

# Darien ousts Rockville

Continued from B1  
Nicole Buch lined a first pitch single to left driving in Cappiello for the 3-1 final.

The third time through the order could have been Darien's undoing, as it can be difficult for a finesse pitcher to sit down hitters three times in a row. But thanks to her defense, DeMaio made it through the sixth unscathed.

Kelly Cocco, the Rams starter and No. 3 hitter, who led off the sixth, lined an outside fastball to the fence in rightfield. Instead of holding the runner at second, down two runs with no outs, Rockville coach Mike Maltese sent Cocco to third. The gamble backfired when Buch made a perfect relay from the outfield grass behind second base and beat her by five feet, effectively running the Rams out of the inning.

Darien wasn't out of the woods yet in the sixth, as Jamie Vallarelli and Bonnevillie followed with singles of their own. However, on Bonnevillie's infield single, Vallarelli made the second out trying to go from first to third, getting thrown out by Courtney Bell.

The inning fittingly ended

with Buch gobbling up a grounder to her left.

"We've been an aggressive team all year and sometimes you live and die by the sword," Maltese said referring to his team's base-running gaffes the sixth.

"It probably would have been smarter to be a little more cautious chasing a run or two. It was a poor coaching decision on my part and I've got to live with that. You don't ever want to make an out at third, and we made two."

DeMaio will most certainly be on the mound Tuesday, and even though she occasionally feels the

nerves in tight spots, they never get the better of her.

"Sometimes the nerves set in. Especially when you think you have something and in a split second anything can change," Christina DeMaio said. "But with defense like that, with those plays we had there, it really picks you up."

Her coach believes that these moments, late in games with the other team threatening, are where his ace truly shines.

"She's aware of it (the situation) and she doesn't let that take her out of the game, 'Like whoa I've gotta go strike everyone out.' That's the key to those moments."

## SOFTBALL ROUNDUP, LINESCORES

**CLASS M QUARTERFINALS, ST. JOSEPH 4, HOLY CROSS OF WATERBURY 0:** Micki Keltos tossed a one-hit shutout to propel No. 2 seed St. Joseph into the Class M softball semifinals.

**Class M quarterfinals**  
**St. Joseph 4, Holy Cross Waterbury 0**

Holy Cross	000	000	0	0	1	2
St. Joseph	001	210	x	4	7	0

Olivia McGrath (L) and Nikki Stills; Micki Keltos (W) and Katee Repko  
Records: STJ 23-2

nals Saturday by blanking No. 23 seed Holy Cross. The win means St. Joseph (23-2) will face No. 6 seed Woodland Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Deluca Field in Stratford.

**Class L Quarterfinals**  
**Darien 3, Rockville 1**

Rockville	000	010	0	1	7	2
Darien	020	010	x	3	6	3

Kelly Cocco (LP, 7K, 1BB) and Jess Bonnevillie. Christina DeMaio, (WP, 7K, 1BB) and Mallory Kahn. 2B: R. Cocco (R), Jessica Philbrick (R).

## ROUNDUP

# Darien wins big in lacrosse opener

### BOYS LACROSSE

**M DIVISION, 1ST ROUND, DARIEN 18, BRANFORD 5:** Chaz Brickman collected four goals and two assists while Nikki Dysenchuk and Tyler Foley each scored three goals and No. 3 seed Darien (15-5) ousted No. 14 seed Branford Saturday. The win means Darien will host No. 11 seed and FCIAAC rival Fairfield Ludlowe Tuesday at 5 p.m. in quarterfinal round action. John Bolton added two goals while Andrew West (eight saves) and Dylan Torey (four saves) combined in net for Darien. Gary Criscuolo made 13 saves for Branford.

**M DIVISION, 1ST ROUND, FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 17, AVON 5:** Tyler Cullinan and Tommy Roy each scored five goals while Dan Errett finished with two goals and four assists as No. 11 seed Ludlowe eliminated No. 6 seed Avon (13-5) on the road. The win means Ludlowe (9-8) plays at No. 3 seed Darien Tuesday at 5 p.m. Mike Beitel added four assists while Dan O'Rourke (seven saves), Graham Ward (four saves) and Henry Boyd (two saves) combined in net for Ludlowe.

**OTHER M DIVISION SCORES:** Wilton 20, Brookfield 3; New Canaan 14, Notre Dame of West Haven 0

**L DIVISION, 1ST ROUND, NEWTOWN 9, STAPLES 8 (OT):** Christian Beitel scored in overtime to propel No. 2 seed Newtown to its narrow victory over No. 15 seed Staples Saturday. For

Staples, which ends its season at 10-8, Andrew Lanzaro scored three goals while Kyle Mendelson and Nate Greenberg each tallied twice. Austin Waiter made 10 saves in net. For Newtown (14-3), Louis Thompson had three goals while Clarence Cheung registered 13 saves in net.

**L DIVISION, 1ST ROUND, SIMSBURY 12, WESTHILL 5:** Paul Gallagher scored five goals while Matt Bulmer tallied three times as No. 7 seed Simsbury (14-4) eliminated No. 10 seed Westhill from the state tourney Saturday. For Westhill, which ends its season at 12-6, received contributions from David Aronica (one goal, two assists), Doug Graves (two goals), Henry Graves (one assist), Pat Green (one goal, one assist) and Ryan DiPietro (one goal) in support of goalie Alex Behzad (15 saves). In all, the season was a large step forward for Westhill coach George Talboys. "We've come very far from 3-13 to 12-6 in two years. We met all our goals this year. We earned our first FCIAAC and state playoff berths," Talboys said. "We have players with great scoring numbers. We've moved from a team to a program. And we feel the Stamford middle school players are coming along so we can keep the program going strong."

**OTHER L DIVISION SCORES:** No. 1 Ridgefield 16, Trumbull 9; No. 4 Amity 16, Brien McMahon 8; Glastonbury 10, Greenwich 6.

### OTHER S DIVISION SCORES:

St. Joseph 14, Ellington 1

### GIRLS LACROSSE

#### DIVISION I, FIRST ROUND, BRIEN MCMAHON 12, EAST LYME 9:

Katie Hammer scored seven goals to propel No. 17 seed Brien McMahon to its road upset over No. 1 seed East Lyme (16-1) Saturday. The win means McMahon (12-6) will travel to battle No. 8 seed and FCIAAC rival New Canaan in Monday's Div. I quarterfinals at 5 p.m. Michelle Avery collected three goals while Kelly McFarlin made seven saves in net for McMahon, which led 9-4 at halftime. Rashelle McLellan registered eight saves for East Lyme.

#### DIVISION I, 1ST ROUND, NEW CANAAN 19, JOEL BARLOW 5:

Anjalie Christie and Veronica Lizzio each had four goals and two assists while Jenny Simpson collected three goals and two assists to lift No. 8 seed New Canaan past No. 9 seed Joel Barlow Saturday. The win means New Canaan (16-4) will host No. 17 seed and FCIAAC rival Brien McMahon in Monday's 5 p.m. quarterfinals. McMahon ousted No. 1 seed East Lyme Saturday. For New Canaan, which led 15-2 at halftime, Kacie Pippitt added a goal and four assists while Charlotte Spitzfaden made eight saves in net.

#### OTHER DIVISION I SCORES:

Greenwich 11, No. 7 Hall 7; No. 6 Darien 16, South Windsor 5.

## SCOREBOARD

### Boys Lacrosse

#### Class L

##### Simsbury 12, Westhill 5

Westhill	2	2	1	0	5
Simsbury	3	5	2	2	12

W: David Aronica 1g, 2a; Doug Graves 2g; Henry Graves 1a; Pat Green 1g, 1a; Ryan DiPietro 1g.

S: Paul Gallagher 5g, 3a; Taylor Jette 1g, 2a; Matt Bulmer 3g, 1a; Sean Reynolds 1a; Zach Day 1g, 1a; Chase MacDermott 1g; Thomas Woessner 1g.

Goalie Saves: W — Alex Behzad 15. S — Connolly Cummings 7.

Records: W 12-6; S 14-4.

##### Newtown 9, Staples 8 (OT)

Staples	1	2	4	1	0	8
Newtown	2	3	2	1	1	9

S: Andrew Lanzaro 3g, 1a; Kyle Mendelson 2g, 1a; Nate Greenberg 2g; Kip Orban 1g, 1a.

N: Louis Thompson 2g, 2a; Kevin Canavan 1g; Christian Beitel 1g, 1a; Jacob Daut 1g; Jamie Vavrek 1g, 1a; Colby Summerlin 1g; Jamie Bowers 1g.

Goalie Saves: S — Austin Waiter 10. N — Clarence Cheung 13.

Records: S 10-8; N 14-3.

### Class M

#### Darien 18, Branford 5

Branford	0	1	3	1	5
Darien	8	5	0	5	18

B: Jake Basset 3g; Scott Berges 1g; Len Yeller 1g, 1a.

D: Chaz Brickman 4g, 2a; Nikki Dysenchuk 3g; Tyler Foley 3g; John Bolton 2g; J.T. Cook 1g; Matt Wheelock 1g; Matt Gorski 1g; Brian Gleason 1g, 1a; Alex Brown 1g, 1a; Brandon Coley 1g; Andrew Bay 1a.

Goalie Saves: B — Gary Criscuolo 13. D — Andrew West 8, Dylan Torey 4.

Records: B 7-10; D 15-5.

#### Ludlowe 17, Avon 5

Ludlowe	5	3	1	8	17
Avon	1	1	2	1	5

FL: Tyler Cullinan 5g, 3a; Tommy Roy 5g 2a; Dan Errett 2g, 4a; Brendan Errett 1g, 2a; Nate Ryan 1g, 1a; Mike Delberti 4a; Ross Kamovitch 1a; Ted Mason 1g; Pat Tompkins 1a; Nick Fernandes 1g.

A: Connor Maniatty 1g; Terrance Olsen 2a; Ian Mack 1g, 1a; Joe Gruttaduria 1g; Matt Jarvis 1g; Ryan Coyle 1g.

Goalie Saves: L — Dan O'Rourke 7, Graham Ward 4, Henry Boyd 2; A — Michael Munoz 4

Records: L 9-8; A 13-5.

### Girls Lacrosse

#### Division I

##### McMahon 12, East Lyme 9

McMahon	9	3	12
East Lyme	4	5	9

M: Katie Hammer 7g; Michelle Avery 3g, 3a; Bebz Eydt 1g; Calyx Garcia 1g.

EL: Patty Shields 3g; Brianna McLone 2g; Lexi Houston 2g; Amanda Barbeau 1g, 1a; Jessica Lillquist 1g; Kacie Marchini 1a.

Goalie Saves: M — Kelly McFarlin 7, EL — Rashelle McLellan 8.

Records: M 12-6; EL 16-1.

#### New Canaan 19, J. Barlow 5

Joel Barlow	2	3	5
New Canaan	15	4	19

JB: Hayley Murphy 2g; Emma Kelly 1g, 1a; Alex Cammarola 1g; Claire McLaughlin 1g.

EL: Anjalie Christie 4g, 2a; Veronica Lizzio 4g, 2a; Jenny Simpson 3g, 2a; Meg Boland 2g; Kacie Pippitt 1g, 4a; Sarah Mannelly 1g; Erin Markey 1g; Hannah Femia 1g; Brittany Harshbarger 1g; Austin Reedy 1g; Erin Fessler 1a.

Goalie Saves: JB — Jen Caruso 8. NC — Charlotte Spitzfaden 8.

Records: JB 13-4; NC 16-4

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### CLASS LL QUARTERFINALS, BRIEN MCMAHON 1, FITCH 0:

The No. 27 seed McMahon baseball team scratched together a run in the sixth to post its third consecutive Class LL upset as the Senators ousted No. 3 Fitch of Groton late Saturday night at Quigley Stadium in West Haven. The win means that McMahon (13-10) will meet No. 15 seed South Windsor in Tuesday's 3:30 p.m. LL semifinals at Palmer Field in Middletown. Todd Lyons (8-3) earned the victory with a complete-game four-hitter with five strikeouts and six walks. "We're so happy. I've never been to the state semifinals before," said McMahon baseball coach John Cross. "I don't think our baseball program has been this far since we won the 1966 state championship."

### CLASS L QUARTERFINALS, DARIEN 5, AVON 0:

Devin Burke lost his no-hit bid in the 7th and finished with a one-hit shutout with 14 strikeouts and one walk as No. 7 seed and FCIAAC semifinalist Darien ousted No. 2 seed Avon Saturday. The win means Darien (18-7) will meet Branford in Tuesday's L semifinals at Beehive Field in New Britain at 3:30 p.m. Andrew Livingstone's single leading off the seventh was the lone hit for Avon

### CLASS LL QUARTERFINALS, BRIEN MCMAHON 1, FITCH 0:

Trinity got a break Saturday when top-seeded Thomaston, the defending champion, was eliminated by No. 8 Stafford. The Crusaders will face the Bulldogs in the semifinals on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Quigley Stadium in New Haven.

Walsh has spotted opponents early leads throughout the season, and Saturday was no different. Career (14-9), the 12th seed, did not exactly rough up the Crusaders' ace, using a slow roller and Kyle Craven's comebacker that deflected off of Walsh to get its first two batters on.

Mike Rubino followed with an RBI single, Jonathan Padilla later drove in a run on a groundout and the Panthers had a quick 2-0 advantage.

"He's done that and bounced back from it this season," Nichols said. "He seems to gain confidence as the game goes on."

The Trinity offense, which had scored 23 runs in the first

two tournament games, did not wait long to give its pitcher a cushion to work with.

Angelo Tsingerliotis, the No. 9 hitter, opened the third with a single to left against Career starter Juliano Nieves. Mike Scaturchio followed with a double-play ball to third base, but an errant relay to first reduced it to a forceout.

That proved important as Steve Scalero and Nick Cortese drew back-to-back walks to load the bases. Antonetti, a junior, then drove a pitch to the fence in left for a double that tied the game.

"I was down 0-2 and he left one up and I just hopped on it," Antonetti said. "I went up there wanting to get a hit."

Murphy followed with a two-run single to center that gave the Crusaders a 4-2 lead and prompted Career coach Brad Chernovetz to replace Nieves on the mound with Kevin Cartagena.

"It was huge to get a couple of runs for Ryan," Antonetti said. "He gets more comfortable on the mound."

Cartagena did a good job in relief, recording a pair of strikeouts to close out the third and allowing just three more hits. He stranded runners in scoring position in each of the last two innings.

Cartagena kept the Panthers in the game, but their hitters could not touch Walsh, often looking confused or ending up off-balance as the pitcher grew more poised, especially against the final six batters.

"He has a big valentine," said Nichols as he pointed to his heart. "When we get the lead he can just relax and throw strikes."

Despite his team's record and seed, Nichols said no one should be surprised by what the Crusaders have accomplished thus far in the postseason.

"We're battle-tested," he said. "In my opinion we play in the best league in the state. We play all LL schools all year long. We're going to face outstanding pitchers and hitters all year long."

## BASEBALL LINESCORES

### Class LL Quarterfinals

#### McMahon 1, Fitch 0

McMahon	000001	0	1	5	0
Fitch	000	000	0	0	4

Todd Lyons (W, 8-3, 5K, 6BB) and Jack Cullane. Kevin Carlow (L, 6K, 4BB) and Kevin Wallace.

Records: McM 13-10.

### Class S Quarterfinals

#### Trinity 4, Career Magnet 2

Trinity	004	000	0	4	7	1
Career	200	000	0	2	4	0

Ryan Walsh (W, 8-3, 0BB, 11K) and Jayme Antonetti. Juliano Nieves (L, 7-4, 3BB, 0K), Kevin Cartagena (3, 2BB, 5K) and Kyle Craven. 2B - Steve Scalero (T), Antonetti, Mike Rubino (C).

Records: T 13-10; C 14-9.

### Class L Quarterfinals

#### Darien 5, Avon 0

Darien	110	011	1	5	11	1
Avon	000	000	0	0	1	1

Devin Burke (W, 4-4, 1BB, 14K) and James Patton. Chris Frask (L, 3BB, 6K), David Lavioie (5), Tyler Grouton (7) and Kevin Deming. 3B:

Records: D 18-7; A 17-4.

### Other Class L score: Berlin 15, Ludlowe 2

#### Class M quarterfinals

##### HC Waterbury 7, St. Joseph 2

St. Joseph	000	010	1	2	10	2
Holy Cross	410	110	x	7	5	1

James Campbell (L, 6-3), Dan Julian (2), Matt Paz (3) and Joe Burns; Tim Bessette (W, 9-1) and Ryan Plourde.

Records: STJ 15-9; HC 19-4