



COMPLETED SEASON... The U14 Blue Sharks soccer girls ended their season with a 2-1 victory over Westfield on Fathers' Day. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Amanda Rodriguez, Lauren Berk, Lauren Buckley, Melissa McKenna, Annie Rubin and Toni Ann Capece; back row, Sarah Lazarus, Sarah Weber, Kara Gaynor, Dominique Osterman, Emily Cohen, Alyssa Young and Coach Tom DiGiacomo.

U14 Lady Blue Sharks Nip Westfield, 2-1, in Soccer

With the clock winding down on their final game, Alyssa Young made sure the season ended with a happy memory for a short-handed Scotch Plains Blue Sharks U14 Girls inter-county squad. Young scored her second goal with less than five minutes left to break a 1-1 tie and give the team a 2-1 victory over Westfield at Houlihan Field in Westfield on June 18.

The victory gave the Sharks a sterling 8-3-1 record, including an eight-game unbeaten streak to end the season and nobody has been hotter than Young who had scored nine goals in

the past six games. Young scored in the first half on a pass from Emily Cohen but Westfield evened it before half-time and seemed to be gaining the upper hand in the second half as the Sharks, with only 13 players present began to wilt under the intense heat.

The defense led by goalie Melissa McKenna and sweeper Lauren Berk were able to hold on until Young scored on a pass from Dominique Osterman.

Amanda Rodriguez, Sarah Lazarus, Sarah Weber, Annie Rubin, Jessica Feeley, Toni Ann Capece, Kara Gaynor and Lauren Buckley also played well.



HEADING SOUTH TO PLAY HOOPS... Westfield High School 2006 graduate Woody Handza is congratulated by his AAU basketball coach, George Handza, after committing to play basketball at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. Washington College plays in the Centennial Conference against Bryn Mawr, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore and Ursinus.

Westfield Wizards Outshoot U16 Cyclones in Girls Hoops

The Westfield U14 girls AAU basketball team played a tough U16 Cyclones team at The Sports Academy in Millburn on June 8 and came away with a challenging, 39-31 victory.

Westfield had a five-point lead at halftime but neither team seemed to have the answer to their opponent's defense. In the second half, Tara Handza answered the call and scored 23 of her 28 points, hitting five 3-pointers and sinking 5-for-7 from the charity stripe. Handza finished shooting 9-for-20 from the floor. Wizard Lauren Harry netted eight points, Keri Pringle put up two and Gab Jakub added one. As a team the Wizards shot 14-for-47 from the floor and 6-for-12 from the free throw line.

Although unable to crack the Cyclones' defense with a strong offensive punch, forwards Harry, Pringle and Jakub controlled both the defensive and offensive boards with a strong contribution from Cassie Simcox, whose boxing out on the boards led to many of her teammates rebounds, along with a number of her own.

Rounding out the defensive effort and looking for Handza, with the hot hand, to collect a good number of assists was guard Ashley Forbes and small forward Gerri Pinto.

WF Flag Rugby Recruiting Youth for Upcoming Season

The Westfield Blue Devils Youth Flag Rugby Team is currently recruiting players for its summer coed non-contact program. The Cougars Youth Flag Team is a part of the Union County Rugby Football Club. Last year over 200 kids participated in the UCRFC Youth Flag rugby program. Boys and girls from any town in grades kindergarten to eighth grade are eligible.

The program is designed as a safe and enjoyable way of introducing rugby to young people. Players wear removable Velcro flags instead of being tackled. The game emphasizes athletic skills such as running, kicking, passing, teamwork, self-confidence, good sportsmanship and fun.

Coed players must be between five- and 13-years-old. No experience is required. There are four different aged based teams: The Owls ages 5 and 6, Falcons 7 and 8, Hawks 9 and 10 and the Eagles 11 to 13.

The season will begin on or about June 20 and will conclude on July 29. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Unami Field. All games are held on Saturday mornings and will include home and away matches between the other two UCRFC Berkeley Heights and Westfield based teams. The season will conclude with all the teams playing in the American Flag Youth Rugby Festival in Morris County.

Registration is \$60 and \$50 for each additional sibling. Included with the registration fee are a shirt, socks, shorts and a rugby ball. Applications can be downloaded online at www.mudturtlerugby.com under the Youth Program section. For more information, please contact Paul Harbaugh, the director of the Westfield Team at Youth Rugby, at (908)370-4131 or e-mail paul_h@harborconsultantsinc.com.

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