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### Raiders Rally in Fourth, Top Cougar Lady Softballers, 2-1

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Long fingernails were at a minimum in the top of the seventh inning when the visiting Cranford High School softball team, down 2-0, scored a run, had the bases loaded with two outs and No. 5 batter Lisa

Levonas ripped a liner to centerfield. Fortunately, for the home team, centerfielder Kelli Kaskiw darted to her left and snagged the liner to earn the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls a 2-1 victory on April 13.

The 4-4 Raiders, who were edged, 3-2, by the Cougars on opening day,

April 1, made strong timely defensive plays and got timely hitting when they needed it to go along with a fine pitching performance from Jess Moore who struck out three, walked four and allowed seven hits - four in the seventh inning. Cougar pitcher Elena Morge

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LAYING DOWN A FINE BUNT...Raider Melissa Sette lays down a fine bunt to move the base runner. Sette finished 2-for-3 with a run scored and ignited a two-run rally in the fourth inning.

## TRIMBLE, SIWULEC, MASEL NET TWO GOALS APIECE

### Bridgewater Erupts to Beat Blue Devil Lady Laxers, 13-6

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A furious attack sparked by five unanswered goals just before half-time earned the Bridgewater-Raritan High School girls' lacrosse team a

13-6 victory over a young, aggressive and feisty Westfield squad at Tamaques Park in Westfield on April 16. Despite the loss, first-year Blue Devil Head Coach Liz Coulson was pleased with the way her team per-

formed against the 6-0 Panthers. "We definitely put pressure on them all throughout the field and our midfield transition was so much better. In past games we struggled looking up to use our cutters and it really worked very effectively for us today. We were looking for each other, making those passes and connections to goal. However, we definitely need to improve on dropping to double team and our defense needs to be a little tighter and we need to win those fifty-five ground balls."

The Blue Devils exhibited fine defensive and offensive skills including superb efforts from seniors, Tri-Captain first home Lizzie Trimble, tackling Anne Siwulec and second home Sarah Masel who each scored two goals. Third home Jessica Schor, junior defensive wing Rachel Tucker, sophomore center Mary Kate Luker and junior third home Amy Santoriello each contributed an assist. Senior goalkeeper Jackie Burns made eight fine saves.

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SCORING A GOAL...Blue Devil Tri-Captain Liz Trimble, No. 12, scored two goals against the Bridgewater-Raritan Panthers.



CLINCHING THE POLE VAULT TITLE...Blue Devil Mike Woods clears 13 feet and teammate Mike Gorski cleared 12-6 to take first in the team pole vault with a height of 25-6.

## DEVIL BOYS WIN 4X800, POLE VAULT; GIRLS WIN 4X800

### Four Meet Records Broken At Blue Devil Track Classic

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Four meet records were broken - two by the Old Bridge High School boys and two by the Piscataway High School girls - at the Blue Devil Track & Field Relays at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on April 16. The Blue Devil boys took top honors in two events - the team pole vault and the 4x800 meters - and the Blue Devil girls reigned supreme once again in the 4x800 meters.

Not only did the Piscataway girls set two records but they also won five of the 13 girls' events. The first girls' record breaker came in the 4x200 meters when Ronnah Parham, Asia Washington, Collene Cumberbatch and Michelle Losey combined for a time of 1:42.4 to top the previous record of 1:43.8 set by Plainfield in 1996. Losey, Parham, Cumberbatch and Washington also established a new record in the sprint medley relay with a time of 4:10.3. The former record of 4:20.7 was set by Randolph in 1994.

Old Bridge presented its own definition of "rapid transit" when Dawan Riddick, Allan Lunkenheimer, Paul Racioppi and Bryant McCombs finished the 4x100 in 43 seconds to break the previous record of 43.3 set in 1988 by Elizabeth, Lunkenheimer, Nick Carbone, Racioppi and McCombs set a new meet record in the 4x400 with a time of 3:21.8, topping the previous record of 3:23.6 set by Camden in 1995.

Needing to finish under 8:15 in the 4x800, the Blue Devil foursome of Ameer Rogers, Rob Broadbent, Jeff Perrella and Jay Hoban combined for a time of 8:14.2 to win the event and be considered for the upcoming Penn Relays. Running the first leg, Rogers handed off the baton to Broadbent in fourth place. Broadbent finished his

leg in 1:57.7 to give Perrella a 10-yard lead over the second-placed Morristown runner. Perrella extended the lead to 40 yards when he handed off to Hoban. Morristown finished second in 8:15.1. The Westfield "B" team of John Meredith, Eric Scudato, Scott Steinberg and Raymond Chen finished sixth with a time of 8:52.4.

"I wanted to put in everything I could so the boys can go to Penn Relays. We came out with that goal in mind. I think we got that goal," said Perrella whose split was 2:00.9.

"I came by in the first 400 pretty fast, about 55 (seconds). I was trying to catch them. I thought I would go for it because they were going pretty slow and I knew I could go faster,"

said Broadbent. "We did what we wanted to do and I think we are all happy about that."

Considering he only had less than a week of practice, Blue Devil Mike Gorski started to get back in the groove to clear 12-6 in the pole vault while teammate Mike Woods cleared 13-0 to win the event with a total of 25-6. Voorhees finished second with a height of 24 feet.

Woods, who set a personal-best of 14-6 in winter track, injured his neck and shoulder early in the spring season and has been battling mentally to get back in strong form.

"I really missed training with him (Gorski) in the winter but I came out all

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