

## WF Earns 6-3 Win over S. Orange/Maplewood

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Cougars. After the 52-minute delay, all three runs and both hits came in the top of the first inning.

"They get ready then all of the sudden we find out there's a big problem out in the field then getting 12-year-olds' mindset into it took awhile for both teams. We settled down and played the game we know we are capable of playing. We finished strong," Coach McKeon said.

Rooney then tossed no-hit ball for the next two innings. Pansini tossed the final three innings of no-hit, no-runs ball, while hitting two batters

running snag of a fly ball in centerfield. Second baseman Dom Mauriello also made a fine scoop in the first inning, and Danny Varano hauled in a difficult fly ball in leftfield in the fifth inning.

Offensively, Westfield had seven hits and Tim Alliegro whacked a pair of doubles, scored once and had an RBI in his two at-bats. Rooney and Echausse both singled and scored once. Hank Meiselman rapped a two-run single, Danny Kohler singled, walked and scored both times, Jack Riley ripped an RBI single, walked

In the top of the first, Cougar Pat Merrican chopped a double to leftfield and scored on Spencer Melee's single to center. Alex Gorodensky walked and both scored on a throwing error. Westfield answered with a run when Rooney tapped an infield single, stole second and scored on Alliegro's RBI double to center.

Westfield grabbed a 4-3 lead in the second. Echausse hopped a lead-off single over third, stole second and scored on Riley's single over second. Kohler walked then



SWIPING SECOND BASE...Westfield's Griffin Rooney, left, steals second base in the first inning before South Orange/Maplewood second baseman Ethan Messeri can make the tag at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield on July 16.

and striking out one. Both Blue Devils received fine defensive support.

"It means you are playing good 'D' and you are pitching well. Rooney pitched excellent the first three innings then Pansino finished it off. Pitching and fielding, it's a positive sign for a coach. It's been a while that we had a complete game, and I think we did that today," Coach McKeon said.

From his shortstop position, Westfield's Andrew Echausse smothered a hard grounder and converted it to a putout in the first inning, then in the second inning, he made a hard

and scored once., and Will Kessler swiped a base.

Mason Morial pitched the first three innings for the Cougars and allowed four runs on five hits, while walking one and striking out four. Green pitched the next inning and yielded one run on one hit and a walk. Ryan Saurborn pitched the next inning, allowing a run on one hit, while fanning one.

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Meiselman drilled his two-run single past second.

In the fourth, Alliegro hammered a double to left-center and scored on a throwing error. In the fifth inning, Kohler wiggled a leadoff single past short, stole second and scored on a throwing error.

"They beat up on us pretty good last Friday night. So come around, we played the game we were capable of. Last time, it wasn't us. This time we showed them we are a better team," Coach McKeon said.

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COMPLETING THE DOUBLE PLAY...Westfield 10s first baseman Jack Barker gets the throw in time to complete a double play as Cougar Liam Kwiatkowski hustles to get to first in the second inning at Memorial Field in Cranford.

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2) had half of the Cougars' hits and added an RBI. DeMarco rapped an RBI single and scored a run, and Connor Baratta cracked a double and scored once. Lies, Abrahamsen and Gallagher were hit-by-a-pitch.

Jake Lanza was one of Westfield's offensive leaders with a double and two singles, three RBI and two runs scored in his three at-bats. Walter Schwartz also went 3-for-3 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored. Gialluisi hammered a three-run double, walked and scored once. Aidan Schepher went 2-for-2 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Steve Angeli singled twice, scored once and had an RBI.

Jack Barker and Mike McKenna each had an RBI single and scored once. Yang, Ryan Friedberg and Aidan Kearny each walked twice and scored twice. Evan Tompkins had an RBI and scored once, and James Haley popped up to second and hit a grounder back to the mound.

"One through 12 hit the ball unbelievably today. Playing in that state tournament, we saw some real good pitching. Here we saw good pitching again. We just have hot bats right now," Coach Gialluisi said.

run in the top of the first inning. Schwartz whacked a leadoff single, advanced to second on a passed ball and later scored on an errant throw in an effort to nail him at third. Cranford offered a threat in the bottom of the inning with Ruby on second and Abrahamsen on first, but Yang fanned the next batter to escape the inning.

The big breakaway came in the second and eight Blue Devils danced across the plate. Five of the runs were a result of Schwartz's two-run double and Gialluisi's three-run double. Angeli and McKenna also had RBI in the inning.

Westfield's defense smothered any Cougars' opportunity in the second when shortstop Schepher initiated a second (Tompkins)-to-first (Barker) double play.

In the third inning, with Friedberg and Tompkins on base, Lanza laced his two-run double to give Westfield an 11-0 lead. Cranford plated its two runs in the third. Baratta battered a double down the leftfield line and scored on DeMarco's single to right. Gallagher took a fastball to the leg and Ruby ripped an RBI single to center.

Six Blue Devils scuffed the pate in the fourth on five hits and three walks.

Barker, Tompkins, Lanza and Schepher had RBI in the inning. In the Cranford fourth, Gialluisi got all three Cougars to ground out.

The day prior to the game with Cranford, Westfield competed in the semifinal round of the Cal Ripken State Tournament.

"We went to the semifinals against Monroe, which was last night. We lost 10-3. We battled. It was 3-1 going into the third then their bats came alive. They took it to us good. They deserved to win the game. It was the only time we've been at the states. Even getting to the semis of the states was way beyond our expectations," Coach Gialluisi said.

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