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GETTING MUGGED...Raider Elizabeth DeCataldo, No. 22, gets mugged by a Cougar after grabbing a rebound. DeCataldo scored seven points in the game.

Lady Raiders Head to Semis, Whip Cougar Cagers, 54-41

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Benevengo had four points and five rebounds.

The early going was not easy for the 22-5 Raiders as the 18-6 Cougars clung tightly defensively and senior center Megan Fox, who led her team with 15 points, put the pinch on Klimowicz in the first half, limiting her to just one layup and two free throws. Cougar Tori Sensi scored eight points, including two 3-pointers, and Lindsay VanHouten sank six.

"She did great! She was good," Klimowicz said of Fox.

The Cougars had a 9-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and had the score knotted at 16 until Burke, after a Raider timeout with 2:20 on the clock, made a crucial steal and passed to DeCataldo who was fouled attempting a layup. After DeCataldo sank one of her free throws and missed the second, Benevengo got the rebound and followed with a layup. Another steal led to another DeCataldo layup and, by halftime, the Raiders rolled with 12 unanswered points to carry a 28-16 lead into the locker room.

"You could tell they (Cougars) really wanted it. Before the timeout, it seemed like they were controlling the game," said Burke. "It's good for their team and it kind of motivates you but we felt pretty confident. Once we got a few steals on the press it just steamrolled and we kept going on a run. I think that crushed their confidence a little. Once that happened we had them mentally."

The Raiders were in cruise control in the second half and appeared to be reading the Cougars' movements, getting their hands on the ball and

creating several turnovers, especially Klimowicz. By game's end, the Cougars had turned the ball over 19 times.

Somewhat unsure and a bit tired from her close physical contact Klimowicz chuckled and said, "If I did (create turnovers), I didn't realize it. Maybe I did. My feet are burning and maybe I'm just tired of taking all the hits."

Klimowicz put in the Raiders' first six points of the third quarter then, along with Burke, Zazzali, DeCataldo and Smith, took turns driving to the basket for the remainder of the game.

"As the game went on, we kept opening up different options," said Burke.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	8	20	14	12	54
Montgomery	9	7	15	10	41

Lady Raider Cagers Edge Voorhees, 52-49, in Semis

Senior center Hillary Klimowicz made just 2-of-9 shots from the field, but connected on four critical free throws in the final minute of play to lift the 24-5 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team past 20-6 Voorhees, 52-49, in the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 semifinals on March 4.

Senior Maura Gillooly led the Raiders with 18 points, while Rachel Ferdinand tallied 15 points for Voorhees, which lost to the Raiders in the semifinals for the second-straight season. Klimowicz finished the game with 18 rebounds and seven blocks while Jenny Burke added seven assists.

Blue Devil Icemen Complete Hockey Season on Upswing

By ANDREW GOLDMAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School JV and Varsity Hockey teams both wrapped up their seasons this past week. Blue Devil freshman varsity goaltender Eric Zagorski was named the ninth best goalie on a public team in the state of New Jersey.

The JV team, which did not have a winning record, finished the season strongly at the Union County JV ice hockey tournament. The JV Blue Devils went undefeated in the round robin portion of the tournament beating Johnson, 1-0, Cranford, 2-0, and scoring with 10 seconds left to tie Summit, 2-2.

The Blue Devils' strong performance earned them a spot in the championship game against Summit, who also did not lose in the round robin. Both teams continued to play strongly and neither goalie let their team fall behind as the teams played a score-

less regulation and entered a five minute overtime period.

The Hilltoppers were finally able to score more than halfway through the overtime, poking in a puck during a scramble in front of the Westfield net. The Westfield coaches and players were disappointed with the game's ending because they thought Summit scored after the whistle, however the coaches were proud of the way the boys played.

Later in the week, the varsity squad's season ended with a disappointing 5-0 defeat to River Dell in the preliminary round of the NJISSA state tournament. Westfield fell behind 2-0 midway through the second period and then controlled the remainder of the period, but was unable to put the puck in the net.

The Blue Devils came out flat to start the third and soon found themselves down 4-0. River Dell scored in the final minutes to make it 5-0.

Shabazz Hoop Girls Defeat Raiders, 57-52, in Finals

Once again, the Malcolm X. Shabazz High School girls basketball team defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 title. The Lady Bulldogs overcame a 14-8, second quarter run by the Raiders to win, 57-52.

Senior Hillary Klimowicz had 13 rebounds and a game-high 25 points, bringing her career total to 1,948 and season total to 497, for the 24-6 Raiders. Maura Gillooly bucketed 10 points, including two from 3-point range to bring her career point total to 1,078. Allie Zazzali sank eight and Jenny Burke put in six points.

Al-Nisa Harris led the 25-4 Lady Bulldogs with 19 points, including three 3-pointers. Iasia Hemingway netted 13 points and eight rebounds and Jania Sims sank 11 points.

Harris scored seven of her points to help lead the Bulldogs to an 18-12 first quarter lead. The Raiders went on an 11-0 run in the second quarter when Burke and Klimowicz each netted two baskets and Gillooly banged in a 3-pointer. Harris hit two 3-pointers and Gillooly added her second to knot the score, 26-26, at the half.

Shabazz zoomed with a 13-2 run in the third quarter before the Raiders answered with a 12-4 run to finish the quarter. Despite the Raiders' strong effort, the Bulldogs matched them in scoring in the final quarter.

SHABAZZ:
Harris 4-3-2-19, Evans 4-0-0-8, Judson 1-0-0-2, Sims 4-0-3-11, Zackery 1-0-0-2, Jackson 1-0-0-2, Hemingway 4-0-5-13, 19-3-10-57.

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD:
Gillooly 2-2-0-10, Burke 3-0-0-6, Decataldo 1-0-0-2, Benevengo 0-0-1-1, Zazzali 3-0-2-8, Klimowicz 11-0-3-25, 20-2-6-52.

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MX Shabazz	18	8	17	14	57

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Westfield Blue Devil Pat Daurio

Blue Devil Pat Daurio Grabs Second, Third at Swim MOC

Westfield High School Blue Devil Pat Daurio finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke and third in the 200-yard individual medley at the NJSSA Meet of Champions (MOC) at Gloucester County Institute of Technology in Sewell. Daurio's respective times of 58.27 and 1:55.61 were both lifetime bests.

Daurio entered the MOC as the top seed in both events but after the preliminary events he was reseeded second in the 100-yard breaststroke and fifth in the 200-yard IM after turning in times of 59.29 and 1:57.11, respectively. Kyle McElroy of Ramapo received the top seed in both events after touching at 59.1 in the 100-breaststroke and 1:55.83 in the 200-IM.

In the 100-breaststroke finals, Emmett Walling of Manasquan

shocked them all by swimming a personal-best 57.77 followed by Daurio's 58.27 and McElroy's 58.69. Walling went one step higher in the shock treatment by touching first in the 200-IM with a personal-best 1:54.77 followed by McElroy at 1:54.84 and Daurio at 1:55.61.

The Blue Devil 200-yard medley relay foursome of Luke Baran, Daurio, Dan Chabanov and Brandon Cuba touched fourth with a time of 1:39.31, which was fourth on the Top 15 list at Westfield High School (WHS). The Blue Devil girls foursome of Alexi Kuska, Jackie DeLaFuente, Brittany Reyes and Kirsten Selert finished seventh in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:54.5, which was also No. 4 on the WHS girls Top 15 list.

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