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**MASSA, SISTO, LEVY, MORGAN SELECTED CAPTAINS**

# Blue Devil Net Girls to Face East Brunswick in Opener

**By DAVID B. CORBIN**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Stiff competition began immediately when the Westfield High School girls tennis team was to host East Brunswick on September 5, Livingston on September 8, Governor Livingston on September 9 and Oak Knoll today, Thursday, September 11, at 4 p.m.

As of September 3, the Lady Blue Devils have selected juniors Becca Sisto, Maddie Levy and Julia Morgan, and senior Catherine Massa as team captains. Also, even with the absence of last year's first singles player Connie Wu, the Blue Devils have determined their three singles positions.

"We started our preseason three weeks ago and we really have a good idea what our singles lineup is. Becca Sisto is first singles, Kayla Bleich is second and Catherine King is third. Connie Wu decided to take this year off and focus on academics. We are going to use the next few practices before our first match to nail down what our doubles are going to be for our first match against East Brunswick," Blue Devil Head Coach Matt Varhley said.

Sisto, as a freshman, won the Union County Tournament (UCT) third singles title and finished fourth last year. Bleich, a sophomore, has jumped into the varsity lineup for the first time.

"We are real happy with how she prepared for the season. She worked hard during the off-season. We are happy to have in our lineup," Coach Varhley said.

King, whose sister Caroline then a senior placed second in the UCT at second singles, has had some varsity experience last year.

"She's worked hard to put herself in the position to make the lineup. Like her sister, they have similar work ethic and they put in the time," Coach Varhley said.

A number of girls have been vying for the doubles positions, but Morgan, who captured the UCT title at first doubles last year with Julia

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**SWOOPING INTO FIRST...Legionnaire Al Genova swoops into first base as Deegan first baseman Joe Massimino takes a look during Game 1 of the Union County 50+ A Division finals at Memorial 3 Field in Linden on September 4.**

**ALUSIK RAPS GRAND SLAM, MARKS 5-5, McMAHON 4-4**

# Deegan Roofers 'Dismantle' Roselle American Legion, 21-2

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Hammering the softball may have always been top-seeded and undefeated Deegan Roofing's specialty, but Gary Pence came through with a very impressive pitching performance to limit second-seeded Roselle American Legion to just two runs in a 21-2 dismantling in Game 1 of the Union County Senior Softball League A Division championship at Memorial 3 Field in Linden on September 4.

Pence spread out the Legionnaires' nine singles, while his team overwhelmingly supported him with a 27-hit shelling. However, of the 36 hits there was only one for extra bases and it was a "doozie". Big man Farlan Alusik stepped to the plate with the

bases loaded in the second inning and launched a "just stand and watch it" grand slam home run over the left field fence. Alusik finished with five RBI, three hits and three runs scored.

Roofers Marty Marks could not be kept off the bases as he went 5-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored. Ricky McMahon singled in all four of his at-bats, had two RBI and scored three times. Pence rapped three singles, scored once and had an RBI. Keith Gibbons (RBI) and Steve Peterpaul (2 RBI) each went 2-for-2 with a run scored.

Joe DiFabio singled twice, scored once and added an RBI. Tom Baldowski lined a two-run single and scored once. Joe Massimino, a recent selection to the All-Corbin Team,

scored twice and had an RBI sacrifice fly. John Garced chopped a pair of RBI singles and scored twice. Micky Russo and Don Fischer both singled and scored twice.

Not one Legionnaire had more than one hit, but Al Genova and Bill Buteau each singled and scored. Pat Mooney and Jeff Baier each singled and had an RBI. Larry Cuzzi, Harry Streep, Pete Artega, Joe Ciampi and Ed Lubas each contributed a single.

Pence held the Legionnaires scoreless for the first three innings, although he did yield singles to Streep and Artega in the third where he also initiated an inning-ending pitcher-to-second-to-first double play.

In the meantime, the Roofers put

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**BLUE DEVIL VARSITY TENNIS TEAM...Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Kayla Bleich, Lucy Earl, Chanel Shum, Catherine King and Samira Moirin; back row, Olivia Carnivale, Carolina Sanchez, Sarah Schneider, Julia Morgan, Becca Sisto, Shannon O'Donnell and Maddie Levy.**

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