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NEARING THE 1,000 POINT PLATEAU...Raider Maura Gillooly, left, has 986 career points as of February 8 and could reach the 1,000-point mark in the home game against Kearny this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

DAURIO TOUCHES FIRST IN 200 IM Blue Devil Boys Win 48th County Swimming Crown

Although winning only one individual event, the Westfield High school boys swimming team won its 48th Union County swimming championship in 49 years at Dunn Center in Elizabeth on February 4. The Blue Devil boys accumulated 249 points while Oratory Prep placed second with 172 points and New Providence paced third with 168 points. Scotch Plains-Fanwood finished sixth with 155 points.

Blue Devil Pat Daurio touched first in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:01.19, more than seven seconds ahead of New Providence Pioneer Ryan Mullane who touched at 2:08.3. Blue Devils Matt Green finished third with a time of 2:17.32 and Phil Anton took fifth at 2:18.68.

Daurio finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:01.86 behind Pioneer John Closs who touched in 1:01.47. Closs also won the 50-freestyle at 22.72 and swam anchor on the winning 400-freestyle relay team that finished in 3:32.11. Westfield finished second in

the event in 3:33.83 and the Raiders finished fifth at 3:45.45.

Blue Devil PJ Harley placed second in the 500-freestyle with a time of 5:02.24 and second in the 200-freestyle at 1:53.76. Raider Mike Miller at 1:57.43 and Blue Devil Dan Chabanov at 1:58.15 placed third and fifth, respectively, in the 200 and Miller touched sixth in the 500 at 5:24.2. Luke Baran touched third in the 100-backstroke with a time of 58.56 while Chabanov touched fifth at 1:00.84.

Mike Sheffield gave the Raiders their only first place when he touched first in the 100-butterfly with a time of 55.32. Raider David Hauptman took third in the 100-freestyle at 52.35 while Baran touched fourth at 52.38. Blue Devil Brandon Cuba placed third in the 50-freestyle at 23.46 while Hauptman finished sixth at 23.85. The Blue Devils took second in the 200-freestyle and 200-medley relays with respective times of 1:35.66 and 1:46.68 while the Raiders placed third in the 200-freestyle at 1:37.4 and fifth in the 200-medley at 1:50.73.



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LEAPING HIGH TOWARD THE BASKET...Blue Devil Tom Bonard, No. 3, tries to roll in a layup as Raider Kyle Gates, No. 1, attempts to deflect his shot.

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need the experience and we want them to hold the good Scotch Plains name," said Klimowicz.

Raider Elizabeth DeCataldo led the outside shooters with 16 points, including two 3-pointers. Brianne Mahoney sank two 3-pointers and Allie Zazzali finished with five points, including a 3-pointer. Lauren Benovegno and Lauren Mains each netted a point and pulled down eight rebounds apiece.

The quiet giant, however, Maura Gillooly fired in 10 points, including two 3-pointers, and committed five steals. In four years of varsity, she has been deadly from 3-point range and has quietly crept to within 50 points of being another 1,000-point scorer. "Yes! I'm not sure of the exact number. I don't really think of it. I just want us to keep winning. It would be nice to have but, if I don't, I won't be upset as long as the team does well," Gillooly said modestly. "The stuff we did wrong in the Cranford game we fixed today."

"I'm rooting for Maura all the way," said Klimowicz. "It would be great!"

The Blue Devils, playing without the services of leading scorer Erin Miller who had been injured in a previous game, were led by Stephanie Slodyczka who put in 10 points, including two 3-pointers. Kate Cronin scored three points.

The Raiders stunned the Blue Devils and darted to a 14-0 lead before Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino called a timeout with 5:12 left in the first quarter. The Blue Devils responded with eight unanswered points, which included both of

Slodyczka's 3-pointers, but the Raiders finished out the quarter with DeCataldo's 3-pointer followed by Burke's layup to take a 22-8 lead.

Continuing to force the turnovers, the Raiders rumbled to a 22-6 edge in the second quarter to carry a 44-14 lead at the half. Double twos each by Klimowicz and DeCataldo gave the Raiders a 52-14 lead early in the third quarter before Danielle Infantino halted the run with a layup. Gillooly responded with a 3-pointer and Klimowicz added two more layups before resting the remainder of the game. Mahoney ended the 21-4 Raider quarter with a 3-pointer.

"In the Cranford game, we did not come ready to play, which is the bottom line. We didn't make a statement with Cranford, so we had a really rough practice yesterday," said Klimowicz. "Hopefully, this will spare us from that again. We decided to put Westfield away pretty early, come out strong and prove it to ourselves and the rest of the teams that we are not going to take it easy again the rest of the season."

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Attention Raider Fans

The Raider girls basketball game with Kearny on Friday night has been moved back to 5:30 p.m. to allow people to attend the final regular-season home game for the four seniors - Jenny Burke, Elizabeth Decataldo, Maura Gillooly and Hillary Klimowicz. As of this date, Gillooly has 986 career points.

Devil Bowlers Take Fourth In Union County Tourney

The Union County Bowling tournament was held on February 2-3 and the Westfield High School bowling team finished second in the preliminary round and fourth in the finals. On Day 1, the Blue Devils had a three-game total of 2,868 to place second to Linden. Union with a 2,856 series, Union Catholic with a 2,701 series and Roselle Catholic with a 2,676 series also qualified for the finals.

In Game 1, freshman Eric Curialles rolled a 235 and senior Brian Stotter shot a 234 to help the Blue Devils get off in third place with a 928 total. In Game 2, Alex Wronski rolled a 223, sophomore Harrison Mercado had a 188 and Stotter had a 180 to give the Blue Devils another 928 total to remain in third behind Union and Linden.

In Game 3, senior Brian Burkhardt rolled a 237 as Curialles and Mercado each rolled a 211 as the Blue Devil totaled a 1,012 to vault past Union to finish as second-place qualifiers. Curialles had a 617 series and Stotter finished with an even 600 series.

In the finals, Westfield faced a very hot Linden team that bowled a tournament high 3,167 series to win the

tournament. Westfield had games of 912, 938 and 941. Union Catholic finished second to Linden with a 3,043 series. Roselle Catholic was third at 2,806 and Union finished fifth with a 2,756 series.

In Game 1, Curialles had a 218, Stotter a 224 and Wronski a 195 but Linden finished with a 1,084 game. In Game 2, Stotter bowled a 226 as Curialles and Wronski rolled respective scores of 191 and 189. The Blue Devils rolled their highest total in Game 3. Stotter, Wronski and Curialles all rolled 190 games and Burkhardt rolled in a 184. Stotter had the fourth highest series of the day at 643 and Curialles finished with a 608 series. Mercado had a solid 581 series.

The Blue Devils will compete in the Sectional tournament to be held at Eagle Rock Lanes in West Orange this Saturday at 9 a.m. The top-three teams in the four county sections advance to the state finals. The top-15 individual bowlers will also advance for the individual state championship. Westfield last won the state championship in 1993 and Blue Devil Matt Rothstein was the individual state champion in 2003.

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