



WHACKING A THREE-RUN DOUBLE...Blue Devil Rachel Wagner whacks a 3-run double in the second inning against the Roselle Rams. Westfield blanked the Rams, 10-0, in five innings.

Top-Seeded Blue Devils Rock Ram Softballers, 10-0, in UCT

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MacDonald, who improved her record to 12-1, tossed her fourth no-hitter of the season and fanned 10 Rams in the five-inning game and senior Rachel Wagner capped a seven-run second inning with a three-run double.

If there was any uneasiness at all on the part of the Blue Devils, it came in the top of the first when MacDonald walked two Rams and hit another with a pitch to load the bases with two outs. Fortunately, she had the next batter swinging at air to retire the side.

"At first, I couldn't settle down but Tara (Dowling - catcher) helped me along and we got things going," explained MacDonald.

After the Blue Devil bats were silenced in the first inning, they spoke loudly in the second with seven runs. Freshman Lauren Gelmetti started the roar with an infield single and Erin Corbett was hit-by-a-pitch. Nicole DeFabio bunted safely and Gelmetti scored. Jessica Guerriero ripped a two-run single and walks were ceded to MacDonald and Sara Bobertz, loading the bases. Wagner brought them all home with her double and Gelmetti added another RBI single.

With a strong desire to end the game in five innings via 10-run rule, the Blue Devils took to the long ball in the bottom of the fourth and trampled the plate three more times to take a 10-0 lead. MacDonald crushed a leadoff triple to deep left field and Sara Bobertz, on a 3-0 count, unloaded with an RBI double over the centerfielder's head. Bobertz sped to third on a ground out and scored on Dowling's sacrifice grounder. Gelmetti poked her third hit of the game and Corbett lined a shot off the centerfielder's glove. DeFabio finished with an RBI single.

All three Ram batters were as silent as lambs in the fifth to fulfill the Blue Devils' desire.

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Local High School Golf Results:

MAY 1:
Scotch Plains-Fanwood (12-2) 149, Roselle Park 168 (6-3)

(Scotch Hills, par 33)
Scotch Plains-Fanwood: Mike Sprung 33, Chris Meehan 37, Jack Egan 38, Brian Muller 41

Roselle Park: Marc Henkel 37, Anthony Gabriele 40, Gabe Dilorenzo 42, Mike Dercalle 49

URBAN SINGLES TWICE, SCORES; DOCKERY GETS RBI Cougar Baseball Boys Dazzle SP-F Raiders, 12-2, in UCT

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

Hitting the ball was not a scarcity for the sixth-seeded, defending Union County Tournament (UCT) champion, Cranford High School baseball team as they overwhelmed Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 12-2, in the first round of the UCT on May 4 in Cranford. Two-run singles around a bases-loaded walk accounted for five of the Cougars' runs in the second

Coach Brian Homm. "This being a county tournament, we wanted to prove that we weren't that bad. But things are tough right now. We're making mistakes that are hurting us. We're getting ourselves in a hole early in the game, and that's tough to come back from. When you make several errors and you walk a few batters and hit a few, things compound and it's tough to win when you play like that. We hope to turn it around, eliminate some of the mistakes and get some better pitching."

The Raiders struck first with a run in the top of the first. Hensal drilled a double to left field. Two batters later and with two out, Dockery stepped up to the plate and rifled an RBI single up the middle.

The Cougars tied the game in the bottom of the inning after a bases loaded walk. Cranford then added five more runs on the board in the second inning, giving them a 6-1 advantage. A leadoff double by Matt Wilson, a single and a balk resulted in the seventh run.

Then in the top of fifth, the Raiders added their second run. Urban poked a single then scampered to second. D'Annunzio followed with his RBI double behind third, making the

score, 7-2.

"Personally, I came through today, said freshman Urban. "I just try to make contact with the ball and get a few hits. I haven't been producing lately, so today it was good for me, but the overall effort by the team wasn't good enough."

"I didn't exactly play well, and I need to play well for the team to win," explained D'Annunzio. "Hopefully, we can bounce back and win some games."



MAKING THE DELIVERY...Raider pitcher Steve Pietrucha makes the delivery in the game against Cranford.

inning.

The 4-9 Raiders could muster just two runs on five hits off Cougar starter and winning pitcher, Derick Zulick. Second baseman Jeff Hensal and shortstop Chris D'Annunzio each doubled while third baseman Kevin Urban collected two singles. Marcus Dockery had an RBI single. Junior Dave Senatore, (2-4), took the loss for the Raiders.

"Although we lost seven in a row, we came to play," explained Head

The Cougars sealed the deal in the bottom of the inning scoring five runs on three singles, a walk and four errors to end the hopes of an upset.

"It's a game of momentum! After that drop in the outfield and, by the way we don't make many out there, they took the lead. That's the game of momentum and they got it and kept going with it," concluded coach Homm.

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Cranford	150	150	12

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The Cranford High School golf team continues to keep the Westfield team on its toes as the Cougars dethroned the Blue Devils 331-339 for the Watchung Conference Tournament title at the par 72 Roselle Country Club in Roselle on May 6. Scotch Plains-Fanwood finished third with a total of 355.

Cougar senior Mike Occi shot a 3-over par 75 - 38 on the front nine and 37 on the back nine - to capture first among the individuals and his sophomore brother, Jason, was just one stroke behind at 76 - 39 front, 37

back. Blue Devil freshman Ryan Shallcross shot a 41 front nine and a 39 back nine to finish third at 80.

Blue Devil senior Adam Karnish shot 44 on the front nine and 39 on the back to finish fourth at 83. Blue Devil Gerritt Ill - 46-41 - tied Raider Mats Notoane - 44-43 - for seventh at 87. Raiders Brian Muller - 42-46 - and Mike Sprung - 45-43 - tied with Union's Shawn Strauss - 46-42 - for ninth at 88.

TOP 6 TEAM TOTALS:
1. Cranford 331, 2. Westfield 339, 3. Scotch Plains-Fanwood 355, 4. Union 366, 5. Linden 444, 6. Plainfield 472.

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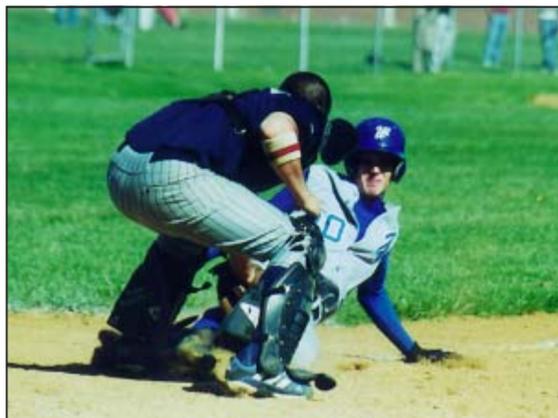
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SLIDING HOME WITH THE GAME WINNER...Blue Devil Brian Butts slides home safely in the sixth inning with the 12th run to end the UCT game against the Highlanders.

Blue Devils Erupt to Topple Highlander Baseballers, 12-2

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when McKeon reached first on an error by the third baseman then got a great jump on a hit-and-run play initiated by Ludmer. Koket laid down

a perfect bunt single to load the bases and Sofka ripped an RBI single up the middle.

Highlander Kevin Wylvatt came in to relieve Regenye but to no avail as Cook followed with a looping RBI single over second. Richardson followed with a grounder to short that was muffed and Manny Guasp sent Wylvatt to the dugout with a two-run double.

Highlander Tom Lallis relieved but the growling continued as Butts bounced an RBI single over second. Leonardis reached first on a throwing error and Ludmer brought Butts home with the game ending when he tapped a slow roller back to the mound.

"Everybody is contributing. Most teams expect problems from the top of the lineup but when the other guys constantly come through, that's when you know you are going to win a lot of games," expressed Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster. "We had some really nice bunts. Brian Butts had a nice bunt early in the game and Benny's (Koket) bunt was just outstanding. Manny (Guasp) had big RBIs and Butts had three RBIs. When that happens, you are going to have a chance to win championships."



BIG HOME RUN...Highlander Marcello Cavallaro trots home in the sixth inning after blasting a solo homer over the right field fence.

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