

## Blue Devils Pounce Panthers in Section Semi, 5-0

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"I thought it was going to be caught at first, so Brad and I thought oh! We were going to be screwed, but it got by them and it drove in two runs. That's a good way to start off a game," Ionta said.

DeMartino's adjustment in pitching tactics really showed in the third inning when he sent all three batters he faced back to the dugout after calls of Strike Three!

"The second inning when we had

the count, setting up fastballs. Most pitchers throw fastballs, setting up curveballs. We had them off-balance the whole time," Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster said.

"We heard they were a fastball hitting team, so we wanted to pitch them backwards. He was on point with his off-speed today. His changeup was probably his best pitch today. We got three kids swinging out in front, so when you get that, it makes you feel

DeMartino yielded both of his walks in the fifth inning, but no damage was done when DoCampo at third smothered a hot grounder and tossed to second for the third out. DeMartino retired all three batters in the sixth, and after allowing a leadoff infield single to Casey Lawrence, he retired the next three batters.

"Brad was throwing four pitches for strikes, his fastball, his slider his curveball and his changeup. He was



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**COMING HOME...Blue Devil Matt Storcks scores in the first inning against Bridgewater-Raritan in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 semifinal in Westfield on May 27.**

three runs and to come out and strike out the side was a massive confidence builder, not only for me but for the whole team," DeMartino said.

"The first couple of innings, we noticed they hit four balls very hard in the first five hitters, so Brad made the necessary adjustments, sometimes pitching backwards where you are throwing breaking pitches early in

good. He's a big game pitcher," Ionta said.

In the fourth inning, Perconte singled and stole second, and after Panther starting pitcher Conlan Farrell walked Arena, Steve Fedak came in to relieve and yielded an RBI single to Ionta. Farrell finished, allowing eight hits, two walks and a hit batter, while striking out none.

getting them all in the strike zone. I think that was as good a pitched game as we've had in a long time. Any ball that was hit, we made great plays on. You can't say enough about Ionta behind the plate, blocking pitches and calling a great game too," Coach Brewster said.

"It made me feel really good. It was probably the best game I pitched all year. I am going to give it my all in these last few games. This is my last game at Westfield High School, so I was not going to take any breaks on the mound. I was going to keep pumping all game," said DeMartino, who improved to 5-1.

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**SCRAMBLING TO KEEP POSSESSION...Blue Devil Dane Huber, No. 33, scrambles to keep the ball away from a Southern Knight in the Group 4 Championship game against Southern Regional in Somerville on May 28.**

## Blue Devils Scorch Southern for Group Lax Crown

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Brendan Mullen's assist, scored the Rams' first goal then added his second goal (attacker Dylan Jinks assist) with 34.4 on the clock. Prybylski answered with his second wraparound with 8.2 remaining in the quarter to give the Blue Devils a 4-2 lead.

In the second quarter, Pat Aslanian sprinted down the center and hopped in his second goal with 9:48 on the clock. Mullen scored unassisted for the Rams and Prybylski answered to make the score at the half, 6-3.

With the help of Kessler's dominance on the face-offs, the Blue Devils stretched their lead to 8-3 with respective goals from Bohlinger and Pat Aslanian. With 1:23 left in the quarter, Jinks scored.

The Rams made it interesting with quick goals from Mullen and midfielder Shawn McManus, respectively, to make the score 8-6 with 10:14 remaining. However, Decker scored unassisted then Pat Aslanian scored unassisted to dampen the Rams' spirits.

Since struggling with a rugged schedule midway through the season and up to and including the Union County Tournament championship loss to Summit, the 12-9 Blue Devils had done an about-face in the North

Jersey Group 4 tournament by knocking off eighth-ranked Ridge, 8-7, in the semis and top-seeded Bridgewater-Raritan, 10-5, for the title.

"We are playing great team ball now as a whole. Kessler is playing great, our offense is playing great, the defense is playing great. We are quick as a team and that's great at this time of the year. Everyone is 100 percent into it and everyone wants to win. No one wants the season to end," Pat Aslanian said.

"We really looked to our seniors. They showed great leadership in the later weeks of the season. Chris Aslanian, Pat Decker, they really keyed our offense. We just clicked. The strength of D'Amato in goal is great. Toby comes in and saves us time-and-time again. The team is getting better and better. Having Jack Kessler, it's a blessing having 75 percent of our face-offs. He's so good this year," Prybylski said.

"For us, it was a tough run. We had injuries with some of our best players and leaders on the field. We also had a really tough schedule. One thing I always said about these guys is they never stop. It was a question as to our execution when we got into that

middle part of the season, because we didn't have any easy games a to regroup, but the guys had a lot of class, lot of character. I said, 'stick with it, when we hit that group tournament, the records go out the window and it's who wins,' and that's what we are doing right now," Coach Tuohy said.

Next on the list would be a trip to Bridgewater-Raritan on May 31 to face Mountain Lakes in the quarterfinals of the Tournament of Champions.

Westfield	4	2	2	2	10
Southern Reg.	2	1	1	2	6

### SPF PAL Football Registration Available:

Registration for the 2014 Scotch Plains Fanwood PAL Football Camp under the direction of SPF Head Coach Jon Stack and cheerleading seasons will be held Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Police Station. Registration forms are available to be filled out by going to the PAL site: [spfpal.com](http://spfpal.com)

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## UC Viking McLaughlin Sets Track Records

Union Catholic High School freshman Sydney McLaughlin set three meet records and more at the Non-Public A track & field championships at Egg Harbor on May 30-31.

McLaughlin crossed first in the 400 hurdles with a time of 58.24 to break the freshman national record and the all-groups record. She also broke the meet record in the 100 hurdles with a time of 13.66. McLaughlin then finished first in the 400 meters to break the meet record and state freshman record with a time of 53.78.

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**151 Wild Hedge Lane, Mountainside**  
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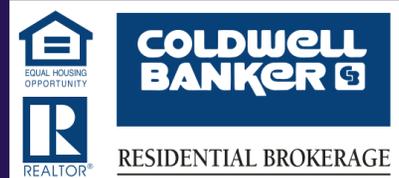
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