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LEADING SCORER...FRESHMAN ERIN MILLER, NO. 11, WAS THE LEADING SCORER FOR THE BLUE DEVIL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM.

DEVIL CAGERS SEE FUTURE AS COUNTY CONTENDERS

BY DAVID B. CORBIN

On the horizon lies a new potential contender for Union County top honors. It may not be next year, but the talent is definitely there for the Westfield High School girls basketball team to achieve that status.

After a dismal 0-23 season in 2004, the addition of five talented freshmen blended well with the existing upperclassmen and led the Blue Devils to a respectable 9-13 record. Better than that, this youthful squad demonstrated with their moxie and team speed that they were willing to scrap with the best.

Freshman forward Erin Miller had a knack to weave around or even drive through defenders to lead her team with 376 points. Freshman center Stephanie Slodyczka led the team with 179 rebounds and was second in scoring with 252 points.

CHABANOV, DAURIO INVOLVED IN 3 WINS APIECE

BLUE DEVIL SWIM BOYS QUIET HUNTERDON CENTRAL IN SEMI'S

BY FRED LECOMTE

Capturing first place in nine of 11 events proved to be the deciding factor as the Westfield High School boys swimming team swam to a 96-72, victory over Hunterdon Central in the North Jersey Public A semifinal round in Westfield on February 17.

Dan Chabanov won two individual events and swam on the winning 200-freestyle relay foursome for the Blue Devils. Chabanov breezed through the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 1:54.41, then joined Brandon Cuba

and P.J. Harley to finish 1-2-3 in the 100-yard freestyle by touching first with a time of 52.63. Cuba followed in a time of 52:65 and Harley finished in 54.51. Back in the pond, Chabanov combined with Matt Blutfield, Harley and Pat Daurio to win the 200-yard freestyle relay event in 1:37.45.

"This was my first shave meet, so I was looking to come out and do something big. It was probably a four second drop for me since I swam the 200 free, so I was really happy with it," said Chabanov.



FRED K. LECOMTE FOR THE WESTFIELD LEADER
WHIZZING TO VICTORY...BLUE DEVIL DAN CHABANOV SWEEP THE 200 FREE, THE 100-YARD FREESTYLE, THEN JOINED MATT BLUTFIELD, P.J. HARLEY AND PAT DAURIO TO WIN THE 200 FREESTYLE RELAY EVENT. WESTFIELD BEAT HUNTERDON CENTRAL, 96-72, IN THE NORTH JERSEY SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS IN WESTFIELD ON FEBRUARY 17.

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DEVIL SWIM GIRLS TOP BRH20 FOR CROWN

The No. 4 Westfield High School girls swim team made it three North Jersey, Section 2, Public A titles in a row by downing No. 15 Bridgewater-Raritan, 98-72, at Lincoln Community School in Bayonne on February 20. The 11-2 Blue Devils demonstrated the strength of their depth by competing without the services of stars Jackie De la Fuente and Amanda Dickson, after she was forced to drop out of the 200-individual medley.

Sophomore Darrell Ann Smith grabbed victories in the 200-individual medley with a time of 2:19.89 and the 100-backstroke with a time of 1:05.72. Alexi Kuska touched first in the 200-freestyle at 2:03.72, Katie Morgan touched first in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:11.45 and Kylie Fraser touched first in the 100-butterfly at 1:01.58.

Kuska, Brittany Reyes, Kirsten Selert and Elizabeth Hawkins combined to win the 200-freestyle relay with a time of 1:45.04. Fraser, Dickson, Reyes and Selert touched first in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:55.98.

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