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## LAMBERT, MILLER GET 3 FIRSTS; ANDZELL TAKES 2

### Blue Devil Trackmen Capture Watchung Conference Crown

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Balance, talent and dogged determination paved the way for the Westfield High School boys track and field team to yank the Watchung Conference National Division crown away from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys, who had worn the crown for 11 straight years. The Blue Devils came to compete on May 10 and 11 at Gary Kehler Stadium in

Westfield, captured or tied for first in nine of the 15 events and totaled 191 points while the Raiders, sans superstar Ray Williams, finished with 100 points.

Blue Devil Earl Lambert won two individual events and was on the winning 4x400-meter relay team. Lambert won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 59.2 followed by teammate Lawrence Kao at 1:01.1 and crossed first in the 400 meters

with a time of 50.7 followed by teammate Diano Reavis at 51.4. Lambert teamed with Kao, Alexis Gonzalez and LaQuan McCoy to win the 4x400 with a time of 3:32.3. The Raiders took third at 3:45.3.

McCoy crossed first in the 100 meters with a time of 11.2 and teammate Dave Falk took third at 11.3. McCoy shared first in the 200 meters with Amir Pinnix of Shabazz with a time of 22.8. Blue Devil Rich Miller took third at 23.3.

Blue Devil senior Matt Andzel had a great tournament and took first in the javelin with a personal-best heave of 160'5" and first in the discus with a toss of 134'4". "I wanted to win so bad. We wanted to take this Watchung Conference title. I'm so happy. I can't express it in words. I finally broke 160," he expressed after winning the javelin.

Raider Adam Ortyl placed second in the javelin at 154'0" and Blue Devil Dave Ucciferri took third with a heave of 145'11".

After winning the discus, Andzel said, "I was down by two inches and had one more throw. I won on the last throw, so it was dramatic."

Raider Chris Feighner, who finished second in the discus with a toss of 130'9", held first up until Andzel's final throw. Raider Shawn Doyle took third at 124'2". Feighner, however, took top honors in the shot put with a shove of 50'11".

Looking to the future, Feighner said, "My arm felt pretty good. I'm still a little open. I'm not closed when I throw. I don't have enough

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WINNING LEAP IN THE LONG JUMP...Blue Devil Rich Miller won the long jump with a leap of 20'7.5" at the Watchung Conference Championships in Westfield.

## KOSCIELECKI WINS 4 EVENTS; MACNEIL WINS 800M

### Raiders Grab Third-Straight WCT Girls' Track Crown

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Senior Jill Kosciellecki accumulated 40 team points by winning every event she entered to lead the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls to their third-straight Watchung Conference, National Division title at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 10 and 11. The Raiders edged second-place Westfield 144-128.

The Raiders took first in six events, placed second in three and third in six while the Blue Devils claimed

three first, six seconds and two thirds.

Since last year, Kosciellecki has improved remarkably in all of her events, especially the long jump where she has been approaching the 17-foot mark. In the WCT, she leaped 16'5.25" on her last jump to edge Blue Devil Sara Burke who had a leap of 15'11.75". Raider Jenna Balestriere took third at 15'5.5".

"I jumped 15'9" and Sara Burke came up and jumped 15'11" so I had one jump left. I jumped 16'5", which is not my best," commented

Kosciellecki. "I have had some hamstring problems. We have six people on our team with hamstring problems."

As to her goals in the long jump, she said, "I want to jump in the mid 17s, but I have to get my steps down. I have been working with (Coach Lionel) Hutch. He helps me out a lot."

Senior Jayme Ferraro was one of those six Raiders suffering from hamstring problems and did not compete but Kosciellecki's achievements kept her team on top. She also crossed first in the 400 meters with a time of 57.8, first in the 400 hurdles at 1:05.2 and first in the high jump with a height of 4'6". Blue Devil freshman Emily MacNeil came in second in

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COMPLETING ONE OF HER FOUR FIRSTS...Raider Jill Kosciellecki crosses first in the 400 meters. Kosciellecki had quite a tournament, placing first in four events.



TEERING OFF...Blue Devil Jeff Luker tees off at the first hole at Echo Lake Country Club.



LINING UP HIS PUTT...Blue Devil Adam Karnish lines up his putt on the third hole during the Union County Golf Tournament on May 10.

## SHALLCROSS SHOOTS 3-UNDER PAR 69 FOR TITLE

### Blue Devil Golfers Recapture Union County Championship

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Rain and the possibility of lightning threatened to postpone the Union County High School Golf Tournament held for the 38th year at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield on May 9. However, the real lightning was in the clubs of Blue Devil freshman Ryan Shallcross, who burned the 6,534-yard course with a 3-under par 69 to capture the individual title.

Prior to the tournament, according to Tournament director and Cranford High School Head Coach Billy Ray,

"We are going to get an early start because of the rain and to try to avoid possible lightning."

Led by Shallcross' own brand of lightning, the Blue Devils won the championship with a 329 total followed by Cranford with 337. Shallcross was consistent throughout with three birdies - second hole, fourth hole and fifth hole - and 15 pars, turning in a 33 on the front nine holes and a 36 on the back nine.

According to Blue Devil Head Coach John Turnbull, "That may be the lowest round ever shot in the Union County Tournament at Echo Lake. The amazing thing about his round was that it was a cold and damp day. The greens were aerated on Tuesday, which means that they were a little bumpy and the pin placements were very severe."

On April 18, Shallcross shot his lowest 9-hole round at Echo Lake with a 4-under par 32 on the front nine as Westfield defeated South Plainfield, 201-217. In the UCT, he had very little challenge as he topped his nearest opponent, sophomore Jason Occi of Cranford, by six strokes. Tim Azoia of A. L. Johnson came in third with a 77 and last

year's champion, Mike Occi of Cranford, finished fourth with a 78. Blue Devils Adam Karnish at 84 and Gerritt III at 87 finished sixth and 12th, respectively.

"I have known about Ryan for three years, working in junior golf and being a golf professional, and working closely with Mike Preston the head professional at Echo Lake," said Turnbull. "He is a tenacious bulldog. We go to the golf course, most of the kids are joking around on the putting green, having a good time. Not Ryan! He is very focused. He's very competitive. That type of kid you just leave alone."

Westfield and Cranford have been taking turns grabbing the Watchung Conference (WC) and the Union County (UC) golf titles in recent years. On May 7, the Cougars won the WC title, out-doing the Blue Devils, 331-339, at Roselle Country Club. Last year, the Blue Devils won the WC crown, topping the Cougars, 331-335, and the Cougars topped the Blue Devils, 321-327, to seize the UCT. Cougar Mike Occi won the UCT individual with a 1-over par 73.

Two years ago, Cranford won both

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3,200 WINNER...Blue Devil Sarah Mahran, front, crossed first in the 3,200 meters.

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