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**LIPSHITZ GETS 2 DBLS, 4 RBI; ISOLDA GOES 3-FOR-4**

## SPF 9s Clip Westfield White, Win Roselle Park Tourney

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K.O. in four! That was all that was required, as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood nine-year-old tournament team made quick work by knocking out the Westfield White squad, 13-3, in the Roselle Park Youth Association Tournament baseball championship in Roselle Park on July 8.

Strong arm Ryan Jensen tossed three marvelous innings for the young

Raiders, fanning three and walking one before experiencing control problems and yielding three runs worth of damage. Reliever Chris Isolda recorded two strikeouts during one inning of quality pitching and helped his team's cause by smacking three hits and getting an RBI.

The Raiders packed plenty of offensive power and amassed 11 hits. In his three plate appearances, Zach Lipshitz led the offensive barrage with

two doubles and four RBI. Raider power man Kevin Maxwell tattooed the ball for a triple and teammate Tyler Kovacs hammered a two-run double. Ryan Jensen smacked two singles and scored a run, and Ryan McSherry added an RBI single. Danny Harcourt contributed with an RBI sac fly and walked in a run, and Jeffrey Rogers walked in a run and singled in the final run.

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NOT QUITE IN TIME... Westfield White Dan Decampo gets the ball a little too late to tag out SPF Kevin Maxwell at home. Maxwell tripled, walked and scored on a single by Ryan McSherry. The nine-year old Raiders won their second consecutive RPYT championship on July 8.

**KOVACS WHACKS 2-RUN HR, 1B; MINEO DOUBLE, 1B**

## Cranford 12s Stop SPF, 10-4, In Ripken District 12 Tourney

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Unlike in its 5-1 loss to the Westfield Blue on July 1, the Cranford baseball boys' bats came alive at the right time to hand Scotch Plains-Fanwood a 10-4 defeat in the single-elimination phase of the Cal Ripken 12-year-old District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field in Westfield on July 8. In a lively game that featured the "long ball," the Little Cougars cracked three home runs and two doubles while the Little Raiders whacked a home run and two doubles.

The Raiders mustered six hits and

first baseman/pitcher Brett Kovacs led the team with a two-run homer and a single in three at bats. Third baseman/pitcher Luke Mineo ripped a double and an RBI single. In his one plate appearance, Ryan Henkels hammered a double. Speedy Daniel Pesin laid down a perfect bunt single and stole a base. Anthony Krajcsik had an RBI and scored a run, and Steven Vadas walked once, was hit by a pitch and scored a run. Ian Johnston walked twice, was hit by a pitch and scored a run. Don Nizolak was hit by a pitch, Mike Daly got robbed of a base hit on a fine fielding play, as did James

Marvosa.

Tim Mason hit sharply in all four of his at bats, going 4-for-4, with an RBI double and three runs scored.

"He started out the game hitting to the fence and he ended it hitting to the fence," said Cranford Head Coach Sal Gargiulo.

Chris Pytlowany contributed heavily to the Cougars' 17-hit assault with a towering three-run home run and an RBI double. Anthony DaSilva

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USING A LITTLE "BILLY BALL" TO GET ON... Westfield White's Jake Harris laid down a bunt single in the Cal Ripken District 12 game against North Elizabeth. Several Westfield players used bunt-and-run maneuvers to combat a flame-throwing pitcher.

**ELLIOTT SLAMS 2-RUN HR, COLETTA GOES 3-FOR-3**

## N. Elizabeth Nips WF White In Cal Ripken 12s Semis, 7-5

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North Elizabeth rallied for five runs in the final two innings to overcome the Westfield White baseball team, 7-5, in the semifinals of the Cal Ripken 12-year-old District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field in Westfield on July 9. North Elizabeth advanced to the championship game, played on July 10, to face the Cranford boys, who had defeated Westfield Blue, 10-1, in the other semifinal game.

Key defensive plays and timely hitting on the part of both teams dictated the flow of the game between Westfield White and North Elizabeth. Defensively, White second baseman Charlie Scott made a spectacular catch down the right field line in the first inning. Shortstop James O'Rourke made a fine catch in the second inning to prevent possible scoring. First baseman Mike Coletta made a run-saving grab on the foul side of first in the third inning and shortstop Justin Rinaldo made a diving snag in the fifth inning.

North Elizabeth shortstop Eric Velazquez cut short a liner in the first inning. Starting pitcher Brian Rivera prevented a run in the second inning with a fine putout and first baseman Joseph Campos and second baseman Chris Cunha killed a Westfield rally in the fourth by trapping the base runner between first and second. Offensively, Mookie Santiago did

the most damage in the North Elizabeth 10-hit attack by going 3-for-3, with a two-run homer and a two-run single. Alivar Bone ripped two singles and had two RBI and Campos singled twice, scored twice and had an RBI.

Ryan Elliott led Westfield's offense with a colossal two-run home run and a single, and Coletta rapped two singles and a double in his three at bats. Michael Mondon had an RBI bunt single and scored a run, and Matt Varakian singled, stole a base and scored a run. Jake Harris singled and walked. Kurt Kowalski walked three times and scored a run. O'Rourke

walked and scored a run.

"Elliott is a big strong kid. He blasted one out. I don't think it came down yet," chuckled Westfield White Head Coach Rosann Mondon, whose team is 10-1 in the Central Jersey League.

Westfield scored two runs with emphasis in the bottom of the first when Elliott launched his two-run shot into the parking lot. In the second, Coletta whacked a leadoff double to right and stole third. After Peter Mebane lined out sharply to center, pitcher Rivera grabbed a grounder and alertly tossed to third to nail Coletta.

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### WESTFIELD OFFICE OF PRUDENTIAL NEW JERSEY PROPERTIES PRESENTS "FIRST-TIME BUYERS SEMINAR"



Pictured left to right: Richard Serpe, Diane Barabas, Frank Gatto

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The informative seminar will take place on Saturday, July 15 and will have Westfield sales associates Diane Barabas and Richard Serpe, and mortgage consultant Frank Gatto, on hand to discuss the process of buying a home and provide answers to all the questions first-time buyers may have. Attendee can also browse through Prudential New Jersey Properties' extensive inventory of New Jersey homes.

The event will be held at the Westfield office of Prudential New Jersey Properties, located at 215 North Avenue West, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations and more information on the event are available by calling (908) 232-5664.

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