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TRYING TO GET BACK QUICKLY...Blue Devil James O'Rourke quickly dives back to first base to avoid being tagged out by Perth Amboy first baseman Luis Marte in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship game in Perth Amboy on June 3, 2011. Westfield won, 9-7.

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Blue Devils

Raiders

Walk Down Memory Lane

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

June 3, 2011: A seesaw battle reached its climax when the second-seeded Blue Devil baseball team plated four runs in the top of the seventh inning and held off a threat by top-seeded Perth Amboy to grab the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 championship with a 9-7 victory at Rudyk Park in Perth Amboy.

John Gribbon pulled out the hammer and went 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI against Panther ace pitcher Emilio Calderon, who came into the game with an 11-1 record. In the seventh, the stage was set for the most dramatic play of the game. With AJ Murray on third, Will Riggs took a 0-2 count and laid down a suicide squeeze. Murray charged home and scored, making the score, 7-5. Next, Steve Forgash's grounder baffled shortstop Fernando Rosa, and two more Blue Devils scored.

June 3, 2010: Blue Devil junior Jon Henry ran in a nose-to-nose battle to finish fifth in the 400 meters with a time of 48.63 at the Meet of Champions in South Plainfield. Jhaksey Williams, Brian Henry, Pat Gray and Jon Henry crossed seventh in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:18.25. Blue Devil junior Ashley Edwards crossed eighth in the 400 meters with a time of 58.12.

Raider Frank Mellana had a toss of 188-09 on his second throw, which was

good enough for fourth place in the javelin. Gray also competed in the javelin and placed ninth with a toss of 180-06. Blue Devils Mike Kelley, Tyler Cusick, Zach Lizmi and Sam Tooley finished eighth in the 4x800 with a time of 8:05.43. Cougar senior Kelly Burke cleared 12-6 on her first attempt to place first. Burke also placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 38-01.

June 2, 2007: Junior Mike Alleman and senior Kyle Rowbotham earned all 26 team points as the Raider boys placed fourth in the Group 3 Track & Field championships at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield.

June 4, 2005: Blue Devil junior Jeff Perrella finished second in the 3,200 and sixth in the 1,600 at the Group 4 Track & Field Championships at Egg Harbor to qualify for the Meet of Champions (MOC). Blue Devils Mike Woods and Mike Gorski in the pole vault and Raider Kyle Rowbotham in the 400 hurdles also qualified for the MOC.

June 5, 2002: Photographers and cameramen positioned themselves near the finish line and nearly everybody in the stands was focused on the showdown in the 400-meter race between defending champion, Raider Ray Williams, and Ron Hillian of Eastern at the 34th NJSSAA Meet of Champions at South Brunswick Vikings Field. The result was a meet record time of 46.55 set by Williams.

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Results:

Linda's 15, AJ Jersey 13
AJ Jersey 15, Linda's 14

Mark Moratta (4-for-4, 2 RBI) and Mike Scacifero (3-run triple in 7th) led AJ Jersey.

Deegan Roofing 7, Liberty 2

Pitcher Gary Pence scattered a handful of hits. Joe Massimino, James Nardello, Ricky McMahon and Marty Marks with multiple hit games led Deegan. For LLG, first-time pitcher Jeff Maglietta, Don Miller and Tom Ulichny (2 base knocks each) led Liberty.

Contact 15, Roselle Am. Leg. 12

Ken Zierler, Mike Rzewuski, Kerry Gelb, Pete Byer and Ed Quinn (3 hits each) led Contact. Gene Antonucci and Al Genova (3 hits each) and Harry Streep, Ed Kushner and Ed Lubas (multiple hits) led the Legion.

Linwood Inn 22, Top Line 7

Linwood Taproom scored 12 runs in the second. Jim Sydlo, Jack Helfrich, Mac Kowaleski, Joseph Adase, Jeff Villani, Nick Mennona, Stu Lukowiak, John Esposito, Brian Schaefer and Dave Levine (multiple hits), Joe Sarica and Mike DiRienzo (6 RBI) and Ron Martin's leadoff hit in the fifth led Linwood.

Awnings 23, Rosie's Wine Bar 8

Awnings' 28 hits was led by Frank D'Antico (2B, 3B, 4RBI) 3-for-3, Gary Cuttler, Bob Lorincz (2B, 4RBI), John Rachko (3B, RBI), Bruce Crawford (2B, 3RBI) and Randy Tarnofsky (2B, 2RBI) all with three hits. Dave Kirsch (3B, 4RBI) and Tom Breen had two hits apiece. Paul Newton and Rich Polonitza (3 hits each), Anthony Abbaleo (3 RBI) and Steve Falco (2 hits) led Rosie's.

Cranford VFW 9, DeBellis 8

Cranford VFW plated four in the fourth and four in the fifth. DeBellis scored four to tie it in the sixth, but Cranford plated the winner in the seventh. For VFW, Vic Trindade (4-for-4, 2 RBI), and Nick Pace, Bob Ghiretti, Jim Capizzi and Pete Katula (2 hits each) led Cranford.

Deegan Roofing 15, Top Line 2

Roofer Steve Peterpaul was on the mound. Joe Massimino (3-for-3) and Ricky McMahon (2 consecutive triples) led Deegan.

AJ Jersey 9, Linda's II, 8

Mark Moratta (4-for-4, 2 RBI) and Mike Scacifero (bases-loaded triple in 7th) led AJ's come from behind victory.

Contact Lens 8, Liberty 1

Pitcher Bernie Maguire, the power of Mike Rzewuski and Anthony Miccio, Pete Byer and Joe Lynch (3 hits each), and two double plays and

a triple play led Contact.

Awnings Galore 16, DeBellis 8

Awnings erupted for five in the fourth and four in the sixth. Frank D'Antico and Bruce Crawford (4 RBI each), Tom Breen (4-for-4), Angelo Melillo (4-for-5) and Gary Cuttler, Dave Kirsch, Mike Kovach and Neil Granstrand (3 hits each) led Awnings.

Roselle Am. Leg. 18, Linwood 12

Gene Antonucci (4 hits), Bill Dugan (3 hits, HR), Larry Cuzzi, Joe Ciampi, Pat Mooney and Chris Paterak (multiple hits each) and pitcher Harry Streep led the Legion. Steve Lerner (4-for-4), John Esposito (3 hits), Nick Mennona (3 hits, grand slam) and Jim Sydlo, Mike DiRienzo, Mac Kowaleski, Joseph Adase and Brian Schaefer (pair of hits each) led Linwood.

Cranford VFW 16, Rosie's 10

Bob Ghiretti (4-for-4), Dave Drechsel, Frank Verducci and Phil McGovern (all 3-for-4) led Cranford. Pitcher Paul Newton (4-for-4, 4 RBI, while walking only 1) and Joe Hrubash and Rich Polonitza (3 RBI) with 3 hits apiece led Rosie's.

Probitas Verus Honos

World Cup Soccer Fever Strikes Westfield

World Cup fever came early to Westfield in the form of a mini-tournament organized by a U14 boys intercounty team. The Westfield Revolution coach organizes a 5-a-side tournament for his team at the end of every season and this time it had a World Cup theme.

Team Spain were the eventual victors, beating Brazil in the final, but Italy and the USA were valiant losers. A buffet provided by team parents included food from 20 of the 32 World Cup countries.



WINNING TEAM...Spain, the winning team, pictured, left to right, are: front row; Dylan Howland and Sebastian Woolard; back row, coach Alex Cesero, Kyle Henderson, coach Jim McCutcheon, Jimmy McCutcheon and coach Emily Greaney.



SOCCER CHAMPS...Westfield Soccer Association's Botafogo won the U11 championship at the Hershey Memorial Day Challenge Cup in Hershey, Pa. Botafogo went 3-1 in pool play, knocking off teams from Pa. and N.Y. Botafogo beat WNY Flash Academy (Elma, N.Y.), 4-2, for the championship. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Max Rokhsar, Sean Hazard, James Birle, Matt Blake, Liam Henderson, Braeden Wright and Robbie Strauss; back row, Coach Geoff Hazard, Dylan Kronick, James Bushell, Garrett Jackler, Will Skoletsky and Coach Drew Kronick. Missing are Jeremy Kornfeld and Head Coach David Wright.

Union County Senior 60+ Softball League Results:

Kilkenny 20, Creative Too 6

With Kilkenny leading 5-3 entering the bottom of the fourth, the

Kilkenny bats exploded for 15 runs over the next three innings. Kilkenny hit three homers, producing eight runs, while CIT's rallies were cut short by hitting into four double plays. Leading hitters for CIT were Fred Zerbo (2H, 2BH), Al Notchey (2H, R), and Mike Caputo (2H).

Li'l John's 15, Associated 11

Associated was led by Pat Sarullo, Phil Fink, Jim Price, Bill Moore (2BH, 3BH) and Pat LoPiccolo all with two hits.

Awnings II 11, Robin's Nest 8

Bobby Rannenfuher (3-for-3, 3R), and Rich Polonitza (2RBI), Bobby Lorincz (3RBI), Tom Pasko (3BH, RBI), Wally Dusko (HR, 2RBI) and Gary Cuttler all with two hits led Awnings II. Harry Streep pitched a strong game for the Nesters. Ray Plesko and Ed Kushner had three hits each.

Creative 17, The Office) 7

Creative pounded out 29 hits, scoring six in the first inning. Creative was led by Joe DiPierro (5H, 4R, 5RBI), Steve Ferro (4H, 2RBI), Dana Kimmel (4H, 2R), Dennis Watson (4H, 2R, 3RBI), Brian Williams (3H, 3R), Frank DeLuca (3H, 2R, 2RBI) and pitcher Tom Lombardi (2-for-3, 3RBI). Ferro's outstanding defense kept The Office from closing the score. The Office was led by Bill Early (3H, HR, 3BH) and Gerard McDermott (2H, 3BH, 2RBI).

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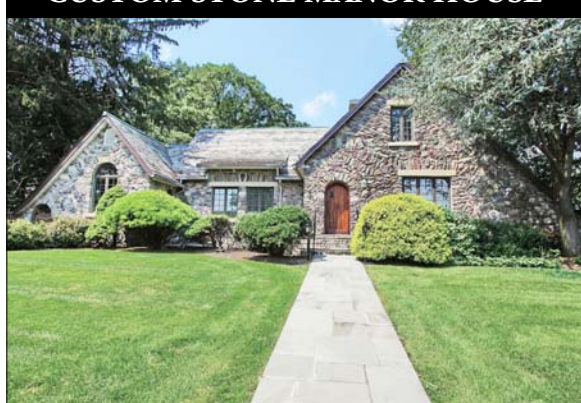
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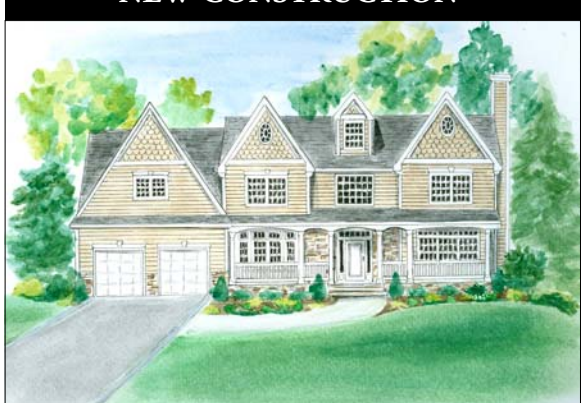


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Tressa "Teri" Malone

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