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## Cherry Hill East downs Millville in baseball

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Dante Cassano belted a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday to give the Cherry Hill East High School baseball team a 12-10 nonleague victory over Millville.

The two teams combined for 16 runs in the final two innings, with each scoring five in the seventh.

Cassano added a double as part of a 13-hit attack for the Cougars, No. 10 in the Courier-Post Top 20. He was also the winning pitcher.

For No. 2 Millville, Mike Trout hit his South Jersey-leading 15th homer of the season in the sixth inning. Efen Fernandez hit a three-run shot in the seventh. Will Biggs and Anthony Ramos added doubles.

### Cape-Atlantic

Hammonton 11, Vineland 6: Antonio Rodriguez got the win and Xavier Warner went 3-for-4 with three runs scored as the Blue Devils won the first of two games. Steve Melchiorre had a triple and homer for the winners.

Hammonton 15, Vineland 6: The Blue Devils converted a triple play in the second inning and rode the bats of Melchiorre (3-for-4, two RBIs), Warner (3-for-4) and Anthony Melora (three RBIs) to victory.

### Camco tourney

Eastern 12, Timber Creek 0: The No. 12 Vikings won the championship as Matt Leise pitched five innings of one-hit ball. The winners scored eight runs in the bottom of the first, highlighted by Mike Marchitto's three-run homer.

### Non-Public B South

Bishop Eustace 12, Moorestown Friends 0: Kevin Casey fired a five-inning one-hitter with 11 strikeouts and no walks for the Crusaders. Greg Brodzinski went 3-for-3 with three RBIs, while Chris Branigan had a three-run homer in the third. Ken Fetchko also homered, while A.J. Rowell and Jim Coyle had triples.

### Nonleague

C.H. West 7, Kingsway 6: Joe Calogero tied the game with a two-run homer in the seventh, and Brett Motta's two-out single in the eighth drove in the winning run for the No. 13 Lions.

Calogero finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs, while Matt Speckmann was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Kevin Bordner had a pair of doubles. Robert Cox picked up the win in relief.

Dustin DeSimone had a double for the Dragons, who scored five runs in the top of the seventh to take a 6-4 lead.

Gloucester Catholic 12, Buena 0: In the first game of a twinbill, Cody Brown picked up the win and

George Spingler belted a three-run homer for the No. 7 Rams. Steve Bruno added a triple as part of a 14-hit attack.

The No. 18 Chiefs were held to just two hits, one being a triple by Ken Miles.

Gloucester Catholic 7, Buena 3: In the nightcap, Mike Gartland led off the game with a homer, and the Rams went on for the win. Boomer Wickersham and Elliott McCummings each went 2-for-2. Bill Mendek was the winning pitcher.

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