

**SHAPIRO CRACKS 3-RUN DBL, RBI 1B; BONARD 3 RBI**

# Baseball Blue Devils Out-Hit Chiefs, 11-6, in NJ Sectionals

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About every offensive maneuver was used by the eighth-seeded Westfield High School baseball team in its 11-6 victory over ninth-seeded Piscataway in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 tournament in Westfield on May 21. The 14-9 Blue Devils mixed stolen bases, hit-and-run plays and interesting bunts with timely hitting to subdue the 12-9 Chiefs.

Pitcher Evan Shapiro, who improved to 5-2, made good use of his offensive skills to rap an RBI single and a three-run double in his four at bats and senior Tom Bonard went 3-for-4 with three RBI, including a two-run triple, to assist in the Blue Devils' 15-hit assault. Mike Cappiello (RBI, 2 doubles), Mike Venezia (RBI, 2 stolen bases) and Joe Vall-Llobera (triple) all went 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Pete Antonelli walked twice, scored twice and stole a base, Dan Melillo singled, Sean Ferro stole a base and Justin Olsen scored a run.

Before the game, Bonard commented, "Games like this, we can beat anybody in our section. We've got enough offensive power. Our pitching is good enough, no matter who we put on the mound. We should definitely win this game. I know it! We should be concerned about today but, whoever we play in the tournament, if we come to play, we can 10-run them. We may be underrated, but

we know we can win. A lot of us, this is our senior year. We want to win!"

The Chiefs were fortunate in the early innings with several singles just out of the reach of the infielders but did add three doubles and a home run in the later innings to total 12 hits. The most difficult Chief to fell was leadoff hitter Rocco Contessa, who went 3-for-4 with three runs scored. Tyler Williams and Kyle Waller each had a pair of doubles and scored a run and Russ Hopkins crushed a two-run

homer in the seventh inning.

Two lazy ground singles between second and first resulted in a run for the Chiefs in the first inning but in the bottom of the second, Vall-Llobera tripled to right and scored on Cappiello's double to right to knot the score. In the third, Contessa tapped his second single, moved to second on a grounder to the mound, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a grounder to short but Bonard and Shapiro each ripped RBI singles to



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**FORCE OUT AT HOME PLATE...Blue Devil Sean Ferro slides home but is out on a force play.**



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**GROUNDING THE KEARNY KARDINALS...Blue Devil pitcher Alyson Moskowitz struck out eight Cardinals and walked one in a three-hit performance. The Blue Devils won, 3-1**

**MOSKOWITZ FIRES 3-HITTER, TOWNSEND RBI DBL**

# Softball Blue Devils Ground Kearny Kardinal Girls, 3-1

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Sophomore Alyson Moskowitz reigned supreme on the mound, while designated hitter Lindsay Brown and sophomore Kim Townsend provided the necessary clout to lead the Westfield High School softball team to a 3-1 victory over Kearny in Westfield on May 19.

Moskowitz baffled the 15-6 Cardinals with her curve ball and turned in a solid three-hit performance, fanning eight and walking one. Moskowitz ran into trouble only in the third inning when Sam Drofiak lashed a two-out single and scored on a single by Sam Pace.

Brown drilled a double into short center with two outs that scored Ariel Gale (2-for-3) in the second. Leadoff hitter Townsend (2-for-3), identified as the big thief in the game, swiped home in the first, then after singling in the sixth, had enough moxie to swipe three bags, including home base.

Kearny pitcher Drofiak scattered five hits, recorded nine strikeouts, walked five and hit two batters.

"We're working very hard and looking forward to the state playoffs. I think this team was very disappointed with the loss against Linden in the semifinals of the counties. I don't know if it is still affecting their play, but I feel like they just have not clicked since. They have not come out with that same confidence, certainly at the plate since," said Blue Devil Head Coach Tara Pignoli. "In that game, Linden loaded the bases, had a base-

clearing triple and scored three runs.

We brought in Moskowitz to show a little different speed pitching, while trying to throw off the batters and she did a very nice job the rest of the game. We ended up losing 4-3. We had our chances, just could not get the hits with runners on base. It certainly was a surprise knowing that we beat them both games by significant scores. We struggled and I think the same kind of a struggle stuck with us. It's something that got into my batters heads and they're just not stepping into the box with the same confidence they had earlier."

The 16-5 Blue Devils mixed several big league defensive plays with some miscue. In the fourth inning, after committing back-to-back fielding errors, the Blue Devils regained their composure when first baseman Jenny LaSpata snagged a smoking line drive for the putout and then whizzed the ball to second baseman Gale covering first for a double play.

Right fielder Kabe Abruzzo, shortstop Townsend and LaSpata performed defensive wizardry with three outstanding snags apiece.

"Offensively, I try to get on and make things happen. Defensively, our infield is really smooth, while our

goal is not to press and stay relaxed," said Townsend.

In the bottom of the first, the Blue Devils put a run on the board when Townsend reached first on a throwing error, swiped second, advanced to third on an infield error, then sprinted home when Cyndil Matthew took one for the team.

Moskowitz sat down the first two Cardinals in the third but Drofiak poked a single up the middle, advanced to second on an infield miscue and scored when Pace pummeled a single to narrow the score to 2-1. The Blue Devils did score an insurance run in the sixth. Townsend ripped a one-out single to leftfield and swiped second. After the next batter struck out, Townsend scooted to third. Matthew trotted to first with a walk and Townsend swiped home.

In the seventh, Moskowitz totally in command, finished in style, setting down three of four Cardinals.

"We are prepared and we have a lot of confidence going into the state tournament, which I believe that will really help us, while as a young player, I'm really excited to be involved," said Moskowitz.

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## Raiders Capture 3rd Straight In Union County Girls Track

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Wisler crossed 4-5 in the 1,600 meters, with only one-tenth of a second separation, at 5:22.8 and 5:22.9, respectively.

Wisler, who had a great kick to place second in the 1,600 at the Watchung Conference meet last week, commented, "It was a great opportunity for Lisa and I. The race went out a lot faster than we have been used to at Westfield. We were looking ahead at the leaders and tried to maintain an equal distance behind them. We were trying to pick it up a little each lap and get closer."

Vikings Jenn Seniszyn, Fulmer, Aerielle Belk and Harris took top honors in the 4x400 with a time of 4:06.9. Seniszyn crossed third in the 200 meters with a time of 26 seconds. Belk tied for fifth in the 400 meters at 1:01.6 and Harris crossed fifth in the 100-hurdles with a time of 16.2. Blue Devil Kim Legones placed sixth in the 3,200 meters with a time of 11:39.7.

In the leaps and aerial events, Viking Kaiti Eppinger came out on top in the high jump with a clearance of

5'5" followed by Blue Devil Emily Perry at five feet. Viking Tiara Brown placed fourth also at five feet and Blue Devil Crista Ricca placed sixth at 4'10". Blue Devil freshman Claire Stevens-Haas added another six inches to her PB by placing second in the pole vault with a height of 9'6". Cranford's Lilas Humen won the event with the same height (less misses) and Blue Devil Vicky Attanasio placed sixth with a height of 7'6".

Raider Natasha Celius took second in the triple jump with a distance of 34'11.75" and teammates Sarah Canfield and Whitney Adams placed 4-5 with respective distances of 34'0.5" and 33'11". Raider Amanda Bobyack took third in the long jump with a leap of 16'3.5" followed by Canfield at 16'3" and Blue Devil Erica Ammermuller at 15'11.25".

**TEAM TOTALS:**  
1. Scotch Plains-Fanwood 92, 2. Cranford 65, 3. Union 60, 4. Union Catholic 51.5, 5. Summit 35, 6. Westfield 31, 7. Rahway, Elizabeth 28, 9. New Providence 22.5, 10. Governor Livingston, Oak Knoll 20, 12. Kent Place 17, 13. Johnson 14

put the Blue Devils ahead, 3-2, entering the fourth.

The Chiefs added a run in the fourth but the Blue Devils broke loose with four, which included Shapiro's three-run double, to take a 7-3 lead. Contessa poked his third single and scored on Waller's double in the fifth but Bonard hammered his two-run triple in the bottom of the inning.

In the sixth, Vall-Llobera singled, darted to third on Cappiello's second double and alertly scored on a wild pitch. Venezia looped an RBI single to right. After Hopkins crushed his two-run homer off reliever Antonelli in the seventh, Vall-Llobera made a great snag in right for the first out and Bonard, from behind second base, initiated a smooth short-to-first putout for the second out. Second baseman Kevin Hennessey smothered a grounder and tossed to first to end the game.

"I got great support from the bats today. I'm happy about that," said Shapiro. "We pulled a couple of steals on the catcher. We moved the men when we needed to. We got timely hits. We needed that all year. We got it today."

Piscataway	101	110	2	6
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**BEGINNING OF A FAST 1,600...Raider Britney Veeck, front, and Blue Devil Ayn Wisler, W, begin what turns out to be a very fast 1,600-meter race.**



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