

WF's DelDuca Gets Small Part In Clooney Movie Leatherheads

Clemson University sophomore Tom DelDuca (Westfield High School Class of 2005) got a small part in a movie called *The Leatherheads*, starring George Clooney and Renee Zellweger, who match wits in a romantic comedy against the backdrop



LEATHERHEAD...Tom DelDuca, left, of Westfield poses with actor Blake Clark during the movie production of *Leatherheads* (Blake's credits include: *The Waterboy*, *Mr. Deeds*, *The Mask*, *50 First Dates*, etc.).

of America's pro-football league in 1925.

Football players were being sought to play members of a professional team in the 1920s era. Since DelDuca had a football background, he tried out. As a part of the tryout process, he had to run plays and tackle people without using equipment because, in those days, leather helmets, without face masks, were worn and very little padding, legs or shoulders, were used.

After three callbacks, he got the part. It took two weeks to rehearse and film the scenes, which were shot in Greenville, S.C. and Charlotte, N.C. DelDuca played the part of a lineman on the Chicago team. According to DelDuca, "The action scenes were shot full speed except when Clooney participating." Clooney used a stunt double.

Clooney played Dodge Connolly, a swaggering, aging football hero who is determined to guide his team from bar room brawls to packed stadiums. The players lose their sponsor but Dodge convinces a college football star to join the ranks.

Zellweger played Lexie Littleton a cub journalist and John Krasinski plays Carter Rutherford, a golden-boy WWI war hero. Littleton sniffs holes in Rutherford's hero snuff.

In addition to his duties as director and star, Clooney served as one of the writers.



A BIG DAY IN THE NJSIAA TOURNAMENT...Raider Nick Bonadies slides safely into third base in the fourth inning against the Mustangs. Bonadies scored three runs and was involved in turning a double play.

BAYARD 'K's 7, DINIZO 2-RUN HOMER, BONADIES 3RBI

Raider Baseball Boys Oust Kennedy, 10-2, in Sectionals

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

The fourth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team tuned up for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament semifinals by leveling visiting J.F. Kennedy of

Iselin, 10-2, on May 25. Senior pitcher Greg Bayard (5-2) recorded seven strikeouts, walked three and permitted only five hits. "Bayard pitched well, has done so all year and kept a pretty good team off-balance with his slider and curveball. He made two bad pitches but those were the only runs they got," said Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock.

Starting pitcher Rafael Cordero allowed five runs on seven hits, struck out three, walked three and hit a batter in his four innings. Chris Grimes, Bryan Schroeder and Grimes again in the sixth, relieved for the Mustangs.

Raider Nick Bonadies belted a three-run triple. John Mineo rocked a two-run double and singled. James Dinizo crushed a two-run homerun, doubled and singled, and Joe D'Annunzio went 3-for-4 and scored a run.

"Those guys have to do the job to go far in the tournament. Today they did and we came out on top," said Baylock.

Kevin Maroney added an RBI single, Jeremy Antoine singled and swiped a base and Bayard singled and took one for the team in the 11-hit attack.

"It took us a couple of innings to get started but, once we did, we were able to capitalize on some mistakes they made (4 errors) and put ten runs on the board. That's a pretty good day," added Baylock.

The 18-11 Mustangs' runs came in the top of the third. Cordero timed a curveball well for a home run. Raider shortstop Adam Perez then scooped a grounder and delivered a perfect toss to Mineo at first. Schroeder followed with an RBI single. Bayard kept his cool and struck out the next batter.

"I tried way too hard by making every pitch perfect and gassed up every fast ball. That's why I was leaving stuff up," said Bayard. "After those big hits, I said 'forget it, just bear down and get comfortable.'"

In the bottom of the fourth, Bayard ripped a single to left, Dinizo doubled to center and Maroney walked to load the bases. Bonadies stepped up and hammered his three-run triple. D'Annunzio smacked a single to put the Raiders up, 4-2.

In the fifth, Mineo slapped a lead-off single, Bayard got hit by a pitch and Dinizo pounded a single off relief pitcher Grimes. Courtesy runner Rich Shevlin scored when Maroney ripped a single to short center.

The Raiders turned a spectacular (1-4-3) double play in the sixth. After Grimes singled, Schroeder tapped to Bayard who turned and gunned down the runner heading for second. Perez delivered in time to Mineo at first.

The Raiders plated five runs in the sixth. D'Annunzio singled and swiped

Union County 50+ Men's Softball League Standings:

50+ DIVISION 1 (AS OF MAY 27):		
TEAM	W	L
Awnings Galore	5	1
Antone's Pub & Grill	4	2
American Legion	5	2
D&K Associates	4	3
KMD Tuning	3	4
Promptcare	2	6

50+ DIVISION 2:		
TEAM	W	L
SMC	4	4
Associated Auto Parts	4	4
Northwest Mutual	3	4
The Office	3	3
Union Center National Bank	1	5

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Commerce Bank	5	0
Creative Industries	4	1
LA Law	2	2
Smith Barney	1	4
Associated Auto (Silver)	0	5

Awnings 16, KMD Tuning 5

Awnings produced 26 hits, paced by Bill Watson with four hits and four RBI. Brian Grandstrand and Tom Pasko (triple, 3 RBI) each added three hits.

American Legion 18, SMC 1

Tom Straniero (2 HR, 4 RBI) and Angelo Corbo each produced four hits. Ed Belford, Brian Williams and Tony Williams added three hits apiece.

Antone's Pub 8, Promptcare 0

George Brokaw scattered nine hits.

Associated Auto 14, UCNB 8

After three scoreless innings, Associated exploded for 14 runs and 21 hits. Joe Adase, Steve Adase, Phil Fink, Ron Horinko, Bob Moffitt and Joe Sarika had three hits apiece. Banker Jeff Villani had three hits.

The Office 18, Northwestern 5

The winners combined timely hitting with near-flawless defense and the sharp pitching of Ken Dunbar. Bill Hinkle (3 RBI) had four hits and Charles Wischusen (4 RBI), Dennis Kosowicz (3 RBI) and Dunbar (3 RBI) had three hits each. Jim Price had three hits for the Insurers.

Commerce 23, Smith-Barney 8

Bob Bierman, Oscar Harrison, Bob Lorincz and Frank Tartaglione led Commerce offensively.

LA Law 18, Associated (Silver) 14

Associated had timely hits from Paul Brody, Natus Dyer, Ralph Eisenberger, Rich Krov and Al Schachman.

American Legion 22, Promptcare 9

The Legionnaires lashed 30 hits. Harry Semple had five hits and Bill Mirto bashed four. Ed Belford (5 RBI), Steve Ferro and Tom Straniero added three hits apiece. Lee Black, Oscar Harrison and Les Reddick each had three hits for Promptcare.

D&K Associates 11, Awnings 5

D&K pitcher Tony Falzone was stubborn and so was the defense, that produced three double plays. Mike Volpe led the victors with three hits.

Antone's 14, Northwestern 11

NW's Ed McColgan and Tom Romanowicz had three hits each.

KMD Tuning 17, UCNB 12

Bankers Sal LaBella had four hits and Bill Campbell added three.

Creative 14, Smith-Barney 12

Karl Grossmann (HR, 5 RBI) had three hits. Bob Berger had key hits and three RBI. Dave Bell and Tom Dick each had three hits for S-B.

Commerce 25, Associated (Silver) 4

Bob Bierman, Oscar Harrison, Bob Lorincz and Frank Tartaglione led the Bankers offensively.

SMC 22, Associated Auto 7

a bag. Mike Ridge laid down a sac bunt and the runner advanced on a wild pitch. Perez walked and D'Annunzio stole home on an over-throw. Antoine's speed earned him a base hit and Mineo rapped a two-run double to deep center. Dinizo delivered the final blow with his two-run blast to never-never land.

"It was a fastball kind of down low, so I got under it and let go. I feel real confident stepping into the batter's box now that I have my swing back," said Dinizo.

In the seventh, Mike Giordano lined a single up the middle and Joe Marciano walked, however Bayard sent the next batter back to his seat and Dinizo lased a timely throw to first where Mineo slapped on the tag for the final out.

After the game, Dinizo said, "We had a team meeting right before the Westfield game where we all agreed that we needed to come together. We needed that team chemistry and have been successful doing so since and today it really showed again. We hustled and made all the plays that needed to be made including some great ones. Greg pitched his butt off and we got the job done."

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APPLYING STRONG DEFENSIVE PRESSURE...Taylor Anderson of the Blue Devil Lacrosse Club 7/8 girls team applies strong defensive pressure in one of their tournament games this season.

Blue Devil 7/8 Lax Girls Finish Successful Lax Club Season

The Blue Devil Lacrosse Club (BDLC) seventh and eighth grade girls' coaches were challenged to accomplish a specific goal this inaugural season; teach the players the modern game of women's lacrosse. Coaches Crysti Foote, Elyse Goldweitz and assistant coaches,

Mary Kate Luker, Julie Shelman, Lauren Brunhofer, Liz McCarthy and Kate Sheridan were up to the task.

The BDLC seventh and eighth grade team competed in three tournaments against teams from Moorestown; Marlton; Greenwich, CT; Darien, CT; Mountain Lakes; Rumson-Fair Haven; Princeton and West Windsor.

Abby Flaherty, Jillian Ceasrine, Abbie Kwok, Katherine Frega, Ally Rose, Rebecca Jackson, Caitlin Storcks, Angela Tata, Sarah Crawford, Emma Partridge, Taylor Anderson, Julia Wasilewski, Kelly Gray, Kim Brunhofer, Caroline Bertoni, Brenna Logue, Margaux Fleschler, Julia Harbaugh, Jenna Sharkey, Jessica Cronin and Devin Cash were the BDLC team members.

The Blue Devil Lacrosse Club sponsors boys, girls, men's and women's lacrosse teams in Westfield and seeks to promote and enhance the game of lacrosse in the Westfield area. Individuals who are interested in men's pickup lacrosse are asked to contact Dave LiSoeey at disoeey@gmail.com. Individuals interested in women's post-college lacrosse are asked to contact Elyse Goldweitz at elysegold@yahoo.com.

WF Laxers Selected As Youth All-Stars

Five members of the Westfield lacrosse club were selected to the U15 and U13 New Jersey state boys and girls All-Star teams. Eighth graders Jack Kephart and Katherine Frega were selected to their respective U15 teams and will be playing at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex June 22 to 24. Seventh graders Sam Rosenburgh, Alexander Williams and Paul Werner were selected to the U13 teams. The games will be played at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst June 15 to 17.

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