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## YOUNG HEADS IN WINNER; BRILL, COHEN SCORE

### Soccer Raider Boys Get Past Blue Devils, 2-1, in Overtime

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Two days after the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team won a 32-29, overtime thriller over Westfield, the Raider boys soccer team duplicated that feat by edging the 3-1 Blue Devils, 2-1, in golden goal overtime in Scotch Plains on

September 19. Senior forward Sean Young took a throw in from senior Jeff Bell with 7:12 remaining in the first overtime and headed it in the upper right corner of the net.

Junior goalie Brian Meredith, First Team All-Union County last year, made four saves, all in the second half while his team finished with 12 shots

on goal. Blue Devil sophomore goalie Greg O'Brien showed that he had some talent also by making 10 saves, including four very fine ones, while his team got off eight shots.

"I'm very proud of my boys. We have played four excellent matches. This could have gone either way. It went their way today," said Blue Devil Head Coach George Kapner whose team has already won more games than last year's squad. "They (Raiders) are tough on the long throw ins and we covered them pretty well but Sean (Young) made a good play in the end. There's not much you can do."

The Raiders directed nearly all of their throw ins to the 210-pound, 6'4"



DELIVERING A BIG HIT...Blue Devil special teams player Terrell Shaw, No. 12, delivers a big blow on Raider kickoff return man Nehemiah Burney-Porter, No. 83, in the exciting overtime game between Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood on September 17 in Scotch Plains. Also, see picture on page 14.



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TRYING TO MAKE HEADWAY...The Blue Devils, in Blue, and the Raiders really went after the ball in the dramatic boys soccer game that the Raiders won, 2-1, in overtime.

## STRONG RAMS IN WINNER; KING NETS 3 TDs, ROWBOTHAM GRABS TYING TD

### SPF Raiders Win 'Game to Remember', Burn Blue Devil Gridders, 32-29, in OT

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Overtime rarely occurs in high school football but the showdown between visiting Westfield, accompanied by its rousing fans and cheerleaders, and Scotch Plains-Fanwood turned out to be an overtime game to remember on September 17. Trailing, 26-6, midway through the third quarter, the 2-0 Raiders, with special support from their fans, cheerleaders and, especially, the band, garnered enough comeback spirit to tie the game, 26-26, in regulation and went on to pull out a 32-29 victory in overtime.

times in the first half - two that killed drives and the third that led to a Blue Devil touchdown (TD). The Raiders also fumbled a kickoff that led to a Blue Devil TD.

The Blue Devils, however, returned the favor with a first half interception, resulting in no TD, and two second-half fumbles to go with a crucial pass interference call, each leading to Raider TDs.

Blue Devil back Jayshawn King had a field day, rushing for 154 yards and three TDs on 19 carries. Tyrell Simmons had nine carries for 49 yards and a TD and junior Tom Bonard hit a 24-yard field goal in overtime and added two extra points. Halfback Andrew Shaffer had 20 yards on five carries and quarterback Nick DeRosa - 4 carries, 13 yards - completed four of 12 pass attempts for 40 yards.

Raider senior halfback Rashawn Strong rushed for 56 yards and two TDs, including the game winner, on 18 carries. He also had two pass receptions for 36 yards. Weber carried 11 times for 38 yards and two TDs. Back Greg Brand had nine carries for

53 yards, was instrumental in setting up the Raiders' second TD and had a 24-yard reception that helped set up the tying TD. Wide receiver Kyle Rowbotham (2 receptions, 24 yards) made the game-tying 10-yard TD reception. Fullback Nick Giannaci had a nine-yard reception, Nehemiah Burney-Porter had three receptions for 18 yards and Jason Zelesnik had one reception for 10 yards.

Raider Keith Baker had a key 10-yard quarterback sack and a fumble recovery that set up the Raiders' third TD. Rob Ventura made a fumble recovery that led to the Raiders' second TD and Giannaci blocked a point after attempt in the first quarter that turned out to be a deciding factor in the game.

"Words can't explain this feeling. It's the greatest feeling of my life right now," expressed Giannaci. "At halftime, it was like a train wreck but, in the second half, it was heart. It's a tribute to our coaching. They always get us up. We keep coming together in the second half. We've got to work on getting it together in the first half."

Blue Devil safety Marcus Graham

had two interception returns totaling 55 yards - the second one for 41 yards to the Raider two-yard line that set up Kings' second TD. Tight end Jack Meagher had an interception and linebacker Ryan Yarusi recovered a fumble on the Raider 26 on the kickoff to start the second half that led to a Blue Devil TD. Defensive lineman Cowles Stewart blocked a point after attempt in the third quarter.

Westfield came out roaring after getting possession on its own 33-yard line on the opening kickoff. After dropping back to the 28 on a five-yard penalty, King galloped 44 yards to the Raider 28. Simmons bolted 22 yards, Shaffer added three more then King slid in for the TD from the three with 9:52 left in the quarter. Giannaci blocked the point after.

Graham's second interception gave the Blue Devils the ball at the Raider two where King pranced in with 8:36 left in the half, making the score 12-0. A two-point conversion attempt failed. Situations got worse for the Raiders to start the second half when Blue

### Blue Devil Girls Breeze Past SP-F Net Girls, 5-0

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In a showdown by two rival and talented tennis teams, the 4-0 Westfield High School girls dazed a young but tough Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School team, 5-0, in Scotch Plains on September 15. Blue Devil junior Nikki Reich was the first to complete her match with a, 6-1, 7-5, conquest of senior Carly Heinz at first singles.

"I dominated and won the first set by finishing the points at the net aggressively and hitting my targets consistently," explained Reich. She came out and played tough in the second set and ran more balls down, however, despite the closeness of the score, I felt that I was in total control of the set."

"Despite the lopsided score in my first match, I was in there the whole way and the game could of gone either way, however, Nikki is tough and very good," said Heinz. "In the second set, I really stepped it up and had her running. It was a good battle the entire way and I was very pleased with my effort."

had a battle with tough Courtney Burke but stopped her, 6-3, 6-3 in the second singles match. Third singles Junior Lane Maloney easily dominated Raider Sahrula Kuber, 6-0, 6-0.



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BOOST OF CONFIDENCE...The Blue Devil first double team of senior Co-Captains Lisa Aliche and Jessica Bender, pictured, had little trouble defeating their SP-F Raider counterparts, 6-3, 6-3 on September 15.

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