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## GATES BUCKETS FOUR 3-POINTERS - POWER NETS 14

### Blue Devil Hoopmen Scoot By Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 57-48

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After incurring a 66-52 setback on January 6, a balanced Blue Devil offensive attack combined with a display of confident defensive play prevented the visiting, 7-12 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team from grabbing a win on February 3. Senior forward Bryan Power dominated the boards and poured in 14 points and sophomore guard Tom Bonard hit 5-for-5 from the stripe in the fourth quarter and displayed brilliance with his scrappy

play on the floor and under the boards to guide Westfield to a 57-48 victory. "Being a small man, I really need to use my body well. I've got to scrap around and hustle it up," said Bonard. "We had good leadership in Power, (Eric) Hayes and (Billy) Hearon. Everyone just outworked them defensively at the end. Coach said that it was going to be a close game and we needed to out-hustle people and make our free throws."

"This was definitely the tougher of the two games we must win to make states, so it was a good test for us,"

added Power. "We came out and pushed it real quick on the fast break. Later, we slowed it down but stepped it up a notch at the end. We got several second chances on the offensive boards and we converted on those."

Raider Kyle Gates took matters into his hands offensively by banging in four 3-pointers. Guard Rob Lewis netted eight points and forward Gavin Ford contributed seven.

"We were down four when we started turning things up and we wanted to apply a full court press just

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UP AGAINST TOUGH DEFENSE...Raider Sean Young, No. 33, is being hounded by Blue Devil Billy Hearon, No. 21. The Blue Devils, with their strong defense defeated the Raiders, 57-48.

## KLIMOWICZ HITS 23, GILLOOLY NEARS 1,000 MARK

### Lady Raiders Send Message, Swamp Devil Cagers, 70-21

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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After performing poorly in a 42-33 victory over Cranford on February 1, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls took out its frustrations on visiting Westfield with a 70-21 swamping on February 3. A ruthless defense that forced 20 Blue Devil turnovers in the first half blended well with a lightning-striking offense to send a message that the 14-5 Raiders were seriously gearing up for the

upcoming post regular-season tournaments. The Raiders confused the 6-11 Blue Devils with a combination of outside shooting proficiency mixed with the effective inside passing from point guard Jenny Burke, who scored eight points, to center Hillary Klimowicz who rolled in 23 points in her two-and-one-half quarters of play. Burke, who most likely shattered the all-time Raider record for assists (no records seem to be available), fin-

ished with a season-high 13 assists. Klimowicz, who led the team with 10 rebounds and obviously shattered the all-time Raider rebounding record (Also no records seem available), bucketed nine of her points in the second quarter and added eight more in the first four minutes of the third quarter before taking a rest.

"Four of us are graduating so they want everyone to get a good experience on the court. The younger girls

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NO WAY TO GET AROUND...Blue Devil Danielle Infantino, No. 24, cannot seem to get past Raider Allie Zazzali, No. 33. The Raiders went on an offensive frenzy while holding the Blue Devils to 21 points.



STRANGE AS IT SEEMS...Raider Steve Mineo appears to be getting a takedown on Rahway's Darrion Caldwell but situations changed drastically when Caldwell managed to entwine Mineo's legs and pin him with his trademark spladle in the 135-lb final.

## P. MINEO, FABIANO WIN; SHAFFER TAKES SECOND

### Rahway Wrestlers Capture Union County Mat Crown

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Four teams had a strong chance to grab the Union County Wrestling Tournament title but, in the end, a fine across the board effort from the Rahway High School boys earned them 196.5 points and the championship in Union on February 5. Roselle Park (Panthers) placed second with 182.5 points, New Providence (Pioneers) took third at 179 and defending champion Scotch Plains-Fanwood finished fourth with a 153 total.

The Rahway Indians placed 10 of their wrestlers in top-six spots and claimed two champions, Ryan Wilson (112-lbs) and Darrion Caldwell (135-lbs). The Raiders, who claimed champions in Pat Mineo (140) and heavyweight Marc Fabiano, managed to place seven wrestlers in top-four positions, but had no wrestlers competing for the fifth/sixth positions.

The premier bout of the afternoon (135-lbs) was between Caldwell, ranked No. 1 in the state at 130-lb, and Raider Steve Mineo, ranked No. 2 at 135-lbs. Caldwell, seeded first, received a bye and recorded two falls to reach the finals while Mineo, seeded second, received a bye and recorded two falls, both via double grapevine,

head smother. Before his bout with Caldwell, Mineo said, "I have never faced Darrion before. In a match where both kids think they can win, that's the best."

Unfortunately, the excitement of the big showdown ended abruptly when Mineo shot under Caldwell in

an effort to get a takedown but Caldwell countered and caught Mineo in his trademark spladle to end the bout in 54 seconds. Fired up, Pat Mineo, who received a bye and recorded two falls via throws to power half nelsons, recorded the fastest pin of the finals by decking

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AN ENTANGLING SITUATION...Blue Devil Andrew Shaffer stands up while Raider AJ Watson is clinging to him like a vine in the 152-lb semifinal bout.

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