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**HEADING FOR THE NET...Blue Devil Luke Baran, No. 12, scored a goal against Chatham on May 2.**

## Blue Devil Lax Boys Topple No. 4 Chatham Cougars, 9-8

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Eying Coleman's whereabouts, the Blue Devil defenders guarded Coleman off-guard with Eisenreich's under-the-radar, sidarm shots that earned him the first three Cougar goals in the first quarter.

"He's got that windup. He pulls it back behind him and you can't really pick it up when it comes out," Thomas said of Eisenreich.

Bernstein, assisted by Yarusi, scored the Blue Devils' first goal with a jump shot in front of the net. With 2:56 left, Baran added a slam dunk, then Yarusi (Simone assist) penetrated inside and tied the score with 2:08 left in the quarter. With 36 seconds left, Coleman intercepted a bad pass in front of the Blue Devil goal and one-hopped it in to give the Cougars a 4-3 lead.

Thomas made seven spectacular saves in the second quarter to survive an onslaught of nine Cougar shots, while Yarusi, with 8:37 on the clock, hooked left near the Cougar net and scored the only goal of the quarter.

Both teams went on a three-goal scoring frenzy in the third quarter. Babakian scored the first goal, Werner answered with a goal and Coleman, with his great spinning moves, created small openings and threaded the eye of the needle twice to put the Cougars on top, 7-5. But Yarusi scored unassisted and, with 3:55 left, Simone netted a wraparound goal to knot the score.

Interestingly, Coleman was penalized three minutes at the beginning of the fourth quarter for an illegal stick, and it took only 14 seconds for Yarusi to score his fourth goal to put the Blue Devils up, 8-7. The Cougars got possession and managed to kill the clock enough until Coleman got back into the game. Once again, Thomas with-

stood another onslaught and the Blue Devil defenders guarded Coleman closely but, with 7:34 remaining, Ughetta tied the game. With 2:25 remaining, Yarusi fed Werner, who stuffed the net for the game winner.

"We knew that Coleman's one of the best around. We always made sure that we matched up with him with our good long sticks. We knew what he did well and we just had to minimize his shooting. Same thing with Eisenreich! It was a total team defense from the long stick to the goalie," said Benaquista.

"This was a huge win for us because they have a heck of a program. They had two incredible attackers," said Thomas. "We all stepped up, not just me. We come out here as a family. We play family ball. We won the game as a family."

**Chatham** 4 0 3 1 8  
**Westfield** 3 1 3 2 9

### WF Lax Day Slated For May 12 at Kehler

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Lacrosse Club has planned the fifth annual Lacrosse Day to take place on Saturday, May 12, at Gary Kehler Stadium, located on Rahway Avenue.

The festivities will continue throughout the day from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. The activities will include an opening ceremony, games to showcase Westfield's school age boys' and girls' teams, lacrosse skills contests, music and special guests. Also featured will be a masters' game for residents 33 and older. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information, please visit the Westfield Lacrosse Club's website at <http://westfieldlacrosse.com/>.

### SP-F Raiders Sting Minutemen Nine, 8-6

Mike Ridge ripped a two-run single in the fifth inning to give the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team a 7-6 lead then added an RBI single in the seventh in an 8-6 victory over No. 17, 14-3 Elizabeth in Elizabeth on May 7.

Kevin Maroney had two hits and two RBI, while John Mineo and Greg Bayard each scored twice for the 11-6 Raiders.

### Blue Devil Nine Rap Linden Tigers, 8-4

The Westfield High School baseball team jumped to 13-4 with an 8-4 victory over host Linden on May 7. Kevin Hennessey singled twice, scored twice and had three RBI. Justin Olsen ripped three singles, scored once and had an RBI.

### Lady Blue Devils Tip Softball Farmers, 2-1

Lindsay Brown struck out seven, walked none and yielded five hits as the 12-2 Westfield High School softball team to a 2-1 victory over 13-4 Union in the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament in Westfield.

### Lady Blue Devils Top Softball Tigers, 12-5

The Westfield High School softball team upped its record to 13-2 with a 12-5 victory over Linden in Westfield on May 7. Cyndil Matthew had three hits, including a home run, and five RBI. Ashley Dunnan went 3-for-3 with an RBI.

### Registration Set For WF PAL Football

Westfield PAL Football registrations have been distributed to all children entering third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade this fall. Registrations are also available in the Main Office of all Elementary and Middle Schools. Registration deadline is June 8.

Registrations may also be downloaded from the PAL website at [www.westfieldpalfootball.com](http://www.westfieldpalfootball.com). In person registration has been set for Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the PAL office located at 111 Quimby Street, Suite 4.



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**A BIG DAY FOR THE SHORTSTOP...Raider Adam Perez, No. 3, slides safely into second base in the third inning against the Vikings. Perez went 2-for-2 and scored three runs including a homer in the first.**

## MARONEY WHACKS 3-RUN HR; PEREZ RAPS HR,3RBI Raiders Erupt Early, Topple Baseball Vikings, 10-0, in UCT

By FRED LECOMTE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior right-hander Greg Bayard delivered a sweeping pitching motion that kept Union Catholic's lineup off-balance, limiting them to three hits, while recording two strikeouts, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team's offense plated four runs in the first inning and added five in the second to roll to a 10-0 victory in the first round of the Union County (UC) Tournament in Scotch Plains on May 5.

Bayard (2-for-3) helped his cause, ripping an RBI and scoring twice. Adam Perez (2-for-2, 3 runs) keyed the eighth-seeded Raiders' 14-hit attack with a home run. Kevin Maroney

blasted a three-run bomb and James Dinizo (3-for-3, RBI) hammered two doubles and scored twice. Jeremy Antoine (2-for-3) singled in a run. John Mineo doubled in a run, Nick Bonadies (2-for-2) added an RBI triple and Joe D'Annunzio (1-for-1) rapped an RBI single. John Ciano, Phil D'Apolito and Matt Canales each had infield singles for the (9-4-1) Vikings.

"The last week or so, we're more aggressive. We put the ball in play and made things happen. We put the pressure on teams' defense with four runs in the first and got D'Angelo a little rattled," said Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock. "We got some more runs on him and everyone wanted to join in on the party. This was a great

game for us. Looking at the paper this morning seeing how they ten-run G.L., we did not know what to expect. Bayard came out, shut them down and our bats just jumped alive. It started with the home run and everyone followed. It was one after another, trying to top the person in front of them."

The Raiders tapped starting pitcher Steve D'Angelo (3-3) for four runs in the bottom of the first, highlighted by Perez's leadoff homer that sailed over the left-centerfield fence. Mineo drilled a double to center and Bayard yanked a single. Shortstop Chris Whittemore prevented an additional run when he gunned down Mineo at

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