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# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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## 'MAC' ATTACKS WITH TWO TRIPLES, SINGLE, 3 RBI

### Blue Devil Softballers Muzzle Delaware Valley Terriers, 6-5

By STEVEN KRAKAUER  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School softball team defeated the Delaware Valley Terriers, 6-5, in Westfield on April 27. Westfield took the victory after a five-run fifth inning by the Terriers.

Maria Patulio pitched brilliantly for Delaware Valley, while senior Caitlin MacDonald pitched well for Westfield. Although MacDonald committed five earned runs, she allowed only five hits.

In the Westfield half of the first inning, MacDonald led off with a triple and later scored on senior Rachel Wagner's single. MacDonald finished the game 3-for-4 with two triples, three RBI and one run scored.

MacDonald was equally lethal from the mound, especially in the first four innings. She struck out five Terriers in the first three innings, and allowed just two hits in the first four innings.

The first Delaware Valley hit came in the third inning, by Amy Wasserbach. The next batter, Patulio, tripled to right field, but a great throw combination from Wagner-to-Jessica Guerrero-to-catcher Tara Dowling nailed Wasserbach at the plate. No run scored

that inning. The Terriers did, however, bite hard in the fifth inning. MacDonald walked

triple. Courtney Gregory later added an RBI triple to give the Terriers a 5-3 lead.

Westfield battled back in the sixth inning, however, putting runners on second and third base with no outs. With heads up base running, junior Lisa Venezia reached first base on her dropped third strike, allowing sophomore Lauren Gelmetti to score from third. Venezia stole second base and later scored. MacDonald singled in Erin Corbett - her second run of the game - with the tying run.

The Blue Devils took the lead when senior Nicole DiFabio singled a blooper over the first baseman's head. Although Patulio tallied her eighth strikeout in the sixth inning, the damage had been done and Westfield took the lead.

Delaware Valley's final shot to win the game was in the seventh inning. Thanks to the seventh strikeout by MacDonald as well as a steal in centerfield by Corbett, the



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Blue Devil pitcher Caitlin MacDonald

the first three batters, loading the bases. Patulio lofted an RBI sac-fly, before cleanup hitter Meghan Zagari pulled out the lumber for a two-run

lar grab

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VERY DETERMINED BLUE DEVIL DEFENSE... The Blue Devil defense, in white, were very stubborn against the top-ranked Delbarton Green Wave at Tamaques Elementary School in Westfield on April 27. The Wave wavered but won, 9-6.

## DEBROSSY NETS 2 GOALS, SCHULTZ GETS 4 ASSISTS

### Blue Devil Boy Laxers Scare Green Wave, But Fall, 9-6

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

Much has changed with the Westfield High School boys' lacrosse team since it suffered a humiliating 12-3 loss to top-4 ranked Summit on April 4. With plenty of determination

and moxie in the presence of a huge crowd in Westfield on April 27, the Blue Devils, down 6-2 at the half, outplayed the previously No. 1 ranked Delbarton Green Wave in the second half but came up short, 9-6.

Although it was a loss, the Blue

Devils proved a lot. Unlike in the Summit game where the Hilltoppers were swarming around the ball constantly, nearly unchallenged, like angry killer bees, the Blue Devils challenged the Green Wave for ball possession, especially in the third quarter where they outscored the Wave, 3-1. The youthful Westfield defensemen, who appeared porous against Summit, were very stubborn against Delbarton.

"We have been practicing a lot getting six guys to the ball when the ball is on the ground," said Blue Devil Head Coach Gerry Benaquista. "We want to swarm everything and we also want to attack out. We don't want to sit back and let them come to us. We want to go out and dictate what the team is going to do."

Senior Mike Debrossy netted two goals for the Blue Devils and junior Billy Schultz scored one goal and abetted with four assists. Tim Mansfield fired in a goal and added an assist while Chris MacDonald and Greg Elliott each had a goal. Matt Cohen netted three goals for the Green Wave, Matt McBride and Reade Seligmann each scored two and Chip Cambell and Fred Kron added one

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## CIANCIOTTA POKES TWO OF RAIDERS' FOUR HITS

### Raider Softballers Hawked By Kearny Cardinals, 7-1

By FRED LECOMTE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School softball team, featuring just one starting senior, has been gaining a lot of experience and has been improving, regardless of its record. The youthful Raiders possess a great outlook and a great attitude as they continue to focus on improvement with every game.

"Errors and lack of hitting, is basically what we need to improve on,"

said Raider Head Coach Frank Butz. "There's not much else to say. The kids are trying and working hard. We just got caught with very little experience this year, and the kids who are filling in are doing a very nice job, but they're young."

On April 24, Kearny pitcher Dana Warnock stopped the hosting 1-9 Raiders on a four-hitter and Lauren Romor hit a two-run homer to lead the 10-3 Cardinals to a 7-1 victory.

Sophomore pitcher, Laura Manzi

left the game in the sixth inning after suffering a foot injury. Junior Caitlin McNelis, who normally mans third base, relieved and pitched excellent ball in the sixth and seventh innings, allowing just two singles.


"I just went in there and threw a lot of drops and the drops were feeling good today," said McNelis.

Defensively, junior Kelly Lusk was a vacuum at shortstop and was involved in numerous putouts. "This

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Raider pitcher Laura Manzi



## WESTFIELD SOCCER ASSOCIATION

### WSA TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

**Fall 2002 and Spring 2003**

Registration 5:30 - 6:00 pm  
Tryouts 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
(except June 1 at 3:00 pm)

Girls at Sid Faye Field  
Boys at Houlihan Field

Age	Date of Birth	Grade	First Tryout Date	Second Tryout Date	Raindate
U9	8/1/93-7/31/94	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday May 8	Friday May 17	Wed May 22
U10	8/1/92-7/31/93	4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday May 9	Tuesday May 14	Wed May 29
U11	8/1/91-7/31/92	5 <sup>th</sup>	Monday May 13	Tuesday May 21	Thur May 30
U12	8/1/90-7/31/91	6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday May 10	<b>SAT. June 1 @ 3 pm</b>	Wed June 5
U13	8/1/89-7/31/90	7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday May 31	Mon June 3	Mon June 10
U14	8/1/88-7/31/89	8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday May 16	Monday May 20	Thur June 6

**NUMBER OF TEAMS**  
Our plan is to field (in each gender) 3 teams at U9 and U10 and 2 teams at U11 through U14. Tryout numbers and skill levels will determine final team count.

**AGE REQUIREMENTS**  
Players may try out for EITHER (but not both) the Age Group they fall into based on:  
(1) Date of Birth (age appropriate) OR  
(2) School grade they are entering in Fall 2001 (grade appropriate)  
If you choose grade appropriate, you must still be born after the 1<sup>st</sup> Date of Birth listed for that Division. For example, if player is born on 8/15/93 and entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade, he or she may try out for U9 (age appropriate) or U10 (grade appropriate) Division.

**FREQUENCY OF TRYOUTS**  
Tryouts are conducted once per year with team assignments for play during the following Fall and Spring seasons. Players selected for teams are expected to play both seasons.

**TRYOUT APPAREL**  
No part of a WSA travel uniform may be worn to a tryout. Players wearing such will not be allowed to tryout. Shin guards must be worn and cleats are highly recommended.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**  
Players are strongly encouraged to attend both tryouts. If a player is unable to attend a scheduled tryout, he or she must contact [WSATravel@aol.com](mailto:WSATravel@aol.com) prior to the tryout.

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