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LOSHIAVO RIPS WINNING TWO-RUN SINGLE IN 7TH

SPF Blue Nip Westfield Gray In Cal Ripken Tourney, 7-5

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Whenever Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood athletes of any age compete against each other, there is sure to be sporting excitement. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Blue took

advantage of a super catch by right fielder Santiago Butler in the bottom of the sixth inning and got a key two-run single from Steve Loshiavo in the seventh to nip Westfield, 7-5, in the play-back round of the Cal Ripken District 12 Baseball Tournament at

Gumbert Field in Westfield on July 7.

Although Westfield out-hit the little Raiders, 10-8, seven of the Raiders' hits played a roll in all of their scoring. Loshiavo finished 3-for-5 with four RBI and a run scored. Kyle Berwick went 2-for-3 with a walk and two runs scored and Pete Livolsi laced two singles in his four at bats. Pat Dougher had an RBI and scored once, John Gonzales singled and walked and had an RBI while Butler, Ryan Laguna and John Howarth each scored a run.

Nathaniel Ward (2-for-2, double, 1 RBI, 1 run scored) and Bob Steinfeld (2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 run scored) led Westfield Gray. Brian Levine drilled an RBI double and scored a run, but was the one who was robbed of an extra-base hit when Butler made his running catch in the sixth inning. Steve Santiago and Nick Chohey each had RBI singles. John Randazzo and Alex Parkinson each singled and scored a run and Connor Streaman singled.

In addition to Butler's possible game-saving catch, Raider Dougher was brilliant at his shortstop position, making several fine plays, including a diving circus catch behind second base. Howarth, from his catchers position, threw out a runner attempting to steal second. Westfield's Randazzo



SWIPING SECOND BASE...Scotch Plains base runner Steve Loshiavo steals second base as Westfield's Brian Duffy catches the throw from catcher Alex Luzzi.



DISAPPEARING IN A CLOUD OF DUST...Delasal base runner Jayson Evans creates a huge cloud of dust as he slides into third base just ahead of the tag of Sofa King third baseman Chris Houlihan. The Sofa Kings, last year's B Division champs, awakened somewhat, but not quite enough to defeat Delasal.

DIENES HOMERS, MYRNYI GETS TRIPLE, THREE RBI

New, Improved Delasal Nips Awakening Sofa Kings, 10-8

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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Looking to be the new sheriff in town, the new improved Delasal men tightened their grip on first place in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League B Division by nipping Sofa Kings, 10-8, at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 5. The Sofa Kings, wearing a 2004 championship patch on their uniforms, have been in snooze mode the past several weeks but definitely showed signs of awakening in the game.

Although out-hit 15-12 by the 8-7 Sofa Kings, 14-3 Delasal was more fortunate turning those hits into runs, especially in the sixth inning where six hits melded well with two sacrifice flies and two walks to plate seven runs. Bob Myrnyi, who contributed one of those sac flies, finished 2-for-2, including a triple, with three RBI and a run scored. Joe Della Salla had two singles, an RBI and two runs scored while Hector Hernandez hacked two singles and scored once. Mike Colbert and Frank DiGiovanni

each produced a two-run double and scored once. Shawn Waldron finished 1-for-2 with two RBI and Ed Novy doubled and scored.

Sofa King speedster Steve Dienes (2-for-5) cracked a two-run home run that capped a five-run fifth inning. Billy Mariani went 2-for-4 with two RBI and scored once. Willie Towles ripped two singles and an RBI sac fly and scored once while Anselmo DeFabio singled twice and scored once and John Lyp lashed two singles and drove in a run.

The first four innings went rapidly with Delasal holding a 3-0 lead after Myrnyi tripled to right to score DiGiovanni and Waldron slashed an RBI single in the second, and Myrnyi added an RBI single in the fourth.

"Pick up your heads for God's sake," yelled Mariani as the Sofa Kings strolled in to bat in the top of the fifth.

Five Kings rolled over the plate. After DiFabio and Towles each singled, Mariani, Mike Otchy and Craig Gatti followed with RBI singles and Dienes lofted his two-run homer

over the centerfielder's head. The Kings took a 7-3 lead in the sixth on Towles' RBI sac fly and Mariani's RBI groundout.

"It's not over yet," cautioned Towles

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MURRAY TOSSES NO-HITTER, FANS 4, RAPS 2 HITS

Westfield White Boys Blank Cranford Cougars, 10-1

By FRED LECOMTE
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Ryan Murray pulled out a spectacular pitching performance to lead the Westfield White baseball team to a 10-1 victory over Cranford in the semifinal round of the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament on July 9 at Gumbert Field in Westfield.

On the mound, Murray faced 20 batters, tossed 63 pitches, fanned four and limited the Cougars to two walks. Offensively, he rapped two hits, stole a base and had an RBI. Brian Reilly ripped two RBI singles. Matt Hartzell collected two hits and an RBI and Mac Dolan swiped home and slapped a bases-loaded single. Brian Hess had an RBI ground out, Tim Younger had two doubles and two RBI and Pete Grandstand ripped an RBI double.

Defensively, Younger, playing shortstop, scooped a sharp grounder barehanded and fired in time to Willy Riggs at first. In the fourth, Younger snatched the ball inches off the ground and relayed to Reilly in time covering second. Reilly then snatched a sizzler. Younger performed two more magical catches when he hooked up with Nick Matthews on first in the

fifth.

"We just got back from Cooperstown so I had to get the ball out of my glove a little faster because we played on bigger fields, so it was tougher getting the ball to first quicker," said Younger.

Westfield scored two runs in the

top of the second. Murray and Dolan

were issued walks. Reilly banged an RBI single and Dolan skidded across the dish on a wild pitch. The Cougars scored their lone run in the bottom of the inning when Mack Osofsky walked, stole second, advanced on a

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KICKING UP HIS FEET...Westfield White's Mac Dolan thunders safely into third, then scored when he robbed home plate in the second inning.



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