

Lower baseball enjoys long playoff run, falls in semifinal

By R.E. HEINLY
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ERMA — A very successful season for the Lower Cape May Regional High School baseball team, highlighted by a long run in the NJSIAA South Jersey Group II playoffs, came to an end last week in the semifinals at the hands of top-seeded Seneca High School.

During the regular season, the Caper Tigers did well after moving up a division in the Cape-Atlantic League, being competitive in all games and going 14-11.

On May 23 in Erma, the Caper Tigers (fifth seed) edged archrival Middle Township 4-3 in the opening round by coming from down 3-1 with a pair of runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh. The Panthers (seeded 12) ended their season 9-13

while Lower improved to 15-11.

Evan Shoffler led Lower both at the plate and on the mound. He went 3 for 4 with an RBI, which was the game winner. While pitching a complete game, he had 14 strikeouts. Matt DiCave was 1 for 3 including driving in two runs in the sixth. Drew Kronmeyer, Sean Kelleher, Aydan Heacock and Cade Heacock also had hits.

The Caper Tigers then beat the Cedar Creek High School Pirates (seeded 4) 6-2 on May 29 in Egg Harbor City after having lost to them twice during the regular season. Lower improved to 16-11 as Cedar Creek ended its season 16-10. Lower had won 11 of its past 12 games.

Ray led the offense, going 3 for 4 with 3 RBIs including a home run and double. Shoffler went 1 for 3 with an RBI. Cade Hea-

cock had an RBI. Aydan Heacock and DiCave added hits. Shoffler was the winning pitcher, striking out six.

The Caper Tigers' playoff run came to an end May 31 when they were edged by Seneca High 7-5 in Tabernacle. A late three-run rally fell short of overcoming a 7-2 deficit after five innings. Lower ended the season 16-12.

Shoffler was 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs. Cade Heacock was 3 for 3 with an RBI. Ray was 2 for 4 with an RBI. Kody Lewis had a hit, as did Aydan Heacock, DiCave and Kelleher. Lewis was the losing pitcher.

Coach Ryan Slaney said he was proud of what his team had accomplished, especially their late-season run of 11 of 13 wins. He felt the team's hard work, dedication and learning to play as a team contributed to that as much as their

individual skills. With six returning players, he looks forward to continuing the program's progress.

Girls lacrosse falls in playoffs

The Caper Tigers concluded another successful season with another playoff run that ended in the quarterfinals of the NJSIAA South Jersey Group I tournament with a 16-8 loss to Madison High School.

Lower, the 11th seed, ended its season 12-8. Madison, seeded 3, improved to 9-8.

Lower began the playoffs on the road by upsetting sixth-seeded Cinnaminson High School on May 25 by a score of 12-9.

Nora Shoffler led the attack with six goals plus an assist. Ainsley Reed had four goals and two assists. Tessa Hueber had two goals and two assists.

Greta Shepanski had three assists, as did Olivia Lewis. Goalie Sophie Vitelli made seven saves.

On May 30 in Madison, the Dodgers scored four goals in each quarter and led throughout the game.

Shoffler had three goals for the Caper Tigers. Reed and Lewis each had a pair of goals and Hueber one. Lewis had two assists while Hueber and Reed had one each. Vitelli made 14 saves.

Boys lacrosse falls in opener

On May 23, the boys lacrosse team's season came to a disappointing end with a 15-7 loss to the Arthur Johnson High School Crusaders in the first round of the NJSIAA South Jersey Group I playoffs. The Crusaders broke open a 6-5 game by halftime with an overwhelming 6-1 third period.

Ryan Gibson's hat trick led the Lower scoring. Jake Robson and Dennis Serra each had two goals and an assist. Zac Castellano also had a goal. Caper Tiger goalie Ty Bonner made nine saves.

Coach Cole Blackley urged the team not to let the frustration and disappointment of their loss distort their view of the overall season. As a team, they moved up to the CAL American Division and were very competitive. They finished the season 9-7 and solidified their reputation as one of the top teams in South Jersey.

With many experienced players returning, to be augmented by some promising incoming freshmen and a solid community feeder program, Blackley feels the Caper Tigers will continue their tradition of excellence and winning in the future.



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Braelyn Bryant, left, Tessa Hueber, Ryan Salinsky, Jackson Brown, Evan Shoffler, Macky Bonner, Hunter Ray, Kody Lewis, Kaitlyn McGuigan, Cassidy Dunbar and Hailey Elwell.

Eleven athletes commit to college

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ERMA — During a ceremony May 30 attended by school administrators, coaches, teammates, family members and friends, 11 Lower Cape May Regional High School student-athletes signed commitments to continue their education and athletic endeavors at various colleges.

Since all have committed to NCAA Division II or III schools, all were presented with a combination of academic and athletic aid packages.

Macky Bonner will be going to Ursinus College to play lacrosse and major in health and physical education. Braelyn Brant is headed for Atlantic Cape Community College, where she will play soccer and study business administration.

Jackson Brown will continue to play lacrosse and study psychology at Holy Family University. Cassidy Dunbar will be a cheerleader at Stetson University while majoring in health sciences.

Hailey Elwell will play tennis at Immaculata University and study criminal jus-

tics/forensics. Tessa Hueber will play lacrosse at Champlain University while majoring in exercise science.

Kody Lewis will go to Georgian Court University to major in communications while playing baseball. Hunter Ray is going to Fairleigh Dickinson University where he'll play baseball and study finance.

Ryan Salinsky will play lacrosse and major in physical education at Montclair State University. Evan Shoffler will go to Shippensburg State University to play baseball and major in business marketing.



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Beautiful weather graced the annual West Cape May Strawberry Festival June 1. Above, Kelly Koppel, left, Nandi Hannah, Cheyenne Hamby and Carol Rea of the Rea Farm sell strawberries at the festival. At right, Chloe Dobbins and John Gise, culinary arts students at Cape May County Technical School, serve strawberry shortcake.



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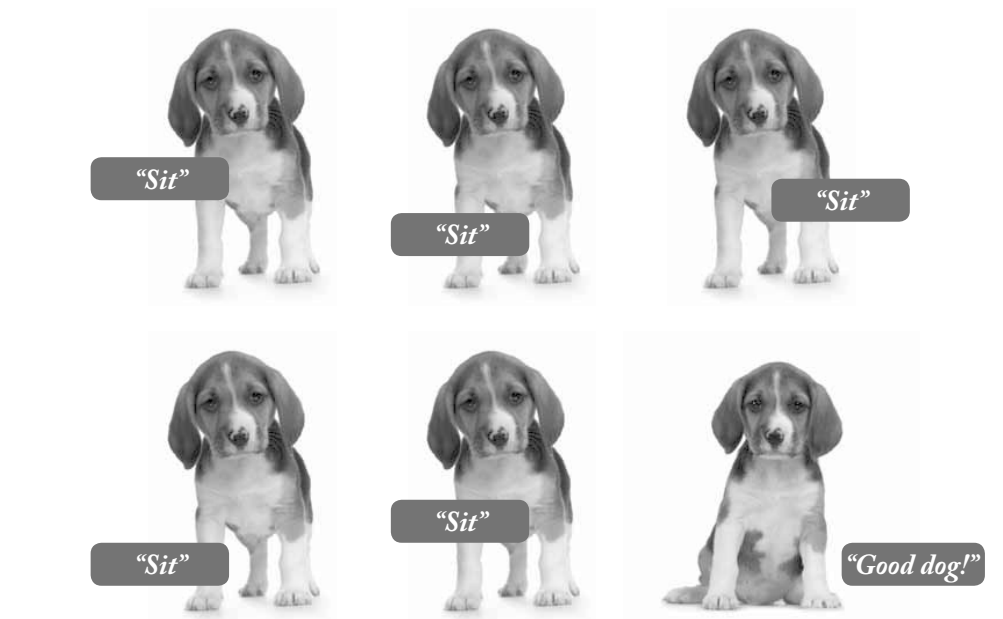
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