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ZAZZALI, YOUNG, BREZNITSKY UNDUULATE THE NET

No. 4 Raider Boys Shutout Union Soccer Farmers, 3-0

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BEING HELD BACK...Raider forward Sean McNelis, No. 13, discovers that a Farmer has a hold on his left arm as he approaches the ball.

Farmers who were felled, 3-0, in Scotch Plains on October 1 by the 7-0 Raiders, who had shutout all their previous opponents this season.

Freshman goalie Brian Meredith made four saves to record his seventh shutout. Backup goalie Chris Huether

relieved Meredith with seven minutes remaining in the game to preserve the shutout. Union goalie Brett Axelrod was credited with 11 saves, including two fine, diving saves.

Senior Ed Zazzali packed power behind four of his flip throw-ins and had Axelrod concerned throughout the game with his accuracy. In fact, Zazzali scored the game's first goal with a flip throw-in from approximately 37-40 yards (diagonally) that skipped off the fingertips of Axelrod with only 2:27 off the clock.

In his soccer career, Zazzali has been deceptively dangerous with his flip throws and had scored from them on two previous occasions, once at varsity.

"I did it against Linden last year at Linden," Zazzali said.

As to his goal against Union, he said, "I was throwing next to coach (Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky) and it sailed."

With 13:12 remaining in the first half, Raider Sean McNelis, charging down the middle, slid the ball to sophomore Sean Young who was striding down the left side. Young broke loose, beating the defender,

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FINDING DELDUCA FOR A 5-YARD COMPLETION...Blue Devil quarterback Jan Coccoziello, No. 12, tosses to Tom DelDuca, No. 2, for a five-yard completion against the Shabazz Bulldogs.

COCOZZIELLO GETS 2 TDS, BLACKMON RUSHES 120 YDS

Blue Devils Get Back the Fire, Muffle Bulldog Gridders, 14-0

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What a difference a week can make! After being sapped by Scotch Plains-Fanwood last week, the Westfield High School football team came out snarling and shutout the M.X. Shabazz Bulldogs, 14-0, at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 4. The 1-3 Blue Devils out-blocked, outran, out-played and "out-attituded" the 0-4 Bulldogs.

The Blue Devils' offensive line did what they had to do, pushing the Bulldog defense backwards, and run-

ning back Tyshon Blackmon refused to be taken down with just one tackle and gained 120 yards on 14 carries, which included a 38-yard run around the right side in the fourth quarter.

"I had a lot of energy today. I knew we had to get it done. We were 0-3. We couldn't finish the rest of our schedule with losses," said Blackmon. "Our line was opening up holes big enough to drive a truck through."

Quarterback Jan Coccoziello, who rushed 75 yards on 11 carries, scored touchdown runs of one yard and 34 yards in the first half.

"The whole offense was executing," said Coccoziello. "Tyshon was running hard. He was going through people. I even thought he broke one," referring to Blackmon's 38-yard gallop.

Westfield totaled 235 yards on the ground. Fullback Bart Walsh also contributed 39 yards on 11 carries.

Coccoziello had three receptions in seven attempts for 34 yards, which included a 21-yard strike to Brad Trzesniowski, an eight-yard reception by Bryan Power and a five-yard completion to Tom DelDuca; however, he was intercepted twice in the second half.

Westfield's defense bent somewhat but did not break by stopping the Bulldogs' offensive punch led by Barry Pinckney - 13 carries for 91 yards - when it was needed. Additionally, Coccoziello and Dan Clark had two interceptions apiece and senior defensive end Montel Glasco, recovered a Shabazz fumble and recorded an eight-yard sack. Trzesniowski recorded a 12-yard sack in the fourth quarter.

"We were hitting. We were determined," commented Glasco. "Our defense came together."

Westfield's first scoring drive came

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LUDMER SCORES, SHELMAN NETS GAME WINNER

Blue Devil Soccer Girls Cage Metuchen Lady Bulldogs, 2-0

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Inconsistency on the field can make a game difficult; however, in the game of soccer the end result is to put the ball in the goal more often than your competitor. Despite being inconsistent, the 6-2 Westfield High School girls soccer team squeezed past Metuchen, 2-0, in Westfield on October 3.

The first Blue Devil goal came in the first half when Aly Ludmer drilled a kick into the upper right corner. The deciding goal came with three minutes remaining in the second half when Tri-Captain Laura Shelman buried the ball into the net on a header. "It was a difficult game today," said

Head Coach Peter Giordano. "What ended up happening was plain and simple. We controlled the first half, came back, had some opportunities, but we just didn't put them away.

Then in the second half, we looked good in the first 10 minutes, then; it went flat. Metuchen out-hustled us and we played panic soccer. We didn't see people. We just kicked the ball. They came close to scoring a couple of times, but then we settled down toward the end and put a little more pressure on them. But it all really comes down to being consistent."

The Blue Devils took the attack to the Bulldogs immediately in the first half and proceeded to dictate offensive policy with a goal at 35:05.

Stephanie Bridgeman crossed the ball to the front of the box to Melissa Rosen stationed at the far post. Rosen

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Johnson Crusaders Bury Devils, 4-0, in F. Hockey

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What was supposed to be a highly anticipated showdown turned out to be a rout as the A.L. Johnson High School girls field hockey team buried host Westfield, 4-0, on October 11. Erin Suckiel connected twice and Lauren Hirsh had three assists for the 7-1-1 Crusaders and keeper Stephanie Parrott made three saves. A very strong and experienced Crusader defensive unit was nothing less than a wall of defiance to the Blue Devils, who entered the game with a 5-1-1 record. Blue Devil keeper Jen Frost halted four shots.

"Johnson outplayed us from the whistle, they just kept attacking and I think our kids played on their heels the whole game," said Head Coach Maggie McFadden. "It was a very

poor performance on our part and an excellent performance on Clark's part. We have to play 60 minutes and they can't decide to start playing 20 minutes into the game. We haven't really started the game playing as well as we finish the last couple of games, so hopefully that's a lesson our girls took from this."

Utilizing speed and aggressiveness, the Crusaders hit pay dirt with just 4:58 off the clock when Janna Koch, on an assist from Hirsh, caused undulations in the net. The Crusaders maintained pressure and spent the next three minutes causing havoc, then Suckiel, on an assist from Hirsh, took the ball and blazed it into the right side of the net to up the lead to 2-0.

With 11:02 off the clock, Allison

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TAKING IT OUR WAY...Blue Devil Tri-captain Laura Shelman storms into Bulldog country, then bashed in a header off a Gio Palatucci corner kick to earn Westfield a, 2-0 victory over Metuchen.

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WBA BASKETBALL

Travel Tryout Information

Third Tryout For All 5th Grade Boys

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Roosevelt School • 6:00pm - 7:30pm

WESTFIELD BASEBALL LEAGUE (WBL)

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

TUES. OCTOBER 14TH - 8:00 PM

**At the Municipal Building:
Community Room / Conference Room**

The WBL would like to announce its annual public meeting for the 2004 baseball season. Anyone interested in addressing the board is welcome to attend the meeting or contact the board directly at westfieldbaseball@hotmail.com.

The following individuals have been nominated for the WBL Board of Directors for the 2004 season:

TITLE	NAME
President	Frank Fusaro
Vice President	Gary Fox
Secretary	Kevin Marino
Treasurer	Jay Anderson
University League	Matt Isabella
Major League	Gary Fox / Frank Fusaro
International League	Phil Russo
Registration	Matt Isabella
10-Year-Old League	Jeff Ryan
9-Year-Old League	Andrew Thompson
8-Year-Old League	Jim Reardon
7-Year-Old League	Leo White
6-Year-Old League	John Monaghan
Equipment / Uniforms	Greg Gradel
Sponsors / Fund Raising	Steve Macri

WBA BASKETBALL TRAVEL TRYOUT INFORMATION

Basketball tryouts are open to all Westfield students interested in playing travel basketball in 4th through 8th grades. Typical commitment should include at least 1 practice and 1 or 2 games a week. This is over and above playing in the in-town Saturday program. Gym availability dictates the amount of time each team will be assigned. In the event that you make a travel team, there is an additional charge.

It is mandatory that you attend both tryout sessions. Extenuating circumstances would need to be addressed on an individual basis. All participants need to register at the tryouts at least 15 minutes prior to start time. All players should come dressed to play basketball. All players should bring water bottles (no screw off tops please) as we will ask that everyone stays in the gym during the tryouts.

There will be a maximum of 2 teams selected by gender and grade level depending on participation. In grades where there may not be enough players to support a competitive team, grades may be combined in the same manner as the tryouts.

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NOTE: All times are PM

The WBA is also looking for women and men interested in being Coaches and Assistant Coaches for travel squads.

For questions feel free to call the WBA at (908) 654 - 6361, or you can contact Tom Pickert at wba@westfieldnj.com