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Westfield Blue Stuns Summit in Ripken Playoff

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Paris came in and threw one and two-thirds innings. Great jobs by the Jacks today," Westfield Blue Coach Ricardo Edwards," expressed.

Impressive defense also became a determining factor. Other than the overthrow to end the game, the Hilltoppers made no other errors. Wilkerson made a leaping grab of a high throw from short to get the putout in the second inning. Third baseman Miles Kelly converted two key third-to-first putouts. But the catch of the evening came from O'Connor, who snared Kellen Edwards' sharp liner to right field which would have ended the game in the sixth inning.

Westfield Blue second baseman Delforte made a pair of great plays, the first being a catch of a popup in shallow right and the other being a diving stop that he converted to a putout in the sixth. Paris, playing first base, made a diving and rolling putout to rob Anthony Acitelli of a hit.

with no outs. But the opportunity fizzled drastically when Shannon retired the next three batters.

"I thought that was a big crucial point of the game. We have not been hitting but with that point, bases loaded no one out and we were not able to advance at all, I thought that's where we lost the game," Coach Edwards said.

Adding insult to the injury, Summit seized a 3-1 lead in the fourth when Shannon singled and Levine launched a two-run homer over the leftfield fence. Summit then extended its lead in the fifth when O'Connor whacked his solo homer over the centerfield fence.

Westfield chipped away with a run in the fifth. Delforte singled to right, Singman doubled to left and Edwards added an RBI groundout. Leading 4-2, Summit added an insurance run in the sixth and it was Levine again, who singled, stole second and third

a hard shot to right but O'Connor made his spectacular snag to send the game into extra innings.

"That could have been the game winner. When you are a coach, you want plays like that. When you lose, you look back on plays like that and are proud of the way the kids played. They didn't lose the game. Westfield won the game," Coach Acitelli emphasized.

Ryan Schnall led off the Summit seventh with a single past short. After stealing second and advancing to third on a groundout, Schnall scored the go-ahead run on O'Connor's sac fly to center to set up the exciting finale, which began with Shinners being hit-by-a-pitch and Chavez singling to center. The next two batters made outs. Labin stepped to the plate and tapped his slow dribbler near short. Shinners scored and Labin beat the throw as it sailed over Wilkerson's reach, allowing Chavez to score the winner.



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STEALING SECOND BASE....Millburn's Matt Weiner steals second base in the seventh inning as Pioneer Vince Bisaccia prepares to catch the throw in the Ripken District 12 semifinal game. The Millers pulled out a 5-4 victory in eight innings.



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ABOUT TO MAKE CONTACT....Westfield Blue's Owen Singman is about to make contact with the ball in the game against Summit. Singman doubled and walked twice in the seven-inning, 7-6 victory over the Hilltoppers.

Westfield Blue staged a two-out threat in the top of the first inning. Edwards (2 walks, RBI) drew a walk and Shinners bounced a double to leftfield but Chavez lofted a deep fly to center that was caught. Summit took a 1-0 lead in the second thanks to Levine, who stole second and third bases, then scored on an error at first. The Blue responded. Altobelli singled to center and stole second, Labin hopped a single past short and Enright added an RBI groundout to second.

Westfield had a very promising opportunity to take the lead in the third. Delforte looped a leadoff single and Owen Singman and Edwards followed with walks to load the bases

and scored on Wilkerson's groundout to second.

But the drama continued in a big way in the Westfield sixth. Paris hooked a leadoff double, Altobelli beat out a single to shallow right and Labin followed with an RBI groundout to second. Enright lined an RBI single to center and after Tomas Cestaro grounded out to third for the second out, Delforte slashed an RBI triple down the right field line to tie the score. Singman was intentionally walked then Edwards drilled

"I am proud of these guys. In the past when we blow opportunities and the other team scores, we crumble. We stayed focused all the way to the end when they were up three runs and it looked bad and they came back in the seventh inning and took the lead again, we battled through with two outs," Coach Edwards expressed.

Westfield Blue would face second-seeded Cranford in the semifinal round on June 28.

Summit	010	211	1	6
Westfield White	010	013	2	7



SUMMER CLASSIC CHAMPS...The Union County FC Premier Forest 2004 added another trophy to its impressive 2017-2018 season. Forest defeated Milton from Ontario, Canada in the final match during the June 23-24 EDP Summer Classic weekend tourney, held in Hammondon.

Millburn Burns Pioneers in 8th After 3-3 Suspended Game, 5-4

By ALEX LOWE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Due to this game being resumed after being tied, 3-3, with two outs in the top of the fifth inning, this story comes in two sections.

Top-seeded Millburn and sixth-seeded New Providence may have never believed that a marathon showdown was going to unfold in the semifinal round of the Cal Ripken 12U District 12 Tournament that began on Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield on June 28 and had to be resumed at the same location on June 29.

The New Providence Pioneers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first against Millburn starter Tyler Neary. Andrew Kowantz slapped a one-out single to center then stole second and third base in succession to get into scoring position. Kowantz scored when Luca Vitale ripped a two-out double to deep center. Neary escaped further damage when he got Sean Reilly to fly out to right.

The Millers answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning. Jack Meyerowitz tapped a one-out single past third base then stole second. Catcher Brett Molka brought him in with the tying run on a single up the middle. Molka scored from third when a pitch from Pioneer starter Ryan Kessler went to the backstop for a 2-1 Millburn lead.

The pitchers took over in the second inning with Miller Neary striking out the side then Kessler kept Millburn scoreless in the bottom of the second. New Providence regained the lead in the third, scoring two runs against Millburn reliever Matt Weiner. Kowantz tied the game when he blasted a one-out, RBI double over the leftfielder's head to score Vin Marianello who had tripled earlier. Vitale would get his second RBI of the game with a sac fly to left that scored Kowantz from third base.

Trailing 3-2, Millburn got busy in the bottom of the third. Meyerowitz was the catalyst again when he delivered a two-out double to straightaway center. Molka came through with his second RBI when he slapped an RBI single over second base to tie the score 3-3.

"Jack (Meyerowitz) and Brett (Molka) delivered big hits for us today," said Millburn Head Coach Anthony Dasti. "They were our offense."

New Providence got a two-out rally started in the fourth when Andrew Nook delivered a bloop single to shallow right. Evan Nelson and Robbie

Roth followed by working out walks against Weiner, loading the bases with two outs. Weiner ended the threat when he got Marianello to fly out to left.

Millburn got a couple of runners on base in the bottom of the fourth but New Providence reliever Kowantz got a key out with a pickoff at third base, which helped kill the threat.

"That was a huge play for us," said New Providence Head Coach Steve Kowantz. "Andrew and Robbie Roth made a nice play there and it came with a runner in scoring position and just one out. We always play great, close games against Millburn every year."

Dasti agreed about the impact the play had on the game.

"Give credit to the New Providence pitchers," said Dasti. "They caught us napping on the base paths a couple of times and it was huge in the fourth when we just needed to plate a run to get the win."

In the Pioneer fifth, a fast moving, torrential rainstorm swept through the area, drenching Gumbert Field 1, leaving puddles in the infield which caused the umpires to suspend the game with two outs and no one on base.

Section 2 Resumed game:

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

Bizarre events and different styles of strategy played the starring role on June 29 at Gumbert 1 Field and it began when the next batter in the New Providence lineup failed to show for the game and with no replacements, it resulted in an automatic out. The Millers stepped to the plate in the bottom of the fifth. After the first batter popped up to second, Matt Weiner beat out a single. Kowantz who was on the mound tweaked his elbow and was replaced by Sean Reilly, who got Meyerowitz to fly out to center and Molka to pop up to second.

Reilly led off the sixth for the Pioneers with a single and Ryan Kessler beat out a dribbler down the third baseline drawing a throw. Reilly alertly dashed to third then scored the go-ahead run on Peyton Pazdera's groundout to short. The next batter popped out to second then Kessler was gunned down by catcher Molka attempting to steal third.

In the Millburn sixth, Reilly got Neary to pop out to shallow right field. Peyton Conn walked and was replaced by pinch runner Bryon Wong. Reilly fanned Mischel for the second

out as Wong stole second but the Pioneers were on the verge of an upset. However, Isaiah Shoyombo stepped to the plate and lashed an RBI double to right, tying the score. The next Miller grounded out to second.

The first two Pioneers struck out in the seventh then Marinello beat out an infield single and stole second base. Then the bizarre occurred. The Millers opted to intentionally walk the next two batters, Kowantz and Vince Bisaccia, so they could get to the automatic out to end the threat.

The Pioneers got into a serious jam in the Millburn seventh. After Liam Grigorian grounded out to first, Weiner chopped a single past third. Meyerowitz lofted a routine fly to right but it was dropped. Both runners advanced, so the Millers had runners on second and third with just one out. Pioneer Coach Kowantz instructed his outfielders to play shallow and the strategy worked as the next batter popped out to shallow center forcing the runners to remain on their bases then Reilly struck out the next batter for the third out.

The Pioneers went down in order in the eighth then Mischel led off the Millburn eighth with a double to left-center and sped to third on Shoyombo's bunt single. Ben Klein stepped to the plate and pulled off a perfect squeeze bunt as Mischel barreled home with the winning run (5-4).

The Millers would face second-seeded Cranford for the Cal Ripken Championship.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS  
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Township of Cranford has entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Union for the Operation of Emergency Dispatching Services. This Agreement and Resolution No. 2018-234 authorizing said Agreement are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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GOODS AND SERVICES: Operation of Emergency Dispatching Services, 2018 to 2022

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Patricia Donahue  
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE BE ADVISED, that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a special meeting on July 16, 2018, at 7:30 pm., at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, First Floor Council Chambers to hear the preliminary and final site plan application for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1571 Martine Avenue, Block 10902, Lot 21, R-1 and R-2 Zones who is proposing to demolish the existing rectory, and construct a new rectory building and new chapel at this address which is currently a non-conforming conditional use with variances requested for the following ordinance violations:

Section 23-5.2 (b) (5) Permitted Conditional Uses: Required: Off-street parking space shall be provided at a rate of one space for each six seats in the church building and one for each four seats in any other form of meeting room space. Such parking space shall not be located within the front yard area nor within 30 feet of a property line and shall otherwise comply with all general requirements of this chapter concerning parking areas. In addition, landscape plantings shall be provided in sufficient quantity and locations to preclude the transmission of headlight glare or other lighting to adjacent properties and to preclude view of the parking area from a public street. Proposed: Continued use of 9 existing ADA parking spaces located in the front yard of the property without benefit of a sufficient buffer. Continued use of parking spaces on the southerly side of the property which are closer than 30 feet to a property line.

Section 23-5.2 (b) (6) Permitted Conditional Uses: Required: One sign may be permitted, which may be illuminated by non-flashing light. Such signs shall not be located within ten feet of a street or property line nor in any manner which would create a hazard. Such sign shall not exceed ten square feet on either of two sides. Proposed: Continued use of 1 existing sign that is larger than allowed.

The Applicant is also requesting any and all variances deemed to be necessary at the time of the hearing, including any other waivers, exceptions, interpretations and other relief necessary to allow Applicant's proposed use of the property.

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Shannon Rapant  
Secretary to the Zoning Board  
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