

**IRVING, TIVENAN RAP 4 RBI; PROSUK SCORES 3 RUNS**

**WF White 9s Rock SPF Blue In Cal Ripken Districts, 15-4**

**By FRED LECOMTE**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*  
The Westfield White nine-year-old baseball team played a gem of a game and did it with decisiveness, as they rocked Scotch Plains-Fanwood Blue, 15-4, in four innings in the opening game of the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 8.  
Kevin Irving led the little Blue Devil

Lopez whacked a two-run double and PJ Herbert socked a single.  
"It's been a long day. We had two tough losses earlier today and the team was a little tired," said Westfield White team manager Leo White. "I said, 'Guys, this is what baseball is all about. If you want to be in the districts you want to get off to a good start and we have to win two of three games. Get out there and give it your best shot.'"

walked and McHugh delivered an RBI single. Next, DoCampo singled, Dursee walked and Proskuk pulled a single to right scoring White and McHugh. Tivenan ripped a two-run double past third and Irving mashed a two-run double.  
With the score 8-4, Westfield jabbed and connected with a big five run blow in the third. DoCampo, Dursee and Proskuk loaded the pods on singles, Tivenan banged a two-run single and Reilly punched an RBI single. Moments later, Irving crushed a run-scoring double to center. Reilly alertly tagged up and scored as the ball sailed out of play.



**LANDING STYLISHLY ON SECOND...**Westfield White centerfielder Danny Docampo slides safely into second as SPF shortstop PJ Herbert covers. Danny got three hits, walked and swiped two bags.

offensive barrage with three doubles and four RBI. Pitcher Michael Proskuk ripped four singles and scored three runs. Michael Tivenan sliced a two-run double in the second and tapped in two runs in the third. Dan McHugh jarred an RBI single. Dan DoCampo went 3-for-4 and Colin Dursee worked three walks and singled. Chris Reilly scored one run and Matt Russo added a run.  
Paul Laki laced two doubles and had two RBI for the little Raiders. Alan Payne muscled two hits, Danny

Westfield zapped in one run in the top of the first inning when DoCampo and Dursee both walked and Proskuk smacked an RBI single. The Raiders rocked the Blue Devils with four runs in the bottom of the inning. Alan Payne singled, and two batters walked. Laki stepped to the plate and laced a two-run double to center, and Lopez mangled a two-run double to leftfield.  
Twelve Devils mounted a seven-run attack in the second inning. Irving punched a double, Joshua White

middle of the lineup came up with some key hits and the defense played well. We were a little more aggressive than we have been the past few days. It was a team effort and hopefully that will carry us through the rest of the districts."

Westfield White	175	2	15
SP-F Blue	140	0	4

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**MASS SCRAMBLE AT SECOND...**Russell Roadster Hal Breuninger arrives a little too late to slap on the tag on Watson's Quinton Redding, No. 42. Redding swiped second, singled twice and drove in a run.

**MATT DEMASI, LUKE CERCHIO CRACK TWO RBI EACH**

**Watson Score Twice in 7th, Sting Russell Softballers, 5-4**

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Engaged in a power struggle for supremacy with top dog Russell Road, the Watson Avenue boys took a major step forward by pulling out a 5-4 victory in Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association (FOMSA) action, at Forest Road Park in Fanwood on July 8. Watson boosted its record to 9-4, while Russell slipped to 8-2.

Watson's Matt DeMasi got involved in the victory, finishing 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead the 10-hit assault. Quinton Redding had two hits, an RBI sac fly and swiped a bag, and Jimmy McKeon had a key RBI double and a single. Chris Freiden knocked in an RBI single. Mike Freiden tapped two hits and Lee Musler singled.

Defensively, Blake Sonnek initiated a second-to-first double play. McKeon demonstrated his speed with three fine running plays in leftfield and Musler ran down a difficult fly in shallow right center.

"They scored eight runs off me, six in one inning, when I laid it over the plate the last time we played them, so I knew this time that if I kept the ball inside and occasionally outside while mixing it up a bit, hopefully I would pitch a good game an it worked out

that way for us," said ace pitcher Mike Jascow.

Russell pitcher known as Hal "Wild Thing" Breuninger, was anything but wild, as he allowed just three runs, scattered seven hits, sat down six batters and walked one in six innings. Reliever Eric Berlow took the loss, allowing three hits and walking one.

The Russell Roadsters mustered 11 hits, led by Berlow who rapped a double and scored a run. Luke Cerchio was effective at the plate with a single, two RBI and a swiped bag. Breuninger and Steve Barden each spanked a double and Barlow blasted a double and scored a run. Bobby Sawicki spanked two hits in three plate appearances.

Lou Cerchio nabbed two runners looking to swipe and brother Luke also stung a runner heading to third.

Watson got the best of Breuninger with a run in the top of the first when McKeon squibbled an infield single and Redding rapped and sac fly to right. Russell answered with a run in the bottom of the fourth when Lou Cerchio reached on a miscue and fled home on brother Luke's sac fly to left.

For four innings, Breuninger silenced 14 batters, including five strikeouts, until the Watson gang broke free with two runs in the sixth.

Chris Swartzenbeck worked a walk, Redding tapped a single and DeMasi zinged a single scoring Swartzenbeck. Chris Freiden came to the dish and spanked an RBI single that gave Watson a 3-1 lead.

Russell showed comeback ability by plating two runs in the bottom of the inning. Sawicki and Lou Cerchio each banged back-to-back singles. Berlow cranked an RBI double and Luke Cerchio targeted an RBI single to center.

Watson maintained its aggressive attitude and rumbled home two runs in the seventh. Jascow walked, stole a base and scored on McKeon's double. Luke Cerchio then sent McKeon to his seat after he showed greed in an attempt to steal third. Down by two, Russell managed to get a run in the seventh when Barden pummeled a stand-up double and scored on Barlow's sac fly.

"We try to field a competitive team every night. Everyone on this team is a ball player and they all come out to play. It's a good time and the fans come out and see a great ball game," said team captain Lou Cerchio. "It wasn't our night. It was Watson's night and they played a great game."

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Russell Road	000	102	1	4

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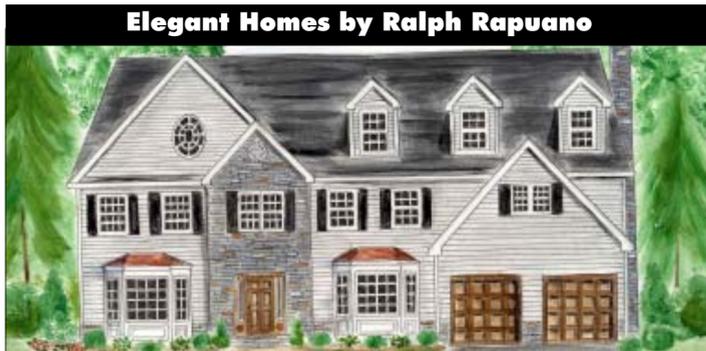
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