

CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK



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IN THE DIRT FOR BALL ONE...Blue Devil Lauren Castaldo watches a pitch go into the dirt during a game with Plainfield.

### UC Champion Devils Topple Ex-Champ Highlanders, 3-2

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smashed down the left field line for the second out. Calabrese darted to second on a wild pitch. Gina Piccirillo walked, putting runners on first and second. Pisano drilled a steaming grounder to short which was stopped by a diving Thornton, picked up and thrown to third for the third out.

Both pitchers held until the Blue Devils came to bat in the seventh inning. Stephanie Flynn drew a leadoff walk and was replaced by Anisha Ambaradar. Wagner slashed a single between first and second, then O'Neill laid down another great sacrifice bunt to advance

Ambaradar and Wagner. Corbett hit a chopper back to the mound and Turturiello threw out Ambaradar as she slid into home.

Down to their last out Phillips stepped to the plate and hit a grounder which temporarily handcuffed the third baseman and forced her to make a poor throw to first. As the ball trickled off the first baseman's glove, Phillips stepped safely on first and Wagner flew around third and slid home with the winning run.

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UNION COUNTY SOFTBALL CHAMPS...The Blue Devil girls defeated Roselle Park, 9-0, to claim the county title. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Christine Bonavita, Courtney Nemece, Colleen Ryan, Shannon Wagner, Kristen Leonardis; middle row, Stephanie Flynn, Lauren Castaldo, Kate Mortenson, Abby O'Neill, Anisha Ambaradar; top row, Freshman Coach Tara Pignoli, JV Coach Bill Mathews, Head Coach Maggie McFadden, Liz McKeon, Jessica Lutkenhouse, Missy Franz, Sue Phillips, Paige Corbett, Courtney Thornton, Ahmed (bus driver).



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UNION COUNTY JV SOFTBALL CHAMPS...Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Abby Coxson, Lindsay Guerrero, Katy Brunetto, Wendy Lin; middle row, Jessica Brendler, Erika Van Anglen, Jessica Wyckoff, Kaitlin McGee, Allison Greene; back row, Coach Bill Mathews, Nicole Seib, Katie Richards, Emily Allen and Stevie Larson.

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**Area High School Softball Results:**

**MAY 19:**  
**NORTH GROUP 4:**  
Randolph 3, Westfield 1  
Randolph pitcher Liz Yentena threw a two-hitter to eliminate the Blue Devils. Sue Phillips hammered a triple for the Blue Devils.  
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**MAY 20:**  
Cranford 7, Plainfield 0  
Laura Salvaggio had a triple and a single to drive in three runs for the Cougars and Lindsay Pfeifer belted a solo home run in a regular season game. The Cougars improved to 12-3.

## WAGNER FIRES ANOTHER SHUTOUT Blue Devils Shoot Down Cardinal Girls, 14-0

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

Still riding high after tossing three-straight shutouts in the Union County Tournament, pitcher Shannon Wagner not only threw another shutout, but also fired a no-hitter to lead the Blue Devil girls to a 14-0, wipeout of the Plainfield High School girls softball team in Westfield on May 18. After walking the first batter, Wagner did not allow another Cardinal to land on base.

After Wagner walked and scored a run in the first inning, the Blue Devils blasted the Cardinals with nine runs in the second. Colleen Ryan was hit-by-a pitch. Jessica Lutkenhouse reached first on an error and Lauren Castaldo loaded the bases with a walk. Wagner slashed an



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FIRST RUN...Blue Devil Jessica Lutkenhouse comes home for the first run against the Highlanders.

RBI single off the pitcher's wrist and Abby O'Neill forced home a run with another walk. Considering the one-run-at-a-time method to be too slow, Missy Franz stepped and crashed a base-clearing triple to center.

The damage continued. Sue Phillips drew a walk and Courtney Thornton blasted a two-run double to left center. Later Thornton and Anisha Ambaradar scored to add the eighth and ninth run of the inning.

In the bottom of the third, with O'Neill on first and one out, Franz hopped a single past the shortstop. With runners now on first and second and one out, Phillips stepped up and drilled a liner right into the glove of the shocked third baseman. The Cardinal third baseman then tossed the ball to second to get the double-play and end yet another Blue Devil threat.

Thornton drew a walk to lead off the fourth then advanced to second on a passed ball. Ryan dribbled a single to the right side of the infield as Thornton sped to third. Ambaradar loaded the bases with a walk. Thornton stole home on a passed ball and pinch runner Lindsay Gueriero and Ambaradar both advanced a base.

Jessica Lutkenhouse drew a walk to reload the bases. With some confusion, the Cardinals resorted to some playground ball by tossing the ball needlessly around the bases in attempts to pick off the sly Blue Devil runners. As a result, Gueriero alertly zoomed home to score. Lauren Castaldo came to the plate and sizzled a two-RBI double past the shortstop to put the Blue Devils in a 14-0 lead. Next, Wagner looped a single to right-center but a good throw nailed Castaldo at home for the second out. O'Neill flied out to second for the third out.

Wagner ended the game in convincing fashion by striking out the final Cardinal batter. In only five innings, Wagner had struck out nine Cardinals. The Blue Devils improved to 13-5.

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## Devil Laxers Eliminate Voorhees Boys, 13-3

By STEVE ABELES  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School boys lacrosse team beat Voorhees High School in the first round of the state tournament on May 22. The Blue Devils, seeded eighth in the tournament, dominated Voorhees and won by a score of 13-3. The win upped the Blue Devil record to 9-7 while Voorhees slipped to 7-10.

Commenting on the victory, senior attackman Steven Kassakian said, "I thought we did an excellent job against Voorhees. The offense played exceptionally well and the defense has never looked better. I hope we can keep this winning momentum into the second round of the states. If we manage to work together as a single unit and not be selfish, we can surprise a lot of teams in the state tournament. Look forward to the second round."

The Blue Devils started the game off on the right track with senior Tri-Captain Mike Baly winning the faceoff. Baly sprinted down the field and immediately found senior Scotty Mann who ripped a shot to the upper left corner to give Westfield a 1-0 lead.

"Baly did a great job of winning the first face-off of the game. After he won it, I saw that my defender had slipped on the grass. I yelled at Mike and he was able to locate me around the crease. I felt confident that I could hit the upper corner so I gave it a try," commented Mann.

Senior Tri-Captain Kevin Mansfield was the next Blue Devil to find the back of the net three minutes later. Mann was credited with the assist. The strong Westfield defense consisting of seniors Brenden Hickey, Dan Todd and Steve Abeles and junior Matt Krug kept their opponents at bay, holding Voorhees to a mere two shots. The first quarter ended with the Blue Devils on top, 2-0.

"I thought that we played some very

solid lacrosse in the first quarter. The offense was able to hold the ball for a long time which took away any thoughts of pressure for the defense," Hickey said.

In the second quarter, the Blue Devils continued to pound away at the Voorhees defense. Junior Mike Stotler, Baly and senior Bryan Gates all tallied a goal to raise the Westfield lead to 5-1.

With two minutes left in the quarter, senior Andrew Cambria received a pass from Mansfield and perfectly placed the ball just inside the left pipe for the sixth Blue Devil goal. The half ended with Westfield on top, 6-1.

The Blue Devils started the second half on fire. Gates and Mann scored back-to-back goals within two minutes of the third quarter. The two-goal outburst forced Voorhees to call time-out in order to cool the red-hot Blue Devil offense.

The Voorhees time-out backfired as the Westfield offense continued their fireworks. First it was Mansfield who blasted a side-arm shot to the back of the net. Next it was Kassakian who fired a shot past the Voorhees goalie after juking two defensemen. By the end of the third quarter, Westfield had managed to up their lead to 10-2.

"I think we came out really pumped up after half-time. We knew that it was the state playoffs and if we started to slack off, we could very well be eliminated. I don't think anyone liked the idea of our season being over, so we just took it to them and pumped in mad goals. It was a great effort by everyone," Gates said.

During the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils began to rotate junior varsity players onto the playing field. Freshman Evan Mallory and sophomores Pat Touhey and Joey Saunders stepped in on defense as did sophomores Frank Ianni and Ryan Vora at midfield.



BATTLING BLUE DEVIL LAXERS...Sean Joffe, No. 43, and Dan Todd, No. 11, battle on defense with Pingry. Pingry pulled a hard-fought, 9-8, triple-overtime victory over the Blue Devils.

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UNION COUNTY VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS...Joyous members of the Westfield High School varsity girls volleyball team congregate in the middle of the floor after easily defeating the Union girls, 15-4, 15-3, to win the Union County Volleyball Title. The finals were held in New Providence on May 20.

## Devil Girls Win Third Straight UC Volleyball Championship

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beginning of the second game and took a 3-1 lead. During that time, Devitt impressed the crowd with a nice save and Vinegra ended the Farmers' service with a devastating kill.

Left-handed server Brahm kept the Farmers off-balance with her reverse-spinning serves and ran off 10-straight points of her own to put the Blue Devils in the lead, 11-3. During that run, Vinegra added another fine kill. The Farmers got the serve but gave it back with an out-of-

bounds adrenaline serve.

Kostro served up three more points to put the Blue Devils to within one point of the championship. Once again, the Farmers were stopped in their service, getting only one point when Vinegra made a halting block. The Blue Devils had a chance to finish them off. Devitt stepped to the line and served up the title-winning point to give the Blue Devils a "three-peat" at the Union County Championship.

## Raider Girls Ransack Lady Minutemen, 13-0

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base line, then scored when Diana Mendez hammered a standup triple over the center fielder's head. Moments later, Mendez pulled off a nifty and uncommon steal of home for the third run of the inning.

### Area High School Tennis Results:

**MAY 18:**  
**Westfield 3, Plainfield 2**

**1st Singles** - Timon Jackson (P) d. Peter Lau, 6-2, 6-7 (0-7), 6-3

**2nd Singles** - Josh Warren (W) d. Wali East, 6-3, 6-4

**3rd Singles** - John Tram (P) d. Ryan Buntain, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2

**1st Doubles** - Brett Kahn and Chris Benson (W) d. Jason Jones and Cameron Cox, 6-2, 6-4

**2nd Doubles** - Adam Brundale and Ryan Jones (W) d. Jasmond Stepney and Alex King, 6-0, 6-0

**Elizabeth 3, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 2**

**1st Singles** - Alex Taunear (E) d. Mike Bostwick, 6-2, 6-1

**2nd Singles** - Chris Saladores (E) d. Dave Hassan, 6-1, 6-1

**3rd Singles** - Jason Saladores (E) d. Ian Doebber, 6-4, 6-3

**1st Doubles** - Chris Schlegel and John Corbin (SPF) d. Anthony Chodan and Marion Vargas, 6-2, 6-1

**2nd Doubles** - Paul Swedlund and Doug Gillie (SPF) d. Rene Pedro and Rafael Valdez, 6-3, 6-4

**Union 4, Union Catholic 1**

**1st Singles** - Phil Brand (U) d. Ken Soriano, 7-5, 6-4

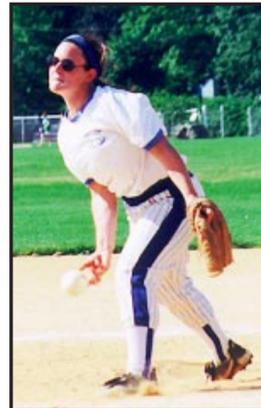
**2nd Singles** - Tom Werner (UC) d. Mike Lombardo, 6-2, 6-1

**3rd Singles** - Matt Hales (U) d. Keegan Rollins, 6-4, 6-3

**1st Doubles** - Paul Gaschler and Jason Mauriello (U) d. Jim DiCarlo and J. T. Wilkinson, 6-2, 6-3

**2nd Doubles** - Phil Almeida and Francis Chua (U) d. Paul Kierzkowski and Jorge Medela, 6-1, 6-0

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THE PITCH...Raider Jill Mazzagetti releases the ball during the game with Elizabeth.

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WESTFIELD CUP ACTION...Aubrey McGovern, No. 6, boots the soccer ball in the under-19 Division 1 game where the Westfield Reds played the Cherry Hill Crew on May 23 at Tamaques Park in Westfield.

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