

# Blue Devils' Big Blast in Sixth Stuns Union, 5-4

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scoring once. Mike Charlton and Victor Coustan both singled and scored, and Sean Flynn slapped a single. But the whole team was happy with the return of shortstop Andrew Caminiti, who was rewarded by being walked and hit by a pitch.

"It was good to come back from the sickness, make some nice plays for Mike and Cat [anzaro] but I didn't hit too great today - 0-for-2 - but I got to get the eye back and get back into the swing of things to help," Caminiti said.

Similar to his outing with Cranford on April 9, Carlone experienced a feast or famine situation. After walking the leadoff batter, it took only one pitch for the Farmers to seize a 2-0 lead when Mike Velez hammered a

bases then Caminiti drew a one-out walk. Flynn took a fastball to the back to load the bases but a grounder to second resulted in an inning-ending double play.

As to his success stealing bases, McIntyre commented, "I'm [mystery] the coach and he's giving me the green light. He trusts me. I love when he trusts me and I am doing what I can now."

The second bad break came in the fifth inning when the Blue Devils had the bases loaded again with Christian Pancini on third, Caminiti on second and Flynn on first with only one out. But Union relief pitcher Andrew Sanborn got the next batter to strike out and the next one to ground out to second.

batter (Zach Jones) on base in the top of the third but on the fourth attempt, Carlone picked him off at first. From there, he retired the side.

The Farmer fifth inning began with a groundout to second followed by singles from Zach Fernandez and Jones and a two-run double by Jalen Bryant, making the score 4-2.

Ho got things started for Westfield in the sixth with a ground single past short. Ho then dashed to second on a passed ball then Charlton put runners on first and third with his single past first. McIntyre stepped up and launched his three-run homer over the right field fence.

"It all started off with Chris [Ho] getting on base. We were all sitting on the bench getting together, creating momentum that eventually led to Matt's home run. Right when we got Ho on base and extra runners, we thought we had a chance to win. Obviously we did," Catanzaro expressed.

After Pancini's fly ball was hauled in by the centerfielder, Caminiti took his initiation fastball to the arm then the next batter struck out to end the inning.

Catanzaro stepped to the mound in the seventh and got the first batter to ground out to Caminiti. Zach Fernandez drew a walk then Caminiti concluded the game with a fluid 6-4 (Pancini)-3 (Kohler) double play.

"It was great to flip the ball to Pancini. He's got probably the quickest hands on the team, makes the play easy, nice way to end the game," Caminiti said.

"He's been pitching great all year. He's probably pitching better than me," Carlone expressed. "I knew he was going to get it done. The walk made me a little worried but I knew he was going to get it done."

"The pressure's on me, the bottom of the order coming up. I felt confident. I was trying to stay away from Velez because he was roping the ball. We saw the home run earlier. He had a lot of hard hits. I was just trying to cause a ground ball to get the double play to end the game," Catanzaro said.

"The difference today was we were much better defensively. I don't think we had an error all day. If we are not giving up unearned runs and we start swinging the bat like we are, I think we will be fine for the rest of the year," Carlone said.

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TRYING TO COMPLETE THE PICKOFF...Blue Devil first baseman Danny Kohler attempts to put the tag on Union Farmer Zach Jones as he dives back to first.

home run over the centerfield fence. Carlone then proceeded to get 13 of the next 14 batters out, which did include a pickoff at first, before he yielded two straight singles and a two-run double in the fifth inning.

"In the beginning, I was struggling to locate the fastball. I walked the first kid on four pitches and he just hit first-pitch fastball. I gave him one right down the middle just try to get back into the count and he didn't miss it. When I was on, I was throwing a lot of off-speed and the off-speed was working pretty well today, a lot of good curveballs," Carlone explained.

Breaks were not initially going Westfield's way and the first unfortunate break came in the bottom of the first inning. McIntyre reached first when his grounder to short was mishandled. He stole second and third

But McIntyre saw something positive about it. "We are coming around. Example today, bases loaded shows we can hit it, put the ball in play. We can make teams have to make plays that they don't want to make and just time the hits. They will come like they did later in the game today."

"We are coming back a little bit, 2 & 5 now. Once the timely hits start rolling like Matt then Kohler and all these younger guys. They are going to start hitting the ball, it's going to be back to where Westfield should be," Caminiti added.

However the Blue Devils did manage to tie the score 2-2 in the second inning. Coustan reached first on an error then scored on Kohler's long triple down the right field line. Ho followed with an RBI sac fly to right field.

The Farmers did get the leadoff

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Unfortunately for Urbano, Elliott Rodgers singled to center and Anthony Scarlata singled to right then Josh Polon followed with a two-run double off the leftfield fence just out of the reach of Lopez. Urbano ran into difficulty again in the fifth when Dave Olsakowski walked and Jake Hendershot doubled with no one out but he managed to get the next three batters out.

Gale got things rolling for the Raiders in the fifth with a smashing leadoff single off the glove of the diving third baseman. He then stole second and scored on Wilkinson's two-out single to center. Wilkinson's pinch runner Heyden Widder stole second then scored on Cuccurullo's lined single to center, knotting the score 2-2.

Although Urbano got the first two batters to fly out in the seventh, the Panthers took the lead when Verano, who walked, scored on Sinibaldi's double to right. The Raiders answered to tie the score. Dieu's grounder to short that was muffed also created a throwing error and he scooted to second. Cuccurullo stepped up and bounced his RBI single past first.

As to his game-tying RBI single in

the seventh, Cuccurullo explained, "I had two strikes, just trying to shorten up. There was a runner on third, so I tried not to do too much, stay within myself. Mike did a great job of getting on base. It made my job easier. It was a matter just trying to get on to help score runs. That's all!"

The drama was far from over. With Charles Widder on the mound, the Panthers had the bases loaded with two outs but Verano's liner to left was hauled in for the third out. The Raider eighth began with Delgado's leadoff single over second. Lopez attempted to move him over to second but his bunt fell only a few feet in front of the catcher, who fired to second for the force out. Ramos, however, yanked a single to left then Gale plopped the winner into center.

"I was just trying to move him over, get him in a good position for Willy coming up. So I did my job," Ramos said.

"Honestly I shouldn't have even swung at that pitch," confessed Gale. "It was low but it worked, so it gets the job done."

On Lopez's bunt that did not produce the desired result," Ramos added,

"No I just knew I had to get him over no matter what. He was a little unlucky with that bunt but you got to be able to step up in a spot like that."

The victory was a good kickoff for the second portion of the season.

"Today was a good game but we got to be ready for Cranford tomorrow. They are going to try to play small ball and try to get guys over but we will be ready," Ramos warned.

"We really think this is a turning point for the team. Hopefully we will be able to show other teams what we are really about," Gale said.

"We had a bit of a rough patch there but we stayed together, came out here fought for a tough win. We will have more to come," Urbano said.

"This win shows a lot about this team. We had a couple of rough spots throughout the year. No one pointed fingers. Everyone picked each other up. We needed a win and we deserved it," Cuccurullo expressed.

"This team is amazing. We are a really good team and other teams should be afraid to play us," Gale added.

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# Devil's Den The 1960s, the Decade WHS Took Off: 1967

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## Eighth in a 10-part series

For most of August 1966, as high school kids everywhere enjoyed the final weeks of summer vacation, the number one song in the country was "Summer in the City" by the Loving Spoonful.

"Hot time, summer in the city, back of my neck getting dirty and gritty" were the opening lines of the John Sebastian-written song.

Whatever its original intent, the song came out as America sweated through a brutally hot summer of discord, that included race riots in most major cities in the country.

Here are some of the summer highlights from 1966 ...

**July:** Medicare went into effect; race riots in Omaha, Neb.; president Lyndon Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act; race riots in Chicago; Brian Jones's final performance with the Rolling Stones, the group he created; Alabamans burn Beatles' products after John Lennon's anti-Jesus statements;

**August:** Sniper Charles Whitman gunned down 16 and wounded 31 others from a tower at the University of Texas; in the 33rd Chicago College Football All-Star Game, the Green Bay Packers beat the College All-Stars, 38-0, before 72,000 at Soldier Field; Dr. Martin Luther King was stoned by a crowd in Chicago; race riots in Lansing, Mich.; actress Halle Berry was born; the Beatles release "Revolver" in the U.S., one day after South Africa Broadcasting banned the playing of Beatles music because of Lennon's Jesus comments; the Beatles are pelted with rotten fruit during a concert in Memphis; race riots in Waukegan, Ill.

Meanwhile, the W's continued to pile up at WHS during the 1966-67 school year, running the school's overall record of winning teams in the 1960s to 71-5.

**Cross-country:** The harriers were 15-3, winning the conference, sectional and state Group 4 titles, and taking second at counties. Senior co-captain Dave Calvert finished first at the three championship victories, and second at counties. Fellow captain Jerry Brown and junior Harry Graves were usually the next finisher.

**Football:** The Devils were 7-1-1, but they were 7-0 before being tied by Barringer and losing to Plainfield, giving up 60 points in those games. Bill Backus, Doug Murphy and Pete Harvey made all-state. Murphy had 1,149 yards rushing and scored five touchdowns against Berkeley Heights.

**Soccer:** Coach Bjarne Tonneson had his fourth straight eight-win season, going 8-4-5. The team tied Pingry during the regular season when goalie Bobby Flynn stopped a penalty kick, then ended Pingry's 42-match unbeaten streak in the semifinals of the first-year Union County Tournament. Edison Tech of Elizabeth beat WHS,



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STRONG SUPPORT BEHIND THE PLATE...Raider catcher Chris Smith worked well with pitcher Mike Urban in his seven innings on the mound.

at districts and sixth in the state.

**Tennis:** In an "off" year, Bill Hansel's team still went 13-4-1 and advanced to the third round of the first-year state Group 4 tournament, losing to Teaneck. Captain Jack Henricksen, John Stephens and Dave Twitchell handled the singles.

**Track:** Walt Clarkson's club went 10-1 and won the Watchung Conference title behind firsts by Dave Calvert (mile); he also won at counties and sectionals), Harry Graves (two-mile), Paul Byrne (880), Gerry Braxton (high hurdles), Angie Willmott (long jump) and Dave Herron (high jump). Willmott also went 21.8 at counties to break Wellington Ross's 33-year-old record.

**Record:** 107 wins, 37 losses, 7 ties; 6 conference, one county, one sectional and two state championships.

**Next: 1968**

**ANOTHER MILESTONE**  
The WHS girls lacrosse team defeated Morristown, 15-11, on April 16, for the 200th victory in program history. Now in its 23rd season since it was started in 1997, the girls have already had 11 head coaches. Third-year coach Abby Cohn's team is currently 6-3.

**SHIELDS HITS 100**  
Olivia Shields had five goals last Thursday in a 17-6 girls lacrosse victory over New Providence, giving her exactly 100 for her four-year career. After Saturday's 15-8 win at 12th-ranked Hillsborough, Shields has 25 goals this season (and 102 for her career) after scoring 4, 30 and 43 the previous three years. This spring she has shared the team's goal-scoring chores with Nicole Scheuermann (26) and Paige Radice (23).

Shields is the 10th Blue Devil girl to reach 100 career goals. The all-time leader is Elizabeth Cusick ('13) with 268, followed by Courtney Weisse 196, Morgan Lang 191, Hannah Liddy 156, Julie Shelman 139, Brittany Miller 124, Sam Paoletti 120, Liz McCarthy 108 and Val Hoffman 105. Kristen Salmond had 99 in her three-year career.

**ANOTHER MILESTONE II**  
Caitlin (MacDonald) Cheddar is having quite a year.

After marrying assistant wrestling/softball coach John Cheddar last summer, and then had her best field hockey team (16-6) in 10 years at the helm. Included was the 400th victory in program history.

And April 18 the potentially best softball team (currently 8-0) in her 11 years captured the 800th victory in program history when it defeated Colonia, 11-1.

Of those 1,200-plus wins, 844 were under Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame coaches Carl Donner (428) and Maggie McFadden (416). But Cheddar ('02), who played both sports for McFadden, already has notched 230 coaching wins, 82 in field hockey and 148 in softball.

**UCT TENNIS**  
The WHS boys were seeking their 15th straight Union County Tournament title (yesterday and today) at Donald Van Blake Courts in Plainfield. They are currently ranked No. 9 in the state and coming off 3-2 wins over No. 10 Summit, No. 11 Montclair, and No. 7 Delbarton, in the final of Saturday's Westfield Invitational.

**IN PASSING**  
Andrew Mamary, the father of WHS's Supervisor of Athletics Sandy Mamary, passed on April 15 at age 90.

Fred Boss ('73), a halfback on WHS's unbeaten 1971 football team, passed recently at age 63.

**AROUND THIS DATE**  
April 24, 1937: WHS finished second to New York City's Bishop Loughlin in the 4x400 at Penn Relays. Walt Horner, Pump Vella, Bernie Jones and Bob McCoy comprised the relay.

April 24, 1965: The Westfield "Y" clinched its first national swimming championship, and did it at the Wallace Pool. Seniors Dave Perkowski (100 breast) and Steve McCoy (3-meter dive) won individual events that day, while the 400 free relay team of Tom McCoy, Perkowski, Harvey Gerber and Peter Heesch captured the 400 free relay, the final event.

April 24, 1985: WHS's boys lacrosse team was ranked No. 1 in the state for the first time. With two 50-goal scorers - Rob Schmalz (53) and Chris Aslanian (50) - they finished 18-2 and were second in the state tournament, losing to Montclair, 17-5, in the final.

April 24, 2009: Chris Jenkins pitched a no-walk, 10-strikeout no-hitter in a 1-0 victory over Union. The Farmers' only base runner reached on a sixth-inning error. Matt Isabella's third-inning single drove in Rob Granstrand with the lone run.

April 27, 1935: WHS finished second in the 4x400 at Penn Relays, with Griggs Smith, Joe Reid, Pump Vella and Bob McCoy comprising the relay.

April 27, 1979: Mary Beth Dervin won the 3-meter dive at YWCA Nationals at the Westfield Y's Wallace Pool. Dervin was also third (on a different day) in the 1-meter dive, which teammate Kirsten Conover won.

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