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Raiders Eject Crusaders, 4-0, for UCT Crown

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zoomed to third on a hit-and-run single from Kevin Maroney, then scored what turned out to be the winning run when John Maxwell chopped a bad-hop single over the shoulder of second baseman Dave Babetski to give the Raiders a 2-1 victory. Then in the Westfield 10th, reliever Jon Kosnick slammed the door to preserve the victory.

"It's been 10 years. I was here then and in 2004 and I've seen a lot of players come and go through here. You never know when you are going to get this chance again, so I really appreciate the chance to be here and I know these guys do too, especially with a senior-heavy group. They have been playing their whole lives. This is a nice way to keep that senior year going," Raider Head Coach Joe Higgins said.

Zooming forward 10 years, this

Canavan stole second and Kirian slashed an RBI single to right to give the Raiders a 3-0 lead.

On his key hit, Canavan described, "It was an outside fastball. I just went with it. I was trying to drive him in, get another run for us, get momentum. It felt amazing off the bat. I knew it."

Cuccurullo showed his true character in the fourth and fifth innings. Crusader Steve Harrington rapped a leadoff single and Pat Brennan wiggled a single to right but Cuccurullo got Nick McCaffery to pop up then he struck out the next two batters. In the fifth, Kyle Adorno dribbled a one-out, infield single and Max Carmino walked. Raider centerfielder Willy Gale snagged Saul Lopez's low liner then Dieu fielded Harrington's grounder to make the putout at first.

ance run and got it in the seventh. Gale singled and stole second. Kirian hopped a single to the left side and stole second then Gale scored on a throwing error.

"Yes! Our team speed is a huge part of why we are here. A lot of these guys are fast but they are also very good base runners. Dean, Willy, Josh! We got a few extra bases on steals today that made a very big difference," Coach Higgins expressed.

The drama, however, was not over. Thanks to three walks, the Crusaders had the bases loaded with two outs. Mike Urbano relieved Merkel and got the final batter to line out to Gale in centerfield and the celebrating began.

"It feels amazing. It's been a heck of a season. It's well deserved. It's a great group of guys," DiNizo said.

"We wanted to come out, put a show on for ourselves, put together



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SWEET VICTORY AT THE UCT...The Raiders with Mike Dieu clapping celebrate after defeating the AL Johnson Crusaders, 4-0, for the Union County Tournament Championship at Kean University in Union on May 15.

time senior Patrick Cuccurullo was on the mound and tossed shutout ball until he was relieved by senior Nick Merkel with two outs in the sixth inning. Cuccurullo, who has been somewhat overshadowed on the mound by his Villanova bound teammate Danny Wilkinson, proved he had the right stuff too by spreading six singles, two walks and a hit batter, while striking out six Crusaders.

"Wilkinson deserves all the praise he gets. I think we work more as a two-way snake. We work together and it shows what we can do," said Cuccurullo, who added, "I felt good out of the gate. I knew I was going to have a pretty good game after I threw in my bullpen. I could spot everything. Strikeout an inning! The more strikeouts the less the fielders have to make. I didn't get many strikeouts but I know the defense will put up zeros."

The 14-8 Raiders totaled eight hits and also got good mileage from some crafty base stealing. Seniors Mike Dieu, Angelo DiNizo (2-for-3), Josh Canavan, Jonny Ramos and Willy Gale, along with junior Dean Kirian (2-for-3) provided all the hits.

The crafty base running paid off in the top of the first inning. Kirian was hit by a pitch then with Dieu at the plate, he swiped second base. Dieu went the other way and punched an RBI single to right field.

"We had a man on second. I was just looking to put the ball in play. We just have to capitalize on that. This team is about energy and momentum. I was trying to put a lot of energy into our game," Dieu said.

The left-handed DiNizo opened the gates in the fifth with a leadoff triple the other way down the leftfield line.

"I was really trying to start something since I was leading off. I saw him [leftfielder] shading a little more toward left-center. I got an outside pitch. I ripped it the other way. That's when I got a triple," DiNizo explained. "Big! Big for us!"

"That was big! Felt really good for Angelo," Coach Higgins expressed. "He's earned his at-bats here. He's been going the other way a little bit more lately and he ran hard out of the box and was able to get the three."

Next, Canavan went with the pitch and slapped an RBI single to right.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF AUTHORIZATION
TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT
At a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorized the Mayor and Township Administrator to enter into a contract with MHS Tennis Academy, also known as P3 Tennis Academy, LLC for the purchase of 375 Centennial Avenue, Cranford (Block 602 and Lot 27.) This agreement and Resolution No. 2019-198 authorizing said agreement are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk.
May 14, 2019
Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 05/23/19, The Leader Fee: \$19.38



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SCORING THE FIRST RUN...Cougar Tyler Szczech, No. 13, comes sliding home to score the Cougars' first run in the bottom of the first inning against St. John Vianney at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 17. The Cougars won 9-2.

DONOVAN GETS WIN; MURPHY, SHRINER BIG OFFENSE

Cougars Swipe 10 Bases; Rock S.J.V. Lancers in Baseball, 9-2

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

Senior Kevin Donovan pitched a strong five and two-thirds innings then senior Jake Van Dam stepped to the mound and slammed the door on the St. John Vianney Lancers in a 9-2 Cranford Cougars baseball victory at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 18. The 15-4 Cougars, who totaled 11 hits, added a stealing frenzy of 10 swiped bases plus a successful suicide squeeze to baffle the Lancers.

Donovan, who has been a go-to guy in relief, allowed five hits and five walks, while striking out two during that span. He did have some difficulty in the first inning, yielding a double to Spencer Margulis (3-for-3, 2 doubles, walk) and a single to Rocco Brzezniak but neither scored. Donovan did have control problems in the second inning, walking four batters, resulting in one run but afterwards, he rolled smoothly until he was relieved by Van Dam with two outs in the sixth.

"I struggled in the second inning. I

lost my control. I can't do that. I was falling behind in counts. I had to figure it out. I talked to my coaches, like just throw strikes, follow the game plan and I was able to the last couple of innings. Curveball, changeup, fastball. Throwing it at any count you got to be ready whenever. Coach Matlosz is great calling the pitches," Donovan explained.

Van Dam did quickly douse the fire when he relieved with runners on second and third in the sixth by getting the next batter to ground out.

"It was a little bit of a roll reversal. Jake was phenomenal today. Coming in second and third, that's a tough situation for anybody. And he was calm, got the out and I'm really proud of him," Donovan said.

During their time on the mound Donovan and Van Dam received some fine defensive support. Centerfielder Mike Murphy made a chest-skidding grab of a low liner for the third out in

the fourth inning. Shortstop Jake DeClerico initiated and inning-ending double play in the fifth by diving to his left and shuffling the ball to second baseman Tyler Szczech, who then turned and fired to first baseman Aidan Plick. After the Lancers scored once in the sixth, DeClerico short-hopped John Higgins' low liner and fired to first for the third out. DeClerico's final brilliant play came in the seventh with a backhand stab that he converted to an out.

"Great job by Murph[y] and Jimmy [Shriner] making great plays out there. I have complete faith in the guys fielding behind me. Jake, Murph, Shriner, all the guys were great this year. Murph and Jake made great plays today. That's why you got to throw strikes. Give them the chance and they will make the plays," Donovan said.

The Cougars scored once in the

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Cougars Shutout JFK In Section Baseball

Joe Meola homered and scored twice, while Jamie Shriner homered, singled and had two RBI, and pitcher Jeremy Ruka tossed a no-hitter and struck out seven batters to lead the Cranford High School baseball team to a 7-0 victory over Iselin Kennedy in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament in Cranford on May 20. Jake DeClerico went 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Aidan Plick singled twice and scored once. Mike Meola (RBI), Mike Murphy and Tyler Szczech each singled and scored once. Will Gallagher singled.

all the hard work through the season and come just out here, have fun and enjoy it. And I think that's what we did," Dieu said.

"I dreamt of this since I was young playing on a varsity team, capturing a Union County Championship, especially with my good friends since when I was eight," Canavan added. "It feels great! It's been 10 years. We got upset last year but we knew we had a really good squad. All the adversity we faced the first eight games of the season turned our team around. Now we are county champions," Cuccurullo emphasized.

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Raider Nine Rout Columbia in Sections

The fourth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team snapped a 0-0 tie with three runs in the fourth inning, three runs in the fifth and four in the sixth to rout the 13th-seeded Columbia Cougars, 10-2, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament in Scotch Plains on May 20. Danny Wilkinson pitched 4.2 Innings, allowing three hits and four walks, while striking out five batters.

Tyler Stines singled twice, scored once and had an RBI. Jonny Ramos had a two-run double and scored twice. Dean Kirian had two RBI, scored twice and singled. Willy Gale tripled and scored twice. Mike Dieu blasted a home run and scored twice. Angelo DiNizo and Chris Smith each had RBI singles. Matt Delgado singled.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of May, 2019 the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:

1. Application PBA-17-00004 CONTINUED TO June 5th 2019. Hartz Mountain Industries, Applicant, 750 Walnut Avenue, Block: 541, Lot: 2, C-3 Zone, Applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property to eliminate the office and warehousing uses in favor of multi-family residential use (\$136-13).

Donna Pedde
Secretary
1 T - 05/23/19, The Leader Fee: \$16.83

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
The Township of Cranford has awarded a Contract pursuant to the "fair and open" process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This Contract and Resolution No. 2019-192 authorizing said Contract are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk.
AWARDED TO: Jared B. Weiss, Esq., Fruchter, Weiss & Associates, 535 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033
SERVICE: Public Defender
DURATION: Remainder of the 1 (one)-year term ending December 31, 2019
DATE: May 14, 2019
Patricia Donahue, RMC
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