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**CJBL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS...** The Westfield White 10-year-old champs include: Eric Varakian, Christopher Rinaldi, Vincent Difilippo, Nick Mele, Christopher Boutsikaris, Devin Anderson, Brett Robertshaw, Scott Tupper, Ethan Smith, Hopper Murray, Thomas Summers and Christopher Varano. Manager is Joe Rinaldi and Coaches are Glenn Anderson, Vin Difilippo and Rich Varakian.

## WF White 10s Capture CJBL Tourney Crown

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

The Westfield White 10-year-old baseball team grabbed a dramatic, 7-6 victory over Long Hill to claim the Central Jersey Tournament championship. Westfield White previously claimed the Babe Ruth District 12 title and finished with a 26-8 season record.

The young Blue Devils took a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Eric Varakian ripped a triple to right center and Vin Difilippo drilled an RBI single. Nick Mele and Chris Boutsikaris rapped consecutive singles to load the pods. Devin Anderson cracked an RBI single and Mele alertly whizzed across the plate on a passed ball.

Westfield White plated two runs in the second. Hopper Murray lined a sharp single to left, Tommy Summers worked a walk and Varakian took one for his team. With the pods full of little Devils, Christopher Rinaldi drove a hard two-run single up the middle.

Hard throwing right hand pitcher Rinaldi, backed by a stubborn defense held Long Hill scoreless through three innings, highlighted by strong defensive plays from Ethan Smith, Christopher Varano and Brett Robertshaw.

Long Hill did manufacture two runs in the fourth but fine defensive

damage control by shortstop Nick Mele resulted in a double play. White answered with a run in the bottom of the fourth. Scott Tupper lined a single, Murray walked and Varano walloped an RBI single to extend the lead to 6-2.

Long Hill tied the score with four runs in the fifth on two walks and three hits. Star-studded defensive plays by Mele and Difilippo ended the threat. In the bottom of the fifth, Varakian ripped a leadoff single, stole second and advanced on a fielder's choice. Difilippo smacked an RBI single to put Westfield up, 7-6.

Long Hill managed to make things interesting after loading the bases, but Difilippo stepping to the mound in relief, recorded a strikeout and got the next batter to pop up to short. Boutsikaris, manning first base, gabbed a heater to secure the victory.

"The boys put forth a great team effort against a very strong, well-coached Long Hill team," said Westfield manager Joe Rinaldi. "Our boys really pulled together under pressure in the late innings and that allowed us to hold on for the win. We got contributions from every player in the lineup throughout the year and that was certainly the case tonight. Winning the championship was a great way to complete our season."

## CIEMNIECKI CRACKS WINNING HR Watson 'Glory Boys' Nip Willoughby, 5-4, in 10th

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Scrappy Watson Avenue "Glory Boy" Brian Ciemniecki mangled the first pitch to deep center in the bottom of the 10th inning to advance his team to the second round in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association playoffs by edging Willoughby, 5-4, in a two-day showdown at LaGrande Park game on July 31.

The level of play was intense, emotions and quality ran high on July 29 as Watson, seeded third, and Willoughby, sitting in the sixth slot, exited the battlefield in the ninth inning tied, 4-4.

In the top of the 10th, veteran pitcher Mike Jascow yielded a single to J. Barish and a two-out single to Jay Marks. Redding, patrolling leftfield, demonstrated his prowess by chasing down a fly ball. In the bottom of the inning, leadoff hitter Ciemniecki

strolled to the dish and deposited the first pitch, a monstrous home run blast to deep center.

The Watson Avenue softball team featured former Westfield High School athletes: Brian Ciemniecki, Ben Kocket, Quinton Redding, Chris Swertzenbeck, Jim McKeon, Nick Guysler, Mike Frye, Greg Frye, Matt DeMasi, Rock Stuart, Doug Kolony and Jay Cook. Watson Avenue would return for a showdown with second seeded Poplar Place in the best-of-two games and Midway seeded fourth, plays top-seed and defending champ Montrose.

Describing the action on July 29, Redding said, "It was a well-pitched game and well-played game in the field by both teams. In the second inning they had a hit and we committed two errors, resulting in two runs. In the bottom of the third, leadoff hitter Ben Kocket got a double and McKeon knocked him in with his double that made the score 2-1. In the fifth, we were down by three runs. I came up with a two-run double, making the score, 4-3.

We played great defense. They managed a couple of bloopers but Cook came in, caught a ball on the run and I made a snag that gave us the energy needed going into the bottom of the seventh. McKeon then had a one-out single, stole second and I came up with a double to right that tied up the game. It went into extra innings and then called due to a film that they (Recreation Department) were rolling back there. We came back tonight, played great defense and again as he usually does, Ciemniecki did the rest."



Brian Ciemniecki



LANDING JUST IN TIME... Watson "Glory Boy" second baseman Ben Kocket creates a cloud of dust to grab the ball before a Willoughby runner reaches second. Shortstop Jim McKeon covers second.



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**OUT AT HOME...** Sheriff Tim Millhall, right, cannot believe the call, while Westfield copper Nick Norton shows the ump the ball. The Sheriffs won 12-9.

## Sheriff Department Men Sting Westfield PD Softballers, 12-9

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runs to beat them. We knew coming in that we would have to score in double digits and that's what we did. We hit, we held them down and came out on top."

The Sheriff's targeted a run in the top of the first inning when Kolbeck and Antonucci each cracked singles and Warner thumped an RBI sac fly to left center. Westfield retaliated with Perkins' two-run double to center.

In the second, Donovan unloaded his triple to right to put Blue on top, 3-2. The Sheriff's returned fire with seven runs on eight hits in the third, highlighted by Kolbeck's salvo blast and

three RBI by Powers. Warner, Parnes and Cabra provided backup with an RBI to make the score, 8-3. In the bottom of the inning, McCullough and Brady each banged singles and Peterpaul lofted a RBI sac fly.

Two Sheriff runs scuffed the plate in the fourth when Grady and Millhall each singled and tapped home on a misjudged play.

"Put a glove on that foot, hollered Sheriff Powers to Smalls. "He's like a church mouse out there now."

"Yeah," added Sharkey. "That's the way to shut him up. Uh, no it won't!"

Westfield added a run in the bottom of the inning. Wayman singled and scored on Padovano's RBI sac fly. The Sheriff's notched two runs in the fifth when Capra scored on Kolbeck's triple and Antonucci added an RBI triple. The men in Blue followed with a run on Martinez's RBI double and exploded with three runs in the sixth, highlighted by Perks' whistling double, Smalls RBI sac fly and Padovano's two-run blast.

After the game, Sheriff Powers noted, "We went up 8-1 but being the good team that Westfield is, they came back and made it close. Going into the seventh, luckily it was the bottom of their order. We were up by three, but three runs against a team like Westfield is not a lot. We got the first two outs then got a very good hitter (Peterpaul), making the last out on a line drive."

Sheriff Dept.	107	220	0	12
Westfield PD	211	113	0	9

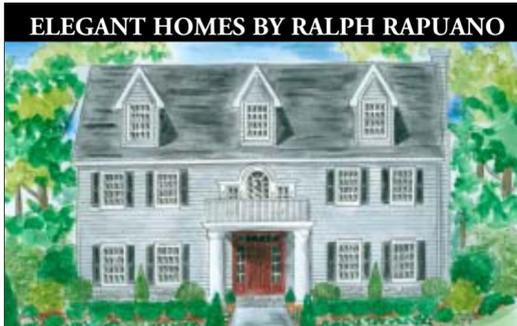
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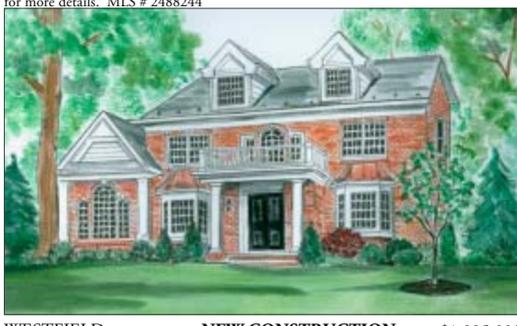
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