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TAKING THIRD...Long Hill's Riley McCann slides into third as Westfield White's Theo Sica awaits the throw from the catcher.

WF/Long Hill Game Dampened

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Novello. Westfield White consisted of Jason Billings, Noah Fischer, Owen Callahan, Theo Sica, Cameron Gilman, Owen Shakal, Ben Kelly, Jared Goldman, Anthony Buoscio, Connor Loggie, Matt Parrish and Leo Mangian.

For age nine an under pitchers, the most difficult task is getting the ball across the plate to avoid yielding a large number of walks. Both teams' pitchers did manage to exercise fine control.

Westfield White pitcher Ben Kelly permitted only one walk in the first inning and struck out one batter, while allowing two singles and two runs. Long Hill pitcher Tim O'Connell walked no one and recorded a strikeout, while allowing three hits and one run in his one inning on the mound.

Fine fielding also played a major role. Westfield White shortstop Noah Fischer snagged a hard low liner for an out and Catcher Owen Callahan fired to third baseman Theo Sica to pick off a runner for the third out. Long Hill leftfielder Tom Gifford hauled in a difficult fly ball and O'Connell, on the mound, managed to get to a slow roller in time to fire home to get a force out to prevent Westfield White from knotting the score.

In the Long Hill top of the first inning, Trenton Stanard beat out an infield single. O'Connell followed with a free pass then Fischer made his fine grab of a liner off the bat of Evan Ravalli. Kelly struck out Brett Christopher for the second out then Riley McCann slashed a two-run single down the first base line. Later,

Callahan picked off McCann at third to end the inning.

In the Westfield first, Jason Billings led off by slipping the ball past the third baseman. Noah Fischer's long fly ball was hauled in by Gifford then Callahan drilled a single up the middle. Theo Sica chopped a single off first and Cameron Gilman grounded out back to the mound. Owen Shakal's little hopper down third scored Callahan then O'Connell fanned the next batter for the third out.

In the top of the second, Massimo Meehan and Tom Jova drew walks, but the sirens went off and the game was halted.

Locals to Compete At Snapple Bowl

Eight local senior football players and eight local senior cheerleaders will participate in the annual Snapple Bowl to be held at Sayreville High School on Thursday, July 17, at 7 p.m.

The participants from Westfield High School are Dave Kane, Chris Sweeney and Eugene Rawles. Nick Hall will represent Scotch Plains-Fanwood and from Cranford are Brian Bruns, Troy Kettler, Rob O'Shaughnessy and John Oblachinski.

Cheerleaders representing Westfield are Stephanie Brown and Chrissy Ferraro. Taylor Brown, Mallory Cunningham and Emily Isolda will represent Scotch Plains-Fanwood, and Celine Hogan, Olivia Noesner and MacKenzie Santorelli will represent Cranford.

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

(Trough June 29:)

50+ A DIVISION			
TEAM	W	L	
Deegan Roofing	15	0	
Roselle American Legion	11	3	
Contact Lens & Vision	10	4	
Liberty Lighting	11	5	
Linwood Inn	6	9	
Top Line Appliance	4	9	

50+ B DIVISION			
TEAM	W	L	
Awnings Galore	9	5	
Cranford VFW	7	7	
DeBellis Associates	4	11	
AJ Jersey	4	11	
Rosie's Wine Bar	4	12	
Driftwood Bar & Grill	3	12	

Roselle Am. Leg. 7, AJ Jersey 0 Linwood Inn 15, Rosie's 7

Linwood, benefiting from a 3-for-3 performance with nine RBI from batters 11 through 14, had Brian Schaefer, John Esposito, Joe Menza, Joe Sarica and Tommy Siano all 3-for-3. Joe Adase, Jim Sydlo, Mike DiRienzo and Mac Kowaleski added a pair of hits each. It was Tommy Siano's first game since coming off the DL and he earned the complete game victory.

Liberty 10, Cranford VFW 2
 Winning pitcher Bernie Burkhardt held the opposing offense in check, and was supported offensively with Jeff Maglietta going 3-for-3 and a long three-run HR by Art Paradise. For Cranford, Carl Gamba went 3-for-3 with Bob Ghiretti and Pat Ahern both 2-for-3.

Contact Lens 18, Awnings 3
 The Lensmen turned on the offense led by Ken Zierler, Dave Rothenberg and Jerry Archibald with three hits each and the power of Bernie Maguire with two home runs and Eddie Quinn with a grand slam. For Awnings, Gary Cuttler, Neil Granstrand, Steve Androsko and Tommy Colandro had multiple hits.

Top Line 22, Linda's II 2
 Leading the way for the Top Liners, who exploded for 21 hits, were Ron Kulik, Don Montefusco, Greg Hartnett, Bob D'Meo and Osiris Hernandez each with two hits. Tom DeRocco added a home run to support a great pitching performance from Bob Greco.

Deegan Roofing 17, DeBellis 2
 The Deeganators put up 27 hits and had several players with perfect nights, including Dave Lavelle, Joe DiFabio, Keith Gibbons, Knobby Nardello, Voom Peterpaul, Gary Pence and Don Fischer. Lavelle also

homered and Nardello homered twice.

AJ Jersey 19, Linda's II 11
 For AJ, Jeff Hoffman tripled, doubled, homered and drove in seven runs. Ken Shea had three hits, including a bases-loaded triple. Kevin Carroll had three hits for Linda's, while Willie Schumate had a grand slam.

Liberty Lighting 12, Contact 9
 LLG jumped out to an early lead and held on for the win behind pitcher Dennis Vuono. Racking up 24 hits, Liberty was led by Tom Ulichny 4-for-5, Don Miller 3-for-4 (HR) and Dennis Vuono 3-for-4. The Lensmen had Bob Beiner with two hits and Kerry Gelb's long home run.

Awnings Galore 8, DeBellis 3
 Awnings charged ahead early led by Dave Kirsch and John Campanella with three hits each. Mike Kovach and Tom Breen contributed two RBI apiece and, on the mound, Tom Colandro tamed the DeBellis' bats.

Deegan 22, Top Line 11
 Deegan Roofing put up 30 hits with perfect performances by Nicky Russo, Marty Bernstein and Pat Nigro. Everyone else had two or more hits. Farlan Alusik had a three-run homer. The Top Liners were led by Whitey McCormack with three hits, and Ron Kulik, Bob D'Meo, Neil Iccarino and Dave Ball each with two hits. Pitcher Greg Hartnett, who filled in, did a good job and had two hits.

Cranford VFW 20, Rosie's 5
 Cranford VFW jumped up by six runs in the bottom half of the first inning and stayed ahead. Bob Ghiretti went 4-for-4, and Ken Murray and Carl Gamba were both 3-for-3, while Pat Ahern was 2-for-3 and drove in five runs for The VFW.

Roselle Am. Leg. 17, Linwood 8
 Roselle jumped off to an early lead fueled by Pat Mooney's long three-run homer in the first inning. Jeff Baier also homered in support of winning pitcher Harry Strep. Bill Dugan had a perfect night at the plate, while multiple hit games were recorded by Dennis Valvano, Gene Antonucci, Ed Lubas and Al Genova. For the Taproom, Nick Mennona went 3-for-3, and Joe Sarica, Joe Menza, Ron Martins, and John Esposito (3 RBI) added a pair of hits each, with Esposito also making several great plays at second base.



RIPKEN DISTRICT 12 CHAMPIONS - The Westfield 10U baseball team

Westfield 10s Maul Millburn For Ripken District 12 Title

The Westfield Blue Devils 10U baseball team scored nine runs in the fifth inning to beat Millburn, 11-3, at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 1 to claim the Cal Ripken District 12 Championship. The Blue Devils advanced to the state tournament held at James Monroe Park Field in Monroe Township on July 10.

In the fifth inning, Aiden Scheper slapped an RBI double, Evan Tompkins tagged a two-run single, Walter Schwartz whacked an RBI single, Kevin Yang jolted an RBI double, Mark Gialluisi punched an RBI single, Jack Barker blasted a two-run home run and Ryan Friedberg smashed a solo homer.

Westfield hammered Millburn pitching as six hitters had a field day, combining for 14 hits, nine RBI and nine runs scored. Millburn totaled six

hits and went with four pitchers.

Schwartz went 2-for-3 with one walk, an RBI and two runs scored. Yang finished 3-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored. Friedberg rapped two hits, scored twice and added an RBI. Barker finished 2-for-4 with four RBI and a run scored. Tompkins and Scheper each had two hits, an RBI and a run scored. Gialluisi had one hit, a run scored and an RBI, while Jack Lanza went 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored. Steven Angeli, Aiden Kearny, James Haley and Mike McKenna each had plate appearances.

On the mound, Schwartz brought the heat against Millburn, allowing just one hit and no earned runs, while walking none and striking out two during his two and two-thirds innings of work. Yang relieved for the remainder of the game.

Mountainside Swimmers Top Berkeley Heights, 238-163

The Mountainside Community Pool Swim Team kicked off its season in spectacular style, defeating rival Berkeley Heights by a score of 238-163, at home on July 2.

Highlights included first place finishes in the 50-meter freestyle by Michael Bittner (11/12 - 38.31), Sarah Montagna (13/14, 30.46) and Stephanie Judge (15+, 29.69). In the backstroke, Mountainside finished 1-2 in the Girls 11/12 50 meters (Claire Hannan, 42.00, Bridget Jacob, 42.83), the Boys 13/14 50 meters (Ellis Sartorio, 34.24; Ted Hannan 36.29).

Success found Mountainside in the breaststroke, as well, with first place finishes in both the Boys and Girls 8U (Ava Biegel, 22.81; Jack Wargaski,

33.58), first and second in the Girls 9/10 (Gianna Sandull, 20.96; Abigail Biegel, 23.85), first and third in the Boys 9/10 (Thomas Sartorio, 20.49, (Kevin Foley, 28.31) first and second in the Girls 13/14 (Aidan Donahue, 41.24; Nicole Biegel, 41.46) and swept the Boys 15+ (Adian Donadio, 34.22; Jimmy O'Brien 47.11; Nicholas Cahill, 48.57).

Mountainside then rolled through the butterfly with a 1-2 finish in the Boys 8U (Jack Wargaski, 29.40; Shane Hickey, 37.87), sweeping the 9/10 Girls (Naomi Drori 19.97; Rylee Corvelli 28.44; Katie Phelan 28.57) and winning the Girls 13/15 (Aidan Donahue 35.18). The deal was sealed with Mountainside winning 5 of 7 relays.

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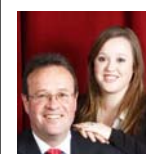


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