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## BURNS MAKES 11 SAVES, SIX DEVILS SCORE TWICE

### Blue Devil Lady Laxers Rout G. L. Highlander Girls, 18-6

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

Plenty of determination and lots of firepower made it a busy day for the Highlander goalie as the Westfield High School girls' lacrosse team broke the game wide open in the first half and overwhelmed Governor Livingston with an 18-6 victory at Tamques Park in Westfield on April 17.

The Blue Devils successfully penetrated Highlander terrain and got two goals each from Elsa Werner,

Anne Siwulec, Sarah Masel, Amy Santoriello, Mary Kate Luker and Lindsey Sauerwein. Jessica Schor, Lauren Campo, Lizzie Trimble, Emma Laird, Lauren Sinenberg and Julie Shelman each flicked in one goal. Blue Devil goalie Jackie Burns made 11 saves—several of them spectacular.

"One thing that we did well again today was to look for each other in midfield. Our passing was very good and we were using everyone up and down the field, moving the ball in the

air very cleanly and very effectively to end up with the shot at the end. We were able to make those fast breaks in the midfield, find the open man down front and were able to get it into the back of the cage," said Blue Devil Head Coach Liz Coulson. "Defensively, we looked really sharp, especially Burns in goal. She intercepted three or four feeds that came behind the net. She got it going right from the beginning and our defense was quick to clear it out. It was truly a team

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SPRINTING DOWN FIELD FOR THE SCORE...Blue Devil Mary Kate Luker, No. 5, charges down field to put pressure on the Highlander defenders. Luker was one of the six Blue Devil laxers to score two goals.

## D'ANNUNZIO DOUBLES, SINGLES, SCORES 2 RUNS

### Warriors' 'Big Inning' Rocks SP-F Raider Baseballers, 7-3

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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The "big inning" theory in high school baseball brought to light by Westfield High School baseball Head Coach Bob Brewster played out in Scotch Plains on April 22 when the visiting Watchung Hills team accumulated six runs in the second inning and held on to defeat the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team, 7-3. The 8-2 Warriors got five of their eight hits in that decisive inning.

Senior shortstop Chris D'Annunzio

had the Warriors' number, however, as he doubled, singled, walked and scored twice for the 6-4 Raiders. Kevin Urban had a single and an RBI while John Maloney, Rob Moskal and Matt Scibek each added a single.

"Chris has hit the ball well the last couple of days. It seems like we always have one or two guys who hit the ball well and a couple of guys who fall off. If we can gel at one time, we can do a lot at the county tournament," said Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock.

Warrior pitcher Adam Rivera, who

pitched a complete game recording seven strikeouts and four walks, helped his cause by whacking a two-run homer in the second inning just after Joe Walsh thumped an RBI triple. Chris DeCosimo went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI.

With the exception of that devastating second inning, Raider Marco Giasullo, assuming the No. 1 pitching role since ace James Scalfaro has yet to appear on the mound, pitched five superb innings before being relieved in the seventh by Drew Howell.

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USING HEADS-UP BASERUNNING TO SCORE...Blue Devil Chris Hild creates a cloud of dust as he slides safely into home in the second inning after a passed ball. The Blue Devils routed the Cardinals, 14-4.

## CUBA TOSSES TWO-HITTER; MURRAY, ZIERLER HIT

### Westfield Baseballers Down Plainfield Cardinals, 14-4

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Westfield High School baseball Head Coach Bob Brewster said that his team would have a lot of "pop on the bat" during a pre-season interview with *The Westfield Leader*. Recently, that "pop" has become more prevalent, especially with extra-base hits, and juniors Alex Zierler and Mike Murray have been in the forefront of the Blue Devils' offensive blitzes.

Zierler went 2-for-5, including a triple, with two RBI and a run scored and Murray went 2-for-3 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored to lead the Blue Devils to a 14-4 victory over host Plainfield on April 20. Of their 10 hits, the Blue Devils recorded four doubles and two triples.

hit. We've had a lot of guys who have been really hitting the ball. Zierler has been hot. I have been hitting the ball. If we start catching the ball a little better, we will have a good year," said Murray.

Brandon Cuba tossed a seven-inning two hitter, struck out seven and walked three to pick up the victory. However, Cuba, with Murray behind the plate, held the Cardinals hitless in the first four innings, allowing only a walk to Aaron Hale in the first inning. After that walk, Cuba retired the next 10 batters, including striking out the side in the third inning.

The Blue Devils took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Mike Diaz walked, Murray doubled and Zierler

hopped a two-run single to right. In the second, Cuba doubled and designated runner Chris Hild took advantage of two passed balls to score. Billy Hearon walked and, after stealing second, scored when Diaz reached on a throwing error. Diaz then scored when Murray's fly ball to deep right was dropped.

Leading 5-0, Westfield doubled its lead in the third. Zierler thumped a leadoff triple and scored on Cuba's grounder to short. Sam Kim walked, stole second and scored on Jay Anderson's RBI single down the right field line. Hearon sliced an RBI triple, Diaz looped an RBI single and Murray plopped an RBI double into center.

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