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***MONAHAN 4 RUNS, 3 RBI, 3 HITS; OLEAR 3-3, 3 RBI; CARRACINO 3 RBI; BARATTA 4 RUNS, 3 HITS***

## Cougar 13Us Whip Westfield in Babe Ruth District Pool Play

By **DAVID B. CORBIN**

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Fifteen run rule cut a Babe Ruth District 13U Tournament Pool play game short in the bottom of the fourth inning when Ryan Carracino slammed a double to centerfield, scoring Owen Baratta

with the 16th run to give the Cranford Cougars a 16\*-1 victory over Westfield on the turf at Memorial Field in Cranford on June 21. \*Ben Monahan actually scored a 17th run on Carracino's double but the 15-run spread was all that was needed.

Since the majority of this group of Cougars have been together from 8U, winning has been the norm. Under the previous head coach Jim Grady, this group of Cougars have played in five Cal Ripken District 12 Tournaments and have won four of them. Last year they trounced Millburn, 13-4, to win the 12U title at Gumbert Field in Westfield to receive the First Annual Kevin Ford (long-time coach of Millburn) Award

and in 2016, the Cougars won the 10U title at Booth Field in Scotch Plains after humbling the same Millburn Miller team, 11-1. All those games have been played on fields with the 60-foot base paths.

In this Pool play game, the Cougars definitely adjusted more quickly to the 90-foot distances between bases and the vast ex-

pense of the outfield. The participants for the Cougars were Nick Kelly, Baratta, Monahan, Dennis McCaffery, Carracino, Will Kahney, Sean Riley, Ed Toy, Chris Santorelli, Matt Chapman, Dan Olear, Chase Teel, Tom Buckman and Jack Zambito with coaches Dave Kahney, Dan Olear and Mike Zambito. The participants for Westfield were Ethan Delforte, Mike Lynch, Randy Davis, Owen Durham, Jack Paris, Phil Langhart, Tommy Hyland,

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