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RAVETIER, McCAFFREY 2 HITS EA.; ZAZZALI 2B, RUN

Cougar Nine 'Squeezes' Past SPF Raiders in 4-3 Victory

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Clever base running, a number of fine defensive plays and a few just out-of-reach hits tilted the scales in favor of the Cranford High School baseball team, resulting in a 4-3 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Memorial Field in Cranford on April 10.

Senior Matt Ravetier (2-0) relieved starter Pat Knight with one out in the fifth inning and pitched the remainder of the way, allowing one hit and one run, while striking out one and hitting a batter. Knight yielded five hits and a pair of runs, while fanning four, walking one and hitting a batter. Raider senior Chris Gibbons went the distance, recording five strikeouts, while walking one and hitting a batter.
"I like to keep the fastball down, make sure I get a lot of movement on it. Coach was giving me some good calls inside and out and around, and I

got the job done," Ravetier said.
"Both Pat and Matt did a great job, threw strikes and gave us a chance to win. Their guy threw a heck of a game, a real battler," Cougar Head Coach Dennis McCaffrey said.
In the game of inches, the 4-0 Cougars produced nine hits, including one double, while the 1-2 Raiders with their six hits, also had a double. Cougar Jack McCaffrey went 2-for-2, including a double, and was hit-by-

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SCORING IN THE FIRST...Blue Devil Chrissy Ferraro scores the eighth run of the first inning against Linden.

CHAMBLISS, CRISCUOLO KNOCK IN TWO RUNS EACH

Blue Devils Jump on Tigers Early for 11-1 Softball Win

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Ten Westfield Blue Devils crossed home plate in the first inning, setting the stage for a short, five inning 11-1 softball victory over the Linden High School Tigers in Westfield on April 11. Every batter in the 5-0 Blue Devils' starting lineup contributed, either an RBI or a run scored.

In their four innings at the plate, the Blue Devils totaled 12 hits, which included only one extra base hit, a double from Shannon Schaefer, who finished 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Cali Chambliss (1-for-2, walk, 2 runs scored) and Julia Criscuolo (2-for-2, run scored) each had two RBI. Elena Elliott went 2-for-2 with two runs scored and an

RBI. Becca Kaufman went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, and pitcher Elena Scarano had a pair of hits and an RBI. Chrissy Ferraro tapped an RBI single and scored once. Liz Fox had an RBI and scored once and Sam Velez scored once.
Scarano yielded five hits and a rare walk, but the Blue Devils' defense

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TIGHT SQUEEZE...Cougar Matt Ravetier gets past Raider catcher JT Beirne, stirs up a cloud of dust and scores on a suicide squeeze play in the fourth inning. The Cougars squeezed out a 4-3 victory at Memorial Field on April 10.

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