of Matthews, claimed the JV title.

The Westfield varsity elevated its record to 13-5 while Roselle Park fell to 17-2.

Westfield 000 024 3 09
Roselle Park 000 000 0 00

Devil Girls Seize Conference Title

Bistak at 1:17.3 and Raider Jaimie Langevin at 1:19.5.

Blue Devil Susan Hinds turned in a second place in the 100-hurdles with a time of :16.7 and Bistak added a fourth in the event with a time of :17.9. Hinds also picked up a fifth in the 100-meters with a time of :14.1 and another fifth in the high jump, clearing 4-4. Raiders Stacy Bushinger at 13.4 and Brittany Bellizeare at :14.1 grabbed second and fourth, respectively, in the event. Raiders Diane Esposito at 4-6 and Ruth Ruhrer at 4-4 placed third and fourth, respectively, in the high jump. Ruhrer also took fourth in the long jump with a leap of 14-5.5.

Raider Shawna Morgan, coming off a serious hamstring injury, managed to place second in the 200-meter dash. Blue Devil Abi Berkovitz whirled the discus 80.6 to land in third followed by Raiders Alexis Stoll at 79-7, Vanderheyden at 77-10 and Whitley at 75-4. Blue Devil Anna Dujnic grabbed a fifth in the 400-meters with a time of 1:04.7.

TEAM SCORES:
1. Westfield 162, 2. Scotch Plains-Fanwood 134, 3. Cranford 78, 4. Rahway 45, 5. Shabazz 7

Area High School Softball Results:

MAY 12:
Governor Livingston 2, North Plainfield 1
Jen Calabrese whacked a two-RBI double in the sixth to provide the Highlanders with all the runs they needed.
Gov. Liv. (14-3) 000 002 0 02
N. Plainfield (9-6) 000 010 0 01

MAY 14:
Governor Livingston 8, Rahway 1
Gina Turturiello tossed a three-hitter as the top-seeded Highlanders advanced to the semifinals of the Union County Tournament.
Rahway (5-6) 000 000 1 01
Gov. Liv. (15-3) 023 003 x 08

MAY 15:
Roselle Park 11, Governor Livingston 1
The Panthers pulled a stunning upset over the unsuspecting Highlanders to advance to the Union County Softball finals to meet Westfield.
Roselle Park (17-1) 310 250 0 11
Gov. Liv. (15-4) 000 010 0 01

Raider Girls Rout East Siders, 10-2

Chrissy Romeo swung the hot bat for the Raiders, driving in four as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' softball team smothered Newark East Side, 10-2, in Newark on May 13.

Jill Mazzagetti, and Romeo each provided a double and Michelle Evans boomed a double and a triple for the Raiders as they upped their record to 8-6. East Side slid to 6-6.

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Newark East Side 000 100 1 02



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COMING TO EARTH...Blue Devil Heather Dennis plunges to earth in the long jump event.

Hillman also placed sixth in the shot put with a shove of 31-3.75. Kari Whitley picked up a sixth in the discus with a heave of 89-9.

Blue Devils Susan Hinds with a time of :17.3 and Becky Hamilton at :17.3.3 placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 100-hurdles. Allison Checchio placed sixth in the javelin with a toss of 94-9.

BOYS' RESULTS:
1. Scotch Plains-Fanwood 92, 2. Elizabeth 88, 3. Plainfield 81, 4. Union 60, 5. Cranford 28, 6. Westfield 27, 7. Roselle 18, 8. Governor Livingston 17, 9. New Providence 16, 10. Johnson 13, 11. Roselle Catholic 12, 12. Hillside 6, 13. Linden 4, 14. Summit 2.

GIRLS' RESULTS:
1. Plainfield 95.5, 2. Elizabeth 84.5, 3. Westfield 67, 4. Union 51, 5. Scotch Plains-Fanwood 36, 6. Linden 25, 7. Roselle 24, 8. Cranford 14, 9. Roselle Catholic 12, 10. Roselle Park 10, 11. New Providence 8, 12. Governor Livingston 5, 13. Rahway 2.



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THE TOSS...Blue Devil Greg Gorski watches the javelin soar during the Union County Tournament.