

## Cougar Football Boys Upend Raiders, 26-23, in OT Clash

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the Raiders on the board. Hirschhorn's conversion reduced the deficit to 20-14 with 10:42 left.

Next, Weber aired a seven-yard TD to Rowbotham. The extra point failed to split the uprights, thus knotting the contest at 20-20 with 4:32 left in the third quarter.

"Our line was doing a good job, but their defensive line stopped our run, therefore we had to convert by throwing the ball, which worked out pretty good," said Rowbotham. "As to the touchdowns, when the man was on me and he played off, we went for a short pass, but if he played on, I just ran him deep and beat him. There was one where I almost didn't come down with the ball in the end zone, but I was able to get my feet down to the ground."

Betau added, "We came out on fire. I always considered us a second half team for some reason, however I cannot explain why. I was tired of getting

pushed around and I had to make a stand for myself and that last drive of ours really boosted me. The whole line stepped up. Now, we just need to go back to work."

After a scoreless fourth quarter, the Raiders took a 23-20 lead in overtime when Hirschhorn's 28-yard boot sailed through the uprights. However, Cranford answered. Brown jaunted 13-yards, and after a personal foul penalty placed the ball on the one, he smashed in for the TD.

"We made defensive adjustments in the second half. We settled down and did a good job shutting them down except for the overtime; however, we can't have dumb penalties down there, which we did. I thought we did some great things. We played some great defense, we threw the ball well, however, we just didn't get it done," concluded Ciccotelli.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	0	7	13	0	3	23
Cranford	6	14	0	0	6	26



THIRD TD RECEPTION...Raider wide receiver Kyle Rowbotham, No. 80, makes his third touchdown reception of the game against the Cougars.



GIVING THE RAIDERS HEADACHES...Cougar Chris Brown, No. 30, scored a touchdown in regulation and added the winning TD in overtime.



RETURNING THE BULLDOGS' KICKOFF...Blue Devil Tom Bonard, No. 3, with the assistance of Jayshawn King, No. 8, returns the Bulldogs' kickoff to the 29-yard line in the first half.

## High School Girls Volleyball Results:

### SEPTEMBER 30: Bridgewater-Raritan over Westfield, 25-14, 25-23

Erin Roudebush notched 10 kills and Anna Koehler had six digs for the Blue Devils. Nicole Berkstresser notched 14 kills, nine digs and three aces for the unbeaten Panthers.

### Union Catholic over Rahway, 25-23, 25-21

Joanne Schurtz registered seven kills and three digs, Paige Rusnock had six kills and one block and Courtney Harris had four digs, two kills and two blocks for the Vikings.

### OCTOBER 1:

The Blue Devils stunned Old Tappan, 25-19, 25-17, in the Healing the Children Tournament at the Rahway Recreation Center. The Blue Devils then defeated Hunterdon Central, 25-21, in the gold bracket

quarterfinals before falling to Demarest, 25-8, in the semis.

Union Catholic beat Paramus, 27-25, 25-20, then lost to Demarest and Bridgewater-Raritan in pool play. The Vikings topped Newark East Side, 25-23, in the silver bracket quarterfinals the defeated Rahway, 25-23, before being defeated by Old Tappan, 25-18.

### OCTOBER 3:

#### Westfield over Linden, 25-7, 25-16

Paige Roudebush notched four kills and two blocks and Monica Dreyer had three aces.

#### Union Catholic over Old Tappan, 20-25, 25-22, 25-19

Paige Rusnock and Joanne Schurtz each had seven kills and eight digs, Courtney Harris had 11 digs and four kills and Nicole Palumbo had nine digs and four kills.

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fullback Derrell Moye (12 rushes, 102 yards and 1 TD) and Phelps (9 rushes, 69 yards). Phelps completed only two passes but one was a 25-yard TD pass to tight end Jamar Nolton. In addition to Yarusi's interception, Simmons snagged one of Phelps passes toward the end of the first half.

Both teams had their share of penalties, with the Blue Devils yielding four for 50 yards and the Bulldogs yielding five for 52 yards.

After DeRosa's TD, Shabazz dodged a bullet when Phelps was seemingly corralled for a potential 10-yard loss, but instead he escaped around the left side and scampered for a 33-yard gain to the Blue Devil 17. After Moye battered ahead for three yards, he got the handoff again and rumbled 14 yards for the TD with 2:43 left in the quarter. Lanier Hayes kicked the extra point, tying the score.

sive play of the game. Even after his big run, we were still tied 7-7 going into the locker room."

In the third quarter, DeRosa fumbled on the 25-yard line. One play later, Phelps hit Nolton on the right side for the 25-yard TD with 3:56 on the new scoreboard. Adding insult to injury, Phelps ran in a two-point conversion to give the Bulldogs a 15-7 lead.

"It was a line blocking fault that got Nick hit, a mental mistake that should never happen," commented Tranchina.

The Blue Devils tried to get their offense going on their next series and DeRosa completed a 39-yard pass to Rogers, putting the ball on the Shabazz 25, but three plays later King fumbled after grabbing a pass on the Blue Devils' sideline and the ball was recovered at the 28 by the Bulldogs. Shabazz then marched 72 yards on eight plays, concluded by Phelps' one-yard TD run with 9:12 remaining in the game.

Shabazz	7	0	8	7	22
Westfield	7	0	0	0	7

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