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Champs!!!!



Top Group 4 baseball team in N.J. poses for a picture — top, left to right, Coach James Sochan, Mike D'Annunzio, Dwayne Easley, Ed Gangewski, Scott Rodgers, Frank Carlino, Bill Flagg, Ed Reilly, Assistant Coach Tom Breznitsky. Middle: Tom Valley, Mickey Foy, Tim Laspe, Henry Janssen, Jeff Nicholson, T. DeFrancesco. Bottom: B. Ruggiero, J. McCoy, Steve D'Annunzio, M. Myska, Gary Lepinsky and Rick Sector.

Scotch Plains Team No.1 In New Jersey...

Hundreds of fans and dozens of Scotch Plains-Fanwood cars traveled southward to West Windsor, in Mercer County, Saturday afternoon. They were rewarded for their trek, as they watched their team, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, take first place in the state Group 4 baseball championship at Mercer County Park. The victory was "the thrill of my life," for coach Jim Sochan, as the Raiders topped Piscataway 1-0, to win the battle of the state's largest school district.

As expected, Eddie Reilly was the man of the hour. The star pitcher, who has been contacted by the Dodgers, whiffed 11 batters and allowed the Piscataway Chiefs only two singles. Only three other Chief players reached first base, one on an error and two on walks — and nobody from Piscataway got any further.

The Raiders started things off very early in the game, as Tim Laspe hit a single to left center, followed up with a steal to

second, and then was brought home by Eddie Reilly's grounder to the right.

Later in the first inning, Reilly went to second on a fielder's choice. He had a double later, in the fourth inning.

The game ended with a dramatic throw by catcher Henry Janssen. Piscataway's pitcher, Ochal, got on base with a walk, with one out. The Chiefs' coach, Pietrucha, put Jeff Davis in as pinch runner. The next batter up was Steve Podraza, who struck out. Then, with a 1-1 count on Petro Mosley, the next Chiefs'
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"Bogus" Medicare Consultants

The Scotch Plains Police Department has received two inquiries from citizens who have received phone calls from persons unknown, advising them that, as representatives of Medicare, they will be shortly visiting their residence to advise them about benefits of Medicare.

A police check on this procedure with the local Social Security Office in Plainfield, New Jersey reveals that this is not the procedure followed by Medicare and all persons receiving such calls should notify the local Police Department. Your local Police Department number is 322-7100.

...And "Skeets" Is No.1, Too!

To the world of non-track followers, the numbers that keep reeling in, week after week — 13.1, 12.9, 35.9 — have little meaning. They're the scores being recorded by "Skeets" Nehemiah, runner at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High. In the track world, Skeets has 'em incredulous. Last weekend was no exception. Skeets ran in the International Prep Track and Field Championships. It is an invitational, bringing together the eight best high school senior runners in the U.S. plus some entries from Canada and Ireland.

Skeets came through. Not once. Twice. He was the only
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Dumpster Service Ends In June

The town dumpster cleanup program, available to residents of Scotch Plains on Saturdays, will close down for the months of July and August and the first two Saturdays of September. The dumpster program resumes on September 17.

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Calendar

Thursday, June 16 — Screening clinic, rectal-colon cancer, Nurse's Office, SPFHS, 4-7 pm.

Saturday, June 18 — Town Meeting: N.J. — Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 9 am - 5 pm.

Saturday, June 18 — "Everything Under the Sun" — all-day gala, YMCA, Martine Ave., 10 to 4; auction, swim party, snax, crafts demo.

Wednesday, June 22 — SPF Board of Education, monthly meeting, Terrill Jr. High, 8 pm (date change, due to June 23 graduation)

Thursday, June 23 — High School graduation, school ends.

Week of June 18-26 — Charity fund-raiser, Fanwood Tennis Association.

Historians Discuss Local Battle

"The battle of Short Hills does, indeed, exist in history . . . This symposium is a perfect example of what the Bicentennial ought to be — a do-it-yourself performance, an emphasis upon what happened locally." With these words, John T. Cunningham, past chairman of the New Jersey Historical Commission and author of many books on N.J. history, acknowledged the significance of the local Battle of Short Hills in the history of the Revolutionary War. He was a member of a panel of historians, who appeared at a Battle History Symposium, sponsored by the Scotch Plains American Revolution Bicentennial Committee on June 14 at Union County Technical Institute.

The battle, fought here on June 25 and 26 of 1777, will be commemorated by a weekend of festivities on June 25 and 26 of 1977. The symposium was a prelude to the monument dedication and weekend encampment to follow. It set the history of the battle.

The Battle of the Short Hills has been a difficult one to claim locally. Despite indications that a battle did, in fact, take place between Washington's troops and the British, over the June days of 1777, historians have assumed that "Short Hills" meant the Short Hills of today . . . and at one point during

Bicentennial studies, the battle was placed nearer Springfield, and today's Short Hills, on historical maps. The battle came home to rest this Tuesday night, as a panel of five prestigious historians mapped in detail the events of those days, the people involved, the before and after.

Robert Fridlington, professor of history at Kean College and Coordinator for Union County Cultural and Heritage Commission, was moderator. Frederic C. Detwiler, architectural historian for the Society for the Preservation of New England
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Fanwood Tennis Players Kick Off Fund Raising

The Fanwood tennis courts will be crowded next week — as they are during almost every week of the spring and summer. However, all those hundreds of players will be playing for a cause next week . . . and they'll be cooking up some pretty interesting combinations of players! The Tennis Association has dreamed up a new scheme. Play tennis to support your local public emergency services. This year, during the first annual Tennis Association Charity Fund Drive, the Fanwood Rescue Squad will benefit.

Here's how it works. The week of June 18 through 26 has been designated for the fund-raising effort. Every member of the Fanwood Tennis Association is asked to gather up a foursome and to play just once during the charity week. The charity game

is played any time during the week, and arranged by the Tennis Association member. Each of the four players is requested to make a donation to the Rescue Squad — with \$1 as suggested minimum.
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Tennis is for tennis players . . . and for the Rescue Squad members, too! The Fanwood Tennis Association members take to the courts this week in an unusual approach to charity fund-raising. Above, top row, Jack Kenyon and Al Lindgren of the Fanwood Squad, Mayor Ted Trumpp and partner Tom Wehrle, Bob Scala of the Rescue Squad. Bottom, the Tennis Association Charity Committee members, Mike Karnish, Joan Monahan, Ruth Coffman, Kathy Filipski, and Association President Bud Haines.