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# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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## CHU PROVIDES TOC CLINCHER AT THIRD SINGLES

### Blue Devil Netmen Capture Tournament of Champions

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

"As far as we are concerned, the sky is the limit," Blue Devil Head Coach George Kapner told The Westfield Leader/Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times in a pre-season interview in late March.

Well! The Westfield High School (WHS) boys tennis team, ranked No. 1 throughout the season, grabbed a piece of the sky by defeating No. 8 Newark Academy, 4-1, to win the Tournament of Champions (TOC) at Mercer County Park in West Windsor on May 31.

It was the Blue Devils' first TOC title since the tournament under that name began in 1992, but it was the fifth overall. Westfield had won the All-Groups in 1978, 1986 and 1987, and also won the state title in 1957. The victory also upped coach Kapner's overall career tennis record to 351-87.

The 30-0 Blue Devils, the Group 4 champions, reached the finals with a 4-1 victory over No. 9 Tenafly, the Group 2 champion. Newark Academy (23-4) topped Moorestown, 3.5-1.5, in the other semifinal.

said Kapner. "Never in my wildest dreams did I envision a record of 30-0, a record that has never been achieved by any team in Westfield history. There was one team that won 30 games in softball decades ago but they didn't win the state championship."

In both rounds, third singles player James Chu seemed to be involved in the matches that sealed victory for the Blue Devils. Against Tenafly's Alex Topshishvili, Chu pulled out a 10-8 tiebreaker in the first set then cruised in the second set, 6-1. It was the other way around against Newark Academy's Greg Holtzman. Chu cruised, 6-1, in the first set but had to battle back from a 40-0 deficit in the final game to win the second set, 7-5.

"It really came down to a different person almost every game. Yesterday (Newark Academy), it was definitely James. We actually won in reverse order. Second doubles won, first doubles won so James got the championship point," said Kapner. "Against Tenafly, even though James got the third point, it was really Kevin (Shallcross) who stepped up. He beat a very good first singles player. First doubles was having trouble for the first time all year."

Blue Devil second doubles players Graeme Stahl and Justin Snyder were the first off the courts in both matches, with a 6-0, 6-2, victory over Tenafly's Seth Goldman and David Ackerman and an easy 6-0, 6-0, triumph over Newark Academy's Duncan Fisher and Evan Golombek. After Dean Thompson and Akis Evangelidis had a grueling three-set victory in their first doubles match against Tenafly, they had it a little easier in the final with a 6-3, 6-4, win over Andrew Huang and Grant Schalet to give the Blue Devils

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QUALIFYING FOR THE MOC IN 2 EVENTS...Raider senior Kyle Rowbotham, center, placed third in the 110-hurdles and third in the 400-intermediate hurdles to qualify for the Meet of Champions in both events.

## ALLEMAN GETS 2ND, 3RD; ROWBOTHAM FINISHES 3RD IN 110H, 400H

### Raider Boys Get 4th, Jones Wins Discus In Boys, Girls Group 3 Track & Field

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Junior Mike Alleman and senior Kyle Rowbotham earned all 26 team

points as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SP-F) boys placed fourth in the Group 3 Track & Field championships at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield on June 2. Morris Hills and Monmouth Regional tied for first with totals of 45, followed by Willingboro with 30. The Raider girls tied Deptford for 16th with 12 points and junior Carlyra Jones contributed all of her team's points.

The Westfield High School boys totaled five points in the Group 4 meet, which was handily won by Trenton with a total of 64. Blue Devil senior Adam Bergo advanced to the Meet of Champions (MOC) by tying for third with South Brunswick's William Bicketts in the high jump with clearances of 6'4". He also took 11th in the triple jump with a distance of 42'10" to qualify as a wildcard. Alex Tarlow was eighth in the 800 meters with a time of 1:56.92 and Brandon Heroux placed 10th in the javelin with a toss of 164' 8". Both qualified as wildcards for MOC.

The Union Catholic Viking boys tied Pope John and Holy Spirit for sixth place in the Non-Public A meet with 22 points. The Viking girls tied Bishop Eustace for 10th with an 18 total. The Governor Livingston (GL) boys got all six of its team points from pole vaulter Carl Smith, who cleared

13 feet to earn the Highlanders a tie for 29th in the Group 2 meet. Jordan Gray finished fifth in the 400 meters with a 58.73 to earn the GL girls their team two points.

Jones became the first ever SP-F High School girl to win an event at the Group 3 championships when she had a personal-best (PB) toss of 134'10" to win the discus event by nearly six feet more than Monmouth's Elana Faagal, who had a throw of 129 feet. Raider Lauryn Adams placed eighth with a toss of 107'11".

"That's a school record! She's the first Group 3 champ (girls) we have had," expressed Raider Field Coach

Ken Hernandez after the discus event and before the shot put. "Today, she's going to look to see if she can go 40 feet in the shot. She's pumped up. She's ready to go."

"I went in there so focused. I don't think I've ever been that focused in my life," said Jones. "The girl who was after me, on her second throw, threw a 120 and I threw a 118. I said I can not let her get me. I went in there and it all came together. It felt so nice. As soon as it left my hand, I knew it was a good throw."

All season long, Jones has had pleasant but stiff competition from

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## JOE 'VALL' CRACKS 2-RUN HR; CAPIELLO DBL, SINGLE

### Edison Stops Blue Devils, 10-4, In NJ Section 2 Baseball Finals

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Eagle senior right-hander Gary Thompson showed poise on the mound, got an errorless effort from his defense and received runs in three big clumps to earn Edison the North Jersey, Section 2 Group 4 title with a 10-4 victory over visiting Westfield on June 1. Although the 16-10 Blue Devils and the 19-7 Eagles were even in hits, nine of the Eagles' 10 hits played a role in producing all of their runs.

After losing five straight games prior to the sectionals, the Blue Devils had a shift in fortune to beat Piscataway, Bayonne and Phillipsburg to reach the championship game.

"We lost five games in a row before the state tournament and Pete Antonelli said, 'you know coach, every break is going against us, every break. They were making diving catches. They are doing this. They are

doing that. Somewhere along the line these things have to fall in for us and, hopefully, it will happen in the state tournament.' I'll be doggone if he wasn't right! In every game something happened," said Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster. "Today, it went the other way again. They got a couple of breaks here and there. We didn't make a couple of plays. That's baseball! It's a game of inches, sometimes quarter inches."

In addition to yielding the 10 hits, Thompson walked four and hit one batter, while striking out three to improve to 8-3.

"He's tough. He throws strikes. Everybody whom I talked to described him as a bulldog and he sure is," Brewster said of Thompson.

Blue Devil starter Evan Shapiro (6-3) pitched four innings, struck out one, walked three and gave up eight hits before being relieved by sophomore

Chris Jenkins, who pitched the remainder of the way, with the exception of the final batter who faced Danny Nuber.

The Eagle defense killed two potential Blue Devil rallies with double plays and also received a fine running catch by right fielder Jared Shukis to minimize damage in the fourth inning. Blue Devil first baseman Mike Capiello made a leaping grab of a line drive and fired to second to complete a double play in the third inning. He also made a fine scoop on a throw from third base to get the final out in the first inning. Catcher Justin Olsen fired a bullet to shortstop Tom Bonard to nail a potential base stealer in the

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GETTING BACK INTO THE GAME...Blue Devil Joe Vall-Lobera gets a hand shake from coach Bob Brewster after he crushed a two-run homer in the fourth inning.

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### Age Groups

OWLS	5-6 yrs
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### Blue Devil Fast Pitch Softball Camp

For girls entering grades 2-9  
June 25<sup>th</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Where: Westfield High School

Camp Director: Maggie McFadden  
For More Information call: 732-873-5399  
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### Blue Devil Field Hockey Camp

For girls entering grades 3-9  
July 2, 3, 5 & 6 2007  
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Where: Kehler Stadium

Camp Directors: Maggie McFadden & Nancy Babbitt  
For More Information call: 908-464-2686  
Email: [nbabbitt@westfieldnj12.org](mailto:nbabbitt@westfieldnj12.org)

### Westfield Baseball League Sign Up For Summer 2007 Season

Due to overwhelming response for Summer Baseball, the Westfield Baseball League will sponsor a summer-in-town recreation league. All children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in September are eligible to play.

K - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade League will run June 25 - July 30 with a fee of \$50  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will run June 24 - July 29 with a fee of \$60  
K - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Games Weekdays - 5pm or 6:30pm at Jefferson School  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Games and Clinics Sunday morning

Please visit our website [www.WestfieldBaseball.com](http://www.WestfieldBaseball.com) to register and submit all applicable fees. Team T-shirt and Hat included

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## WESTFIELD Basketball Association BLUE DEVIL 2007 BASKETBALL CAMPS

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The philosophy of our camp is to teach fundamentals of the game and have fun doing it.

- I. **2007 Blue Devil Basketball Camp**  
For: Boys & Girls entering grades 4-9  
Where: Westfield High School  
When: Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> thru Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> (5 days)  
Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Cost: \$70.00 (\*2 full court games per day)
- II. **2007 Fun & Fundamentals Basketball Clinic**  
For: Boys & Girls entering grades 2-5  
Where: Westfield High School  
When: Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> (2 days)  
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Cost: \$50.00

**CAMP FEATURES:**

- Drill Stations teaching the fundamentals of the game: ball handling, dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, defense, one-on-one moves & team offense
- Daily Contests: one-on-one, foul shooting, hot shot and knockout
- Game play, T-shirts

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