



ANOTHER MR. VERSATILITY...Sean Smith cleared 6-2 as the Raider trio of Smith, Kyle Rowbotham and Iceberg Bryant took first in the high jump.



TYING A MEET RECORD...Mike Woods clears 14 feet to seal the Blue Devils' victory in the pole vault and to tie the meet record.

## Blue Devil Baseballers Drill Minutemen, 14-1, in UCT

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his inside-the-park blast. Tom Ricciuti took one for the team and scored on Mike Diaz's double up the right-centerfield gap.

Westfield tallied two more runs in the third. Brandon Cuba and Chris Hild got hit-by-pitches and scored when Jay Anderson drilled a two-out double that ricochet off the back of the right field fence to extend the lead to 5-0.

"We wanted to show them what we were really made up of," said Anderson, who made several fine fielding plays at third base. "We had a lot of situations where we capitalized. It was a great day for the defense whereby we did not make any mistakes and were solid around Billy."

Elizabeth got its only run in the fifth on an RBI double by Geo Bermudez.

"Billy had his good stuff and kept them off-balance, stayed on hitters and struck people out," said Murray. "I wanted to get ahead with the fastball and get a first-pitch strike," explained Hearon. "Once I had that, I mixed in the curve and the change-up and that really kept them off-balance. I was able to get the nice

plays from my fielders and shut them out till the end."

The Blue Devils sent 13 men to the plate in the fourth and nine of them scored. Hearon and Murray singled, Ricciuti got hit-by-a-pitch to load them up and Alex Zierler connected with a two-RBI line drive. Next, Cuba whiffed but reached safely on a passed ball. Hild and Kim followed with RBI singles. Hearon stepped to the plate for the second time and delivered a two-run heater to right and Murray powered a RBI triple.

"Everyone had huge hits today however our two biggest hits were delivered by Anderson and first baseman Alex Zierler, said Murray."

"You just concentrate that much more in big games like today and we wanted to make every play for Billy," added second baseman Diaz. "We really didn't have any jams today and made all the plays. Offensively, we wanted to get on them real quick. We got runners on base and looked to put the ball in play. He threw fast balls outside and we took them that way."

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Westfield	302 9x	14



TOUGH PITCHER, TOUGH PUNCH...Blue Devil pitcher Billy Hearon, left, yielded five hits and sat down four in 58 pitches and catcher Mike Murray powered an in-the-park homer, tripled, scored two runs and had two RBI against Elizabeth.

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Track & Field Boys Finish Second In Union County Relays, Westfield Blue Devils Get Sixth

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Pennella broke 60 for the first time ever. He is an exceptional athlete and we will be looking for more ways to utilize his talent," said Raider Coach Jeff Koegel.

Smith (6-2), Iceberg Bryant (5-8) and Rowbotham (5-6) cleared a 17-6 total to win the team high jump.

"Having Iceberg back from his broken foot has made us a much better team in the jumps," commented Koegel.

Raiders Teddy Acosta, John Badala and Mike Alleman placed second in the shot put with a distance of 130-6. Caleb Zimmerman, Mike Miller, Adam Biner and Josh Zinman finished third in the 4x1600 at 19:35.1. Miller, Rob Ventura, Biner and Zinman took fourth in the distance medley relay (DMR) at 11:13.5. Pennella and Max Carow finished third in the pole vault at 22-6. Rowbotham, Bryant and Burney-Porter placed fourth in the long jump at 56-4.5.

Mike Woods with a clearance of 14 feet and Mike Gorski at 13 feet tied their meet record of 27 feet in the pole vault to give the Blue Devils their only win.

Rob Broadbent (3:15.2), John Aleksandravicius (53.3), John Gagliano (2:04.6) and Jeff Perrella (4:27.7) finished second to a strong Cranford team in the DMR with a time of 10:41.1. Perrella recently placed third in the 3,200 meters at the Penn Relays, topping his previous best by more than 20 seconds.

"I didn't know how well I was going to finish. I just knew that if I ran hard, hopefully things would fall into place," said Perrella of his fete at the Penn Relays.

With reference to the DMR, Perrella said, "The whole team ran excellent. They all put it out there today."

Evan Friedman (4:47.7), Kris Kagan (4:47.1), John Meredith (4:51.9) and Raymond Chen (5:01.1) came in second in the 4x1600 with a time of 19:27.7. Jay Hoban (2:05.5), Eric Williams (2:06.6), Ameer Rogers

(2:07.5) and Perrella (2:04.2) finished third in the 4x800 with a time of 8:23.7. Brian Burdulia (24.1), Evan Falk (24.5), Scott Steinberg (54.9) and Eric Scudato (2:08.9) finished fifth in the SMR at 3:52.2.

Union Catholic Vikings Mike Sprague (3:30.2), Brandon Brown (54.56), Jon Pais (2:06.2) and Brian Guterl (4:35.15) placed third in the DMR at 11:06.9. Garret Ellis (51.53), Nick Morrissey (53.5), Jenner Cole (53.13) and Jon Cardadeiro (51.56) took third in the 4x400 at 3:30.5. The

Viking boys also took fifth in the 4x1600 at 19:58.2 and sixth in the 4x100 at 44.8. Ellis, a freshman, turned in a fine 200-meter time of 22.19.

**TOP 11 BOYS TEAM TOTALS:**  
1. Union 69 (U), 2. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 64, 3. Rahway (R) 60, 4. Plainfield (P) 47, 5. Cranford (C) 44, 6. Westfield (W) 34, 7. Summit (S) 30, 8. Elizabeth (E) 27, 9. Johnson (J) 27, 10. Linden (L) 18, 11. Union Catholic (UC) 15

**FIRST PLACE GROUPS:**  
4X100: S (Justin Matlock-Styler, Troy Cromwell, Pedro Freire, Danyl Toney) 43.6  
4X200: U (Paul Harper, Latif Brewer, Adonijah Ashley, Matt Walker) 1:30.2  
4X400: R (Theiston Dagne, Jerome Hill, Watson Estelan, Paul Jones-Burden) 3:29.1  
4X800: C (Ryan McMahon, Kevin Brown, Brian Mahoney, Kevin Mahoney) 8:10.3  
4X1,600: C (Josh Hanke, Joe McKenney, Brian Mahoney, Nate Thompson) 18:45.1  
Sprint Medley: R (Hills, Doreace Santiago, Jones-Burden, Estelan) 3:34.8  
Distance Medley: C (McKenney, McMahon, Thompson, Brown) 10:34.4  
Shuttle Hurdles: U (Chris Haley, Brett Axelrod, Dan Gibson, Dave Lewis) 1:01.9  
Intermediate Hurdles: SPF (Pennella, Robotham, Smith) 2:54.7  
High Jump: SPF (Robotham, Bryant, Smith) 17-6  
Long Jump: P (Doug McCormick, James Felton, Reggie Dixon) 61-5.5  
Triple Jump: SPF (Burney-Porter, Rowbotham) 83-9  
Shot Put: R Andre Neblett, Darnell Butler, Leonard Bunion) 132-2.5  
Discus: R (Neblett, Butler, Bunion) 350-2.5  
Javelin: J (Ray Dobroski, Mark Washington, Tom Tavalaro) 436-7  
Pole Vault: W (Woods, Gorski) 27-0 Tied meet record of Westfield in 2004



CONSTANTLY IMPROVING...Blue Devil Jeff Perrella runs the 1600 leg of the DMR in the UC Relays. Perrella, a junior, recently placed third in the 3200 meters at the Penn Relays.



ONE "COOL" CUSTOMER...Raider Iceberg Bryant soars in the long jump at the UC Relays.

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