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McINTYRE GOES 4-FOR-4, 2 RUNS; FLYNN 3-FOR-4, 2-2Bs 2 RBI; CATANZARO TOSSES 4 HITTER

Blue Devils Rattle Ridge, 4-2, for North 2, Group 4 Crown

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Four games into the season the Westfield High School baseball team was staring at an 0-4 record and the outlook appeared cloudy

but come sectional tournament time the Blue Devils qualified as the eighth seed and proceeded to run the table culminating with a 4-2 victory over the second-seeded Ridge Red Devils for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4

Championship at Basking Ridge on June 1. Timely hitting, crucial defensive plays and the deceptive pitching performance from senior lefty MJ Catanzaro made it possible for the Blue Devils to capture their second sectional title in a row.

Catanzaro went the distance, allowing just four hits and striking out four against the Red Devil

machine, while walking three — one intentional.

"I even didn't have my curveball really all throughout but today it was really on even when it was close to being a strike, so I was comfortable with all of my pitches, which is always a great thing to use in a game," Catanzaro explained.

Red Devil starter Jack Love remained on the mound until he reached his pitch-count limit with two outs in the seventh inning

and was replaced by Brendan Bell, who yielded a double to Flynn and struck out a batter. Love allowed 10 hits but walked none, while striking out seven Blue Devils.

The timely hitting came off the bats of Matt McIntyre, Sean Flynn and Andrew Caminiti. McIntyre was unstoppable at the plate, going 4-for-4 with a double, a stolen base and two runs scored. Flynn blasted a pair of long

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