



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
HOME RUN TROT...Raider Jeff Hensal trots home after crushing a three-run home run over the left field fence in the second inning against the Kearny Cardinals.

Kardinals 'Kapitalize', Stop Raider Baseball Nine, 10-4

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plate and hammered his three-run shot over the left field fence.

"He's an upper cutter. So, if he gets underneath the ball, he has enough power to drive it out. And he did," said Homm of Hensal's blast. "That kind of got us back in the game."

Kearny added another run in the third when Rivero reached first on a throwing error, advanced to third on two wild pitches and scored on Bob Gorskie's RBI single. In the Raiders' half of the inning, Blasi made the score 7-4 by smashing a ground-rule double to left and scoring on a Steve Williams single up-the-middle.

Kearny added a run in the fourth when MacDonald ripped a double to

left and later scored on a balk. With two men out, Schiller relieved Pietrucka and forced a liner to third which was snagged by Blasi. In the fifth, another throwing error followed by an RBI sacrifice fly gave the Cardinals a 9-4 lead, then, in the sixth, Rivero hooked an RBI double to left.

In the meantime, the Raiders missed a scoring opportunity in the fourth when Schiller, who had singled, got caught in a rundown between second and third. Another opportunity was lost in the fifth when Josh Wexler, through a miscommunication, tagged up on a fly ball and was nailed a third.

"We are young and we made some mistakes on the base pads. We hurt ourselves today," said Homm.

Schiller's three-and-a-third innings of relief yielded just one earned run and was concluded when Belford alertly back-picked a runner at third base on a decoy play.

"We work on plays like that," explained Homm. "That was a fake play designed to lure our catcher to throw to second so the runner on third can score. But Belford saw him - the runner on third - out of the corner of his eye and threw him out. Belford has been doing well behind the plate."

The Raiders, who slipped to 3-5, later received the eighth seed in the upcoming Union County tournament and will host Roselle Park on Saturday at 2 p.m.



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ABOUT TO BE GREETED BY TEAMMATES...Blue Devil junior Josh Ludmer heads home to soon be greeted by his teammates after smashing a two-run homer in the third inning against Irvington.

Devils Use Long Ball, Batter Blue Knight Nine, 14-2

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And, he did.

"Nick is a phenomenally hard worker. He works his tail off to get to where he is," said Brewster. "He's got a heart that is among the biggest of any players I've ever had. He showed some good stuff."

Chuckling, Brewster added, "We were wondering if Nick could actually get credited with the win and the save."

Sofka whacked his two run shot over the left-center field fence in the second inning and Ludmer capped a five-run third with his two-run bomb

over the left field fence.

Sofka and MacDonald both crossed home plate three times. Ludmer finished 2-for-2 with two RBI and two runs scored, and Leonardis scored twice. Making contact with the ball was a success as only two Blue Devils recorded strike outs.

"It was a nice win for us. It was one we really needed because we have been struggling a little bit. Hitting the ball well against anybody gives you confidence," concluded Brewster.

Irvington 000 02 2
Westfield 725 0x 14

Union County High School Varsity Softball Results:

APRIL 24:

Ridge 2, A. L. Johnson 1

The 6-1 Crusaders got an RBI single from Pam Tavaloro.

Johnson 000 000 1 1
Ridge (7-5) 000 101 x 2

Roselle Park 4, Dayton 2

The Panthers got a 15 strikeout performance from freshman Becky Riccatelli.

APRIL 25:

Kearny 3, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 2

The 8-4 Cardinals got the winner when Danielle Abbot singled, stole second and scored on Laura Correnti's double in the sixth.

Linden 2, Union 0

The 6-3 Tigers won without getting any hits.

Cranford 6, Elizabeth 0

Christine Permolie fanned four Lady Minutemen, walked none and allowed four hits for the 8-2 Cougars.

APRIL 26:

Union Catholic 15, Hillside 0

Sophomore Suzanne Hennessy fired a one-hitter, struck out seven Comets and walked one. Melinda Rosado powdered a grand slam, crunched a bases loaded triple, singled and totaled eight RBI for the 5-4 Vikings. Kristen Rizzo had two

hits and two RBI.

Gov. Livingston 5, Immaculata 1

Becky Ringwood rapped two singles and had two RBI for the 8-2 Highlanders and Susan Hopkins drilled a two-run double.

Gov. Livingston 000 012 2 5
Immaculata (7-4) 000 000 1 1

A. L. Johnson 16, Roselle 0

Beth Mulligan threw a no-hitter and Allison Grill had three hits and two RBI for the 7-1 Crusaders.

APRIL 27:

Gov. Livingston 14, Ridge 0

Jen Calabrese and Peggy Lallis each rapped two hits and had four RBI for the 9-2 Highlanders.

Gov. Livingston 110 48 14
Ridge 000 00 0

APRIL 30:

Westfield 21, Irvington 0

Caitlin MacDonald tossed a no-hitter and fanned 13 Blue Knights. Erin Corbett had six RBI.

Westfield 24 (13) 02 21
Irvington 00 00 0 0

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 23, Plainfield 0

Megan Miller had two doubles, a single, six RBI and scored four runs.

Plainfield 0 0 000 0
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood 0 (14) 54x 23

Mountain Lakes Taps Devil Boy Laxers

The fourth-ranked Mountain Lakes boys lacrosse team came alive with five goals in the final quarter to top 11th-ranked Westfield, 8-5, in Westfield on April 25. Blue Devils Chris Dodge and Mike Debrossy each scored two goals.

Nick Lane and Brendan O'Donnell each had four goals for Mountain Lakes. Brad Gillin also scored a goal for 5-4 Westfield. Dan Morrissey made 20 saves for the Blue Devils.

Mountain Lakes 0 0 3 5 8
Westfield 0 1 3 1 5

Highlanders Slam Crusader Girls, 12-1

Senior Jen Calabrese struck fear into the defense of the A. L. Johnson High School Crusaders as she crushed a grand slam home run, finishing with five RBI, to lead 10-2. Governor Livingston to a 12-1 victory in Berkeley Heights on May 1. Highlander pitcher Lindsey Sheppard yielded just three hits and walked none.

Johnson held a 1-0 lead into the fifth inning until Peggy Lallis ripped an RBI single and Calabrese lofted an RBI sacrifice fly to push the score to 2-1. Afterwards, it was all Highlanders.

Johnson (8-4) 000 100 12
Gov. Livingston 000 057 1

Devil Laxers Crush Newark Academy

The Westfield High School girls lacrosse team erupted with 10 goals in the second half and crushed Newark Academy, 16-10, in Livingston on April 25. Junior first home Britany Miller flicked in six goals - four in the second half - for the 3-5 Blue Devils.

Morgan Lang netted four goals and two assists, Ali Pino had two goals and two assist and Staci Spass ripped the net twice. Jen Korecky fired in a goal and abetted in four assists and Kristen Pollock added a goal and two assists. Sara Beth Euwer made 10 saves for Westfield.

Westfield 6 10 16
East Brunswick 5 5 10

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RESOLUTION NO.: 462-2001
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M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 5/3/01, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

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