



The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Gold 8s baseball team

## SPF 8s Gold Crushes Edison, Captures North Edison Title

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood 8-year-old Gold Tournament team concluded its season with a convincing 17-6 thrashing of Edison.

The Little Raiders played outstanding baseball and received strong pitching from their rotation, which included Jimmy Harcourt, Jake Longo, Matt Lettieri, Kyle Kelly, Peter Yarem, Kyra Lockhart and Mark Uehlinger. In the five tournament games, they held their opponents to less than six runs per game.

Throughout the tournament, the Gold did most of the damage with their bats. Kelly, Matt Lettieri, Harcourt, Longo, Peter Warren, Ryan Peterson, Robbie Viglione, Sean Valli and Lockhart all concluded with multi-hit games.

In the finals the SPF 8s received an outstanding performance from Harcourt, who pitched three solid innings and went 3-for-3 at the plate. The kids followed the instruction of coach Mike Lettieri as he instructed his players to be disciplined at the plate. The

instruction paid off as the Raiders collected seventeen walks in their victory. They also received outstanding defense from catcher Warren and outfielders Uehlinger and Mark Ochpinti.

The championship capped off an outstanding first season for the Gold 8s as they completed their campaign by taking hardware in all four tournaments that they entered. The coaching staff was very proud of the way the kids handled themselves both on and off the field. The boys also got tremendous support from their parents and families, which is the main ingredient for a successful program for the upcoming years.

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## Westfield White 12s Visit L. L. World Series Stadium

The Westfield White 12-year-old baseball team visited and played in Williamsport, Pa. the Home of the Little League World Series. They were accompanied by their families and Coach Manny Chavez on July 14 and 15.

Westfield played two games against two different Pennsylvania teams: the Bloomsburg Little League and the Berwick Little League. They were given a guided tour of the Little League Museum and the Lamade Stadium Complex, which includes two stadiums: the Howard J. Lamade Stadium, which is the original Little League World Series Stadium since 1959, and the Volunteer Stadium Little League World Series Stadium 2 built in 2001.

The 60th Little League World Series is scheduled for August 18-27.

The grand finale for the team was on Saturday night they went to Bowman Stadium to watch a minor league game between the Williamsport Crosscutters and the Hudson Valley Renegades with reserved seating behind home plate. Later that evening they enjoyed a fireworks display as they sat in Center Field of Bowman Stadium as Special Guests of the Williamsport Crosscutters Minor League Team.

The team includes: Jonathan Nanna, Dan Dougherty, Danny LaCorte, Eric Oberman, Nick Constantine, Joe Mele, Brian Schor, DJ Cummings, Clay Beyert, Max Bohall. Not present were: Coach John Torres, Christian Menares-Brown, Chris Castaldo, Chris Fischer and Shakiyl Glasco.



**FUN IN WILLIAMSPORT...** Westfield 12-year-old B White baseball team spent the weekend of July 14-15 in Williamsport, PA. The boys played two games against local Pennsylvania teams and received a private tour of the little league museum and championship field. They also attended a Williamsport Crosscutter minor league game. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Clay Beyert, Max Bohall, Joe Mele, Brian Schor and DJ Cummings; back row, Jon Nanna, Dan Dougherty, Dan LaCorte, Eric Oberman, Nick Constantine and Coach Manny Chavez. Not Pictured: Christian Menares-Brown, Chris Castaldo, Chris Fischer and Shakiyl Glasco.



**PICTURE PERFECT SLIDE...** Westfield White 9's Mitchell Bryk slides safely in third, knocking the ball from the Summit third baseman's glove for a first inning triple during a 20-4 Westfield victory.

## Westfield White 9U Dominates Summit Maroon in Playoff, 20-4

The Westfield White 9U baseball team put it all together to defeat Summit, 20-4, in four innings at Gumbert Field in Westfield to advance to the playoff semifinals.

Pitcher Peter Walter held Summit scoreless in the top of the first and Tommy Sabato got Westfield bats rolling with a leadoff single to center. Ryan Bowman walked and Steve Barmakian singled to left to load the bases. Liam Heinbokel and Holden Sabato followed with RBI walks. Jordan Hines drilled a hit to right, scoring Barmakian to make it 3-0. Austin Kreusser singled then Mitchell Bryk and Michael Jeffrey rapped back-to-back triples to make the score 7-0.

Summit plated all four of its runs in the second inning but Walter managed to pitch out of the jam. Westfield

levelled Summit with 10 runs in its half of the second. Walter singled and Bowman laid down a beautiful drag bunt to load the bases. Heinbokel thumped a two-run triple. Hines, Bryk, Walter and Bowman added hits. Sabato took the mound in the third and pitched two shutout innings. He struck out the side twice and only surrendered a walk and bloop single in the third and a walk in the fourth.

Westfield added three runs in the third on a two-run single by Kreusser and a sacrifice fly by Bryk. All Westfield players reached base and scored at least once in the game. The victory, advanced the White to face the winner between Long Hill and Cranford.

Summit	0	4	0	0	4
Westfield	7	10	3	x	20

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