



FIGHTING FOR YARDAGE...Having already scored two touchdowns in a 12-0 Westfield B team victory, Ricardo Johnson, No. 47, fights for more yardage, dragging six defenders with him.

Westfield PAL B Boys Stump Berkeley Heights Gridders, 12-6

Westfield's 7th grade PAL B team won, 12-6, over Berkeley Heights (BH) on October 5.

Westfield D Extends Grid Record to 3-1

Westfield's D-Blue football team defeated Scotch Plains, 7-0, boosting its record to 3-0 then fell to Berkeley Heights, 12-7, in week 4.

Against Scotch Plains, Mike Giacone's game-opening sack set the tone for the game and Drew Jackson and Tom Snyder helped keep them scoreless.

In their first possession, Westfield ran strongly downfield allowing Tony Pafumi to score the only touchdown. Christian Barber, Tim Hoblitzell and Nick Mathews delivered key blocks and allowed Patrick Bergin to have a strong running game.

Against Berkeley Heights, Westfield marched effortlessly downfield on the opening drive and Brandon Ruhl scored the first touchdown, but Berkeley Heights scored on its next two offensive series. Alex Gordon, John Githens and Mikey Osborne kept Berkeley Heights from scoring the remainder of the game. Though unable to add points, Westfield kept their opponents busy with several long drives by Taylor Brand and Peter Ondi.

The D-Blue squad will host Perth Amboy on Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Kehler Stadium.

High School Girls Volleyball Results:

OCTOBER 2:
Union Catholic over Mount St. Mary, 25-9, 25-12, 23-25, 25-16

Jen Monroy notched 16 kills and had eight service aces, Katie Seamon had 13 kills, three blocks and eight digs, and Erin Conheeny had eight aces, six kills and six digs for the No. 6 Vikings. Louise Gonzalez had 30 assists.

OCTOBER 3:
Union Catholic over A. L. Johnson, 25-19, 25-16, 25-16

Jen Monroy notched nine kills and four digs for the Vikings and Katie Seamon added four kills and five digs.

from Michael Tarnofsky. Linebackers, Jimmy Reardon, James Diddell and Spencer Cassidy forced Berkeley Heights to struggle. Defensive linemen Michael Clark and Chris Jacob kept BH from scoring on their first possession.

Westfield running backs, David Babestski and Brandon Rolnick plowed forward after handoffs from quarterback Tony DiIorio. Brett DeFazio made several tough runs. Craig Dyer and Chris Sheehan cleared the field for Ricardo Johnson's 40-yd sprint across the goal. The extra point failed.

Westfield's defense again stopped BH. DiIorio completed a 30-yard pass to Alex Debbie. Rolnick bashed forward on two carries to the one-yard line, but a holding penalty sent them back to the 11. Westfield turned the ball over at the four. Berkeley Heights attempted a lateral pass, but Jihaad Billups stopped it in its tracks.

In the second half, Ricardo Johnson and Rolnick shared carries and received blocks from Eric Moran and Joe Kania until Ricardo Johnson blasted across the goal.

Gerald Schuman slowed down BH's drive but a pass completion gave BH the momentum to score a goal. BH got possession again, but Sam Murphy made a saving tackle at the Westfield 32. The defense held tight with Jordan Johnson and Ricardo Johnson recording sacks and Diddell deflecting a pass. Kania, Cassidy, Clark and Reardon held the Blue Line.

Head Coach, Fred DeFazio reflected "We came up big when we needed to".

Blue Thunder Raps Soccer Metros 3-0

Fueled by a two-goal performance by Chris McManus and a tenacious team defense led by Billy Johnston and Dan Meurer, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood U13 Blue Thunder soccer team shut out the Linden Metros to notch their second win of the season.

The strong defensive effort combined with Andrew Smith's solid goalkeeping proved to frustrate the Metro offense who managed only four second half shots. Danny Gore's goal and assists by Mark Koransky and Patrick Clancy rounded out the scoring.

The Thunder season continues Sunday at home against rival Westfield.



TRYING TO SHAKE A TACKLE...PAL D Blue halfback Peter Ondi, No. 32, tries to shake a tackle. The D Blue team suffered its first loss of the season to Berkeley Heights, 12-7.

Westfield PAL C Team Stops Berkeley Heights Boys, 6-0

The Westfield PAL C football team preserved its undefeated season with a 6-0, victory over Berkeley Heights. The C team defense remains unscathed upon this season with another spectacular performance.

Continuing the defensive dominance with four interceptions were Patrick Gray (2), Brian Henry and Joe Ondi. The defense kept Berkeley Heights pinned behind the 50-yd line all game and limited them to only one first down. Mike Sheehan and Drew Bergin contributed with stops in the offensive backfield on multiple occasions. The punting team led by Jack Kephart and Jon Brucia

kept Berkeley Heights from advancing beyond the 10-yard line on the punts.

Westfield's offense had productive afternoon moving the ball up the field but could only score on Kevin Hearon's run. Joe Ondi helped set up the touchdown with a long run prior to the score.

The offense was moving for a second touchdown prior to the end of the first half with a pass from Danny Kerr to Hearon to the six-yard line just as time expired.

The C team next plays on Sunday, October 12, against Perth Amboy at Kehler Stadium.

Gold Rush Soccer Girls Get One Victory, Two Ties

The Gold Rush U11 Scotch Plains Girls soccer team opened on September 13 with a 2-0, victory, then recorded two, 1-1, ties the following week, finishing in a deadlock with the White Tigers on October 4.

Unlike the first tie, the Gold Rush scored first. Amanda Rodriguez took a clearing pass from Sarah Lazarus and adroitly maneuvered around two defenders to deposit a left-footed shot past the goalie 10 minutes into the game.

The Tigers responded quickly with a goal. Taking advantage of a wet slippery ball, a shot took a nasty skip into the goal. Despite a wide territorial advantage the remainder of the game, the Gold Rush was unable to pierce the collapsing White Tiger defense.

Goalies Eve Rosenheck and Jaelyn Friedman received fine support from fullbacks Donna Amore, Lazarus and Christina Bobyack. Jessica Moore moved from halfback to sweeper and excelled playing behind the fullbacks.

Halfbacks Caoimhe Harold, Allison Staniec Christine Murphy, Laura Wright, Brooke Bergenfeld, Rodriguez, Erica Tropp, Anna McGuinness and Alyssa Laki were

skillful in creating scoring chances and dropping back to aid the defense. Isabel Crystal's fine line play kept the pressure on the opposition.

SPF-PAL Basketball Travel Tryouts:

Basketball tryouts are open to boys and girls fifth through eighth grades at Terrill Middle School. All participants are to come dressed to play basketball, wearing proper basketball gear. Please bring a water bottle. No one will be allowed to leave the gym. In the event you do make the team there will be an additional charge.

SESSIONS:
Girls 5&6 grade: October 20 & 27 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Girls 7&8 grade: October 20 & 27 - 7:30-9 p.m.

Boys 5&6 grade: October 22 & 29 - 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Boys 7&8 grade: October 22 & 29 - 7:45-9:30 p.m.

Both sessions must be attended.
The PAL is looking for women and men interested in being coaches and assistant coaches. For all questions, please call Sylvia Oliver at (908) 322-1908, or via e-mail at oliver1218@aol.com

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