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## EMENDO, MERLIN, QUARYEE, KOBE THIRD IN 4X100

### Several Raiders, Blue Devils, Advance to 'Meet of Champs'

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Outstanding performances at their respective Group meets earned several Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Westfield High School athletes an opportunity to compete with the cream of the crop at the track & field Meet of Champions (MOC) which would be held at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield on June 4.

The Raider boys finished with a total of 14 points, while the Cranford Cougar boys got one point in their Group 3 meet in South Plainfield on May 30-31. The Raider girls finished with a total of eight points. At Egg

Harbor, the Westfield boys had a total of six points and the Blue Devil girls received one point.

Tori Baliatico was the sole Raider girl to place in the top-6 when she crossed second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:02.78. Cougar Anna Fitch finished 12th at 1:05.44.

The Raider foursome of Emendo Thomas, Merlin Edwards, Quaryee Bull and Kobe White came through with a big third-place finish in the 4x100 with a time of 42.93. Head Coach Rich McGriff had them clocked with a hand time of 42.7.

As the leadoff runner, Thomas said, "There is a lot of pressure, but I love

it, because I got to get my team a good start. I tried to get them in the best position I can, so we can finish the race strong."

"The handoff was great. I got it. I just kept on pushing to get it to Quaryee. It was a great start. I think we did a great job today," said Edmond, who received the baton from Thomas.

"The handoff was great. Merlin and I always exchange good. He gets right on top of me, forces me to get out quick, so that helps our time. Then Kobe and I had a good handoff. He's a strong anchor, so I am glad I

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GETTING THE HANDOFF...Raider Merlin Edmond gets the handoff from Emendo Thomas to start the second leg of the 4x100 at the Group 3 Championships in South Plainfield. The Raiders finished third to advance to the MOC.

## PERCONTE, BOWMAN PROVIDE DEVILS' ONLY HITS

### Millers Sting Blue Devils, 3-0, For Sectional Baseball Crown

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Superb pitching has been the mainstay of the Westfield High School baseball team this season, and it continued throughout the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship game, but the Millburn Millers presented an even stronger performance on the mound to grab the title with a 3-0 victory at Bob Brewster, Sr. Field in Westfield on May 30.

Miller starting pitcher Max Jacobs tossed two and two-thirds scoreless innings, yielding the Blue Devils' only two hits of the game in the bottom of the third before being relieved by Dave Talpalar. Jacobs also walked two batters, while striking out one.

Talpalar squashed the 20-4 Blue Devils' hopes in that inning by cor-

ralling a grounder back to the mound then proceeded to retire the next nine batters before walking a pair of batters in the seventh inning. Talpalar's dominance convinced Millburn Head Coach Brian Chapman that there would be no need for him to bring in Evy Ruibal to slam the door.

"Max Jacobs has been terrific for us all year. He started three of these four section games for us. So that wasn't really a reach for us to go to him there. I thought he was terrific for two plus. That's kind of what we have been asking him to do. Then we were going to bridge the gap with David to Evy. We really use Evy for two. That was our goal today. David was phenomenal today against an unbelievable red-hot team, a great lineup. This is as good of a Westfield team as I have seen in a long time,"

Coach Chapman said.

Blue Devil Mike Ionta was walked twice, and Chris Hogge and Dan DoCampo were each walked once, but it was Anthony Perconte and Tyler Bowman, who may have had an influence in the Millers' pitching change when they hit back-to-back singles in that third inning.

The loss ended the Blue Devils' winning streak at 17 and their home winning streak at 14.

"They had a lot of key hits. The pitching was spot on today. We hit the ball hard today, but it was right at somebody. A couple of those fall, it might have been a different game, but they earned it today. We had a good season," Bowman said.

"They pitched great. We said after the game, they won the game. We

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TRYING TO GET THE PICKOFF...Blue Devil pitcher Mike Androconis fires to first baseman Cal Robertshaw in an attempt to pickoff Millburn base runner Aiden Favia in the third inning of the sectional championship game.



PRESSING THE ATTACK...Blue Devil Pat Aslanian, front, with Chris Aslanian, No. 3, and Luke Prybylski, No. 10, in the background, sprints towards the Southern Knights' goal during the Group 4 Championship in Somerville.

## P. ASLANIAN NETS 4, PRYBYLSKI 3, KESSLER 13 F-OFFS

### Blue Devils Scorch Southern For Group 4 Lax Crown, 10-6

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Twenty seven years of drought, as far as Group 4 titles go, ended with emphasis when the Westfield High School boys lacrosse team jumped ahead of Southern Regional early and stayed ahead to seize a 10-6 victory and the NJSIAA Group

4 championship in Somerville on May 28.

Junior midfielder Pat Aslanian became the "Alpha/Omega man" by scoring the Blue Devils' first and last goals. He also added two in between to total four goals. Junior attacker Luke Prybylski slammed in three goals and added an assist. Senior

attacker Chris Aslanian, senior midfielder Patrick Decker and sophomore attacker James Bohlinger each fired in a goal, and sophomore Owen Colwell came up with an assist.

Prybylski, in particular, was quite effective with his wraparound goals from the left side.

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