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**ASTYLISHSTRETCHATFIRST...Park Beverage first baseman Harry Semple makes a stylish stretch for the putout on Scared Hitless runner Chris Granham.**

## Tafelski Named Blue Devil Head Coach for X-C, Track

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Chris Tafelski, who has been an assistant coach under long-time Westfield High School (WHS) boys track and cross-country Head Coach Jack Martin will grab the reins as head coach in boys cross-country,

They trusted him and believed in what he had to say, and it's that rapport that he built with the kids that made him such a great coach. It's a privilege to follow him. It's exciting but it's a big responsibility – the team has been very successful over the years, and we want to keep that ball



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**Chris Tafelski, left, stands with New Jersey State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21, Westfield) and Jack Martin during a presentation in April.**

winter track and spring track.

"I don't think I ever imagined coaching when I was in high school. But as I got into college, I started reading a lot about training, and since I was thinking about going into teaching, becoming a coach just seemed the logical thing to do," Tafelski said.

Tafelski, a science teacher at WHS, ran cross-country and track for coach Martin and graduated from WHS in 1997. He graduated from Rutgers University in 2001 and Rutgers grad school in 2003. He began his student teaching in 2002 and started teaching in 2003.

"I didn't think coaching or teaching at Westfield would be a possibility, but as luck would have it, my student teaching assignment happened to be in Westfield and they had an opening available the following fall," Tafelski said.

Tafelski is well aware of the task ahead, especially to keep up the positive tradition that Martin built.

"Working with Jack every day was great. He had such a natural way of talking to kids and mentoring them.

rolling. So there's definitely some positive peer pressure, as Martin likes to say," Coach Tafelski said.

### WTA Masters Singles Tennis Ladder Results:

The WTA Masters Singles group had four matches this period. Mike McGlynn took the lead on the ladder with wins over Joe Donnolo (8-5), Chris Wendel (8-4) and Peter Lee (8-4). Lee dropped to second.

Current standings:

1. McGlynn (5)\*
2. Peter Lee (6)\*
3. Chris Wendel (3)\*
4. Joe Donnolo (3)\*
5. John Mancini
6. Janice Honymar (1)
7. Don Dohm

\* active in 5th reporting period  
 Check the WTA website at [www.westfieldnj.com/wta](http://www.westfieldnj.com/wta) for complete details. The next reporting period ends on July 29.

- Match Results:
- 3 McGlynn vs Donnolo (8-5)
  - 4 McGlynn vs Wendel (8-4)
  - 9 McGlynn vs Lee (8-4)

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Blue Devils Raiders

**Walk Down Memory Lane**

From the archives of The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times - [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)

**July 18, 2008:** Every batter in the lineup contributed a hit, run scored or an RBI in the Westfield White's 15-5 victory over Long Hill in a 12-year-old, 50-70, game at Gumbert Field. Connor Hagen rapped a two-run single and an RBI single, while scoring twice, and Jake Wasserman walked twice, tripled and scored in all three of his plate appearances. Peter Zecca went 2-for-2 with two RBI and scored once. Dillon Elliott (2 RBI) singled, walked twice and scored twice.

**July 17, 2006:** Scotch Plains burned top-seeded Westfield, 7-5, in the semifinals of the Senior American Legion Baseball series in Westfield. Raider Adam Perez whacked a two-run homer, a double and scored three runs. Matt Wolff ripped a two-run double and a single. Blue Devil Dave Kaplow had three hits with a ground-rule double and two singles, two RBI and a run scored. Peter Antonelli smacked a double and an RBI single and scored a run.

**July 15, 2005:** Two days before the scheduled St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League All-Star game, St. Joseph, leaders in the Saints Division, held off St. Mark, leaders in the Angels Division, 12-11, at Brookside Park. Damon Roth drilled two doubles, scored three times and was credited with an RBI. Mike Jonny tapped a pair of RBI singles and scored twice.

**July 15, 2004:** The Westfield Senior American Legion baseball team employed strong pitching and key offense to overcome Linden, 6-2. Brandon Cuba found success with his fastball and curveball, allowing two hits and three walks, while fanning one on 74 pitches in his four innings. Billy Hearon held Linden hitless in two innings, while fanning two and walking one. Mike Streamon

halted Linden with seven pitches in the seventh to ice the victory.

**July 19, 2002:** The Westfield Legion baseball team defeated Berkeley Heights, 14-8, in Westfield in its final regular-season game. Ben Koket (3-for-4) and Mike Sofka (4-for-4) totaled seven RBI.

**July 18, 2001:** Although the Westfield Blue Devils and Westfield White 12-year-old baseball teams each had opportunities, the Blue Devils capitalized with a five-run third inning and went on to claim a 6-4 victory at Gumbert Field. Erick Hoens and John Ramalho had two hits and a run scored each for the Blue. Nathaniel Roquet had two of the White's four hits and scored two runs, while Jimmy Ponce swiped three bases.

**July 18, 2000:** Kevin Zipler zapped a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh to give Russell Road/Sun Tavern an 8-7, knee-quivering victory over Marian Avenue in Fanwood Old Men's Association action at La Grande Park. Marian slugger Gary Pancoast pounded a three-run homer.

**July 16, 1999:** Third baseman John Chupko made a startling bare-handed, running, morale sparking stab of a foul ball in the fifth inning and St. Michael kept chipping away offensively to pull out a 13-12, come-from-behind victory over St. Paul in St. Bart's Oldtimers Softball League action at Brookside Park. Norm Hansen provided major offensive clout as he hammered a two-run home run, ripped two singles and totaled four RBI.

**July 15, 1998:** Jason Anderson, David Weinstein and Tommy Layton went on an RBI rampage, combining for 10, and propelled the Westfield White 10-year-old baseball team to a 22-2 washing of the highly improved Summit Maroon team at Gumbert Field. The White solidified its first-place lead in the Central Jersey All Star Baseball League with the victory.



**TOURNAMENT CHAMPS...The Girls Softball League of Westfield U10 White won the Elmora Youth League U10 Softball Tournament, defeating Elmora, 2-1, in Championship Game. Pictured, left to right, are: bottom row; Amanda Ludwig, Rachel Harvey, Rachel Rothenberg, Megan Neiswenter and Meaghan Mulvanerty; middle row, Megan Prasek, Erica Lawrence, Allison Escaldi, Caitlin Clancy, Margaret Rivers, Margaret Kelly and Noelle Laskaris; back row, Assistant Coaches Michael Ludwig, Brad Rothenberg and Ron Neiswenter. Not Pictured: Head Coach Pete Spadaccini and Assistant Coaches Emma Crossland and Molly Jennings.**



**DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAMPS...Westfield Blue won the 9U District 12 championship in Springfield by defeating Cranford, 5-2, on July 7. The team went 3-1 in pool play and then won the next three games in playoffs to advance to the state tournament in Hazlet. The team is Jake Bencivenga, Luke Engelke, Ryan Pettit, Chris Ho, Colin Brancatella, Jeremy Kornfeld, Ian Gannaway, Nic Gambello, Jason Petrucci, Colby Shovlin, Holden Grantz and Will Skoletsy. The coaches are Gil Engelke, Bob Brancatella, Carl Gambello and Ron Shovlin.**

### WTA Open Singles Tennis Ladder Told:

The fifth reporting period came to a close with 22 matches played (99 for the season) and one addition to the top five. Andrew Federbusch remained on top with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 win over Tuyen Diep. Robert Errazo kept second with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Joshua Suri. Richard Perez broke back to number three with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Diep.

Diep bounced back with wins over Suri (6-3, 6-0) and Blair Lehnert (6-3, 6-2). Lehnert took fifth with wins over Morgan Willis (10-1) and Suri (10-5). Suri played another three matches for the period (19 for the season) to maintain a one-match lead over Diep as the most active member.

The sixth reporting period ends on July 29. Please report all match activity to Richard Pardo at [rspardo531@msn.com](mailto:rspardo531@msn.com).

1. Federbusch(6)\*
  2. Rob Errazo (6)\*
  3. Rich Perez (3)\*
  4. Tuyen Diep(18)\*
  5. B Lehnert(10)\*
  6. Aaron Keith(5)\*
  7. Ren Gao (7)\*
  8. Rappoport(10)\*
  9. Bouchouev (9)\*
  10. Rich Pardo (11)\*
  11. Josh Suri (19)\*
  12. F. Adriaens(7)\*
  13. Weldon Chin(3)\*
  14. Jeff Brinker (9)\*
  15. E Bronander(4)\*
  16. D Loffredo (14)\*
  17. Tyler Becker(4)\*
  18. Matt Short (4)\*
  19. Mike Manders(8)\*
  20. Jon Jacobs (4)\*
  21. Dave Ferio (5)\*
  22. Ravi Motwani(4)\*
  23. Chris Farella(6)\*
  24. Chris Wendel(5)\*
  25. Tim Lough (7)\*
  26. Morgan Willis(4)\*
  27. Daniel Ives (2)\*
  28. Mike Muroff (2)\*
  29. Mike Suri (1)
  30. Nate McGlynn
- (\*) matches played  
 \*match played in period

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