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## HEARON HOMERS, YIELDS 6 HITS, FANS 7, WALKS 3

### Lion Nine Get 2 in 6th, Nudge Blue Devils, 3-1, in UC Semis

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Superb pitching was the main attraction in the Union County Tournament semifinal game, which was won by second-seeded Roselle Catholic, 3-1, over third-seeded Westfield in Rahway on May 14. Eighth-seeded Dayton (15-3) continued to stalk and shock its opponents, topping No. 20

Governor Livingston (20-3), 11-9, in the other semifinal. Dayton had toppled top-seeded Cranford, 11-4, in the quarterfinals.

Although Blue Devil pitcher Billy Hearon (5-2) yielded just six hits and three walks while striking out seven, Lion pitcher Nick Nolan (5-0) gave up just two first-inning hits and finished with 10 strikeouts, three walks and a

hit batter. Both pitchers helped their cause by blasting solo home runs.

"Both pitchers were very good but they are different style of pitchers. Billy is a finesse pitcher with breaking pitches. He kept them off-balance the whole game. Nick is straight out power. He's coming right after you with everything he's got all the time and he was just a little better than we were today with his arm," said Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster. "He was ahead in the count. He ran his fastball up and in on batters to back them away, then he went to his slider. The Roselle Catholic batters came out looking for first-pitch fastballs so Billy mixed in some curve balls, some changeups on the first pitch to catch them off-balance."

Aside from Hearon's solo homer, the other Blue Devil hit came from Mike Murray. Nolan finished 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Lions and their leadoff batter Joe Krupa went 3-for-3 with a run scored. John Eger also scored a run and went 1-for-3 on the day.

Both teams executed fine defensive plays, but the 14-7 Lions benefited the most with two of them, especially when Nolan was struggling a bit with his control.

The first came in the first inning after Hearon homered and Murray slapped a one-out single to left. Lion first baseman Mike Garcia stabbed a liner off the bat of Tom Ricciuti and



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BEGINNING WITH A BLAST...Blue Devil Billy Hearon blasted a solo home run over the right field fence in the first inning.

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SOMETIMES A GAME OF INCHES...Raider Jack Davis, left, just misses his putt on the third green as Oratory's Steve Suarez and Blue Devil Ryan Shallcross look on. Shallcross won his third UCT title with a two-over-par 74. He won the event his freshman and sophomore seasons.

## SHALLCROSS SHOOTS 74, WINS THIRD UCT CROWN

### Cranford Stuns Blue Devils For Union County Golf Title

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Many would have thought that the Westfield High School golf team would be a shoe-in to win its fourth-straight title at the 42nd Union County Tournament (UCT), getting only some resistance from Oratory and Scotch Plains-Fanwood. However, it was Cranford that put it all together, having four players place in the top 10, to win the team title with a 322 total at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield on May 12. Westfield placed second

with a 327 total followed by Oratory at 340.

Shooting from the blue tees, Blue Devil senior Ryan Shallcross turned in a two-over-par 74 (36-38) on the 6547-yard course to capture his third UCT title. In his sophomore season, Shallcross shot a 77 to claim his second title and, as a freshman, he burned the course with a three-under-par 69 for his first crown. Last year, New Providence Pioneer Tyler Kitson netted a par four on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to edge Raider

Jack Davis for the title while Shallcross shot an 81 to finish in a tie for sixth.

Shallcross parred the par-4 first hole and averted a minor disaster on the second hole by sinking a 20-foot putt to save par. That momentum carried with him on the 357-yard third hole when, after a long drive down the left side of the fairway, he laid up to within six feet of the hole and sank his putt for a birdie.

"It gave me a lot of confidence

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## RAIDER BERKA WINS SHOT PUT, JAVELIN, DISCUS

### Raider Girls Sweep 3, Seize Watchung Conference Title

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Fresh off their victory at the Union County Relays, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls handily won the Watchung Conference National Division title at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 13. The Raiders totaled 187 points to Cranford's 139 and Westfield's 105. The Raiders, who won seven events

and swept three of them, got three wins from senior Kat Berka who won the discus with a heave of 101-2, the shot put with a personal-best shove of 33-8 and the javelin with a toss of 98-9. Teammates Carlaya Jones at 30-6.5 and Erin Rossi at 30-0 helped the Raiders complete a sweep of the shot put. Blue Devils Olena Borkowsky at 28-8.75 and Karolyn Look at 28-7.5 placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Blue Devil Christina Henry placed second behind Berka in the discus with a throw of 92-5, Raider Carley Wells took fifth with a throw of 86-1 and Blue Devil Katie Anderson was sixth at 80-3.

Although it was a good throw, it was not her best according to Berka. "Right now, I am just trying to work on my form in discus because states is coming up soon and I really want to do well. I would like to throw around 120 by the end of the season, which is very doable," she said.

Wells took second in the javelin at 87-7 followed by Borkowsky at 86-1, Raider Alix Fragna at 82-3 and Blue Devil Annette Baez at 80-1.

Raider Katie Zaleski used her gym-

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COMING DOWN TO EARTH...Raider sophomore Amanda Bobyack won the long jump event with a leap of 15-6.5.

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