



David B. Corbin (Union County Tournament) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GETTING A HEAD UP... Blue Devil marking back/midfielder Kevin Hennessey, No. 21, was selected All-Union County First Team.

Blue Devil Soccer Boys Had 'Tale of 4 Different Seasons'

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from time to time. Striker Tom Parkinson led the Blue Devils offensively with seven goals and four assists followed by Jon Ramalho with six goals and two assists. Mattes, Hennessey, Barba, Parkinson and Ramalho were named First Team All-Union County (UC) Coaches poll.

Mike Irving (1 goal, 2 assists) was named All-UC Second Team, while Vincent Clark (5 goals, 1 assist), Andy Brill (3 goals, 3 assists) and Roberto Olivares (4 goals, 2 assists) received All-UC Honorable Mentions. Dan Strauss finished with three goals and four assists, Jim McManus had one goal and two assists and Brian Nelson had a goal and an assist. Todd Saunders had two assists, Akis Evangelides had a goal and O'Brien contributed an assist.

Before O'Brien broke his wrist, he had 19 saves, allowed two goals and had one shutout. Sophomore Mike Lessner (127 saves, 20 goals allowed, 7 shutouts) took over as keeper for most of the remainder of the season but freshman Adam Fine (8 saves, 1 goal allowed, 1 shutout) was moved up and played his first game in the 3-1 upset victory over then undefeated, No. 3 Union.

At that time, Kapner asked Keith Hertell, who had been part of the coaching staff while the kids were in Brazil last summer, to help in coaching, especially the sweeper position. Kapner also had Barba and Hennessey mark Union scoring stars Rob and Brian Barrera.

"Nick and Kevin Hennessey marked them right out of the game. Adam did very well in goal. The team was like a different team. Then we went on an eight-game winning streak," said Kapner who added, "Kevin is the unsung hero on this team. Mattes was obvious, a leading scorer and in the sweeping position. Kevin was always marking the other teams' best and always doing a phenomenal job. Those two had the greatest impact on this team. Third would be Nick Barba."

During the winning streak, Lessner recorded five shutouts. "In the Plainfield game, I started Adam Fine. In the second half, I played Mike. He became a far better player from that point on," said Kapner.

At the Union County semifinals, the Blue Devils' winning streak came to an end at the feet of Union, 3-2. However, within a week, the Blue Devils came back to defeat the Farmers, 3-2. "We lost to Union because I think they came out more motivated than us. In the states, we were more motivated than them," added Kapner.

Most would consider the two victories over Union and the 2-1 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood to be coach Kapner's most memorable games but they would 67 percent correct. "The big loss was Bridgewater."

"Two years ago, we hit bottom. We were 2-12. Last year, we improved. We got into the states. I'm hoping that we are rebuilding this program and next year we will go steps beyond," said Kapner.

Raiders Face Stiff Challenge In 'Pre-Turkey Day' Game

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terly cold Thanksgiving Day in 2002 and, inspired by the presence of then line coach Rob Harmer who was wearing only a cutoff sweat shirt, marched out with a sizzling 33-6 victory, the worst defeat the Minutemen have experienced.

When starting quarterback Mike Walker went down in the first quarter, backup quarterback Markell Harrison came in engineered an offensive assault that chewed up 321 yards on the ground, not counting his TD passes of six yards to Charlie Bachi and 23 yards to Josh Wexler. Kyle Adams rushed for 174 yards, including a 32-yard TD run and a two-point conversion. Kyle Baker rushed 125 yards and had TD runs of three yards and five yards. Wexler also had three interceptions, a fumble recovery and blocked a field goal attempt. Baker had two interceptions and Matt Powers had a fumble recovery.

This year's Minutemen have been

Coach Steve Ciccotelli.

Raider junior quarterback Mike Chervenyak has become more effective with his passing game and he also demonstrated that first hand against Westfield when he completed 11 of 23 passes for 283 yards, including TD strikes to Tim Green and Jason Zelesnik for one yard and 67 yards, respectively. The Raiders can strike some lightning with Zelesnik, who had four receptions for 129 yards in that game, and Kyle Rowbotham, who had five receptions for 106 yards.

But, in order to get it done against the Minutemen, the Raiders must chew up ground yardage and the clock with running backs Greg Brand and Tom Pennella. Defensive linemen Colin Campbell, Mike Alleman, Steve Wenson, Keith Baker and company, along with John Badala, Pennella, Rob Scibek, Kyle Mihansky and Brand, must stuff the Minutemen running backs.



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GETTING GOOD BLOCKING... Westfield PAL B-White back Paul Werner, No. 20, runs behind the blocking of Brendan Dugan, No. 37, James O'Rourke, No. 26, and Ryan Elliott, No. 76.

Westfield B White Falls To Summit in Super Bowl

In their second consecutive Super Bowl appearance, the American Conference Champion Westfield B team lost to National Conference Champion Summit, 32-15, at Kehler Stadium on November 19.

Quarterback John Shafer fired two touchdown (TD) passes to give Summit a 16-0 lead in the first quarter. Westfield answered when QB James O'Rourke found WR John Lanzano open in the Summit secondary for a 50-yard TD pass. FB Brendan Dugan added the PAT with a dive over the right side behind the strong blocking of linemen Dan Bigelow, Mike Mondon, Ryan Elliott and John Gabriel.

Shafer added three more TD passes to increase Summit's lead to 32-7. Westfield closed the gap to 32-15 with a strong offensive drive late in the game that featured a long pass from O'Rourke to Jonnie Gribbin, who was stopped at the one. O'Rourke sneaked in for the TD behind the blocking of Kevin Anderson, Nick Cabelle and TE Nick Knepper. Gribbin split the uprights for the two-point conversion.

O'Rourke had two more pass attempts in the end zone to wide outs Zach Chodor

and Justin Ricardo but both plays were well defended. Punter Geoff Scognamiglio had several well-placed punts deep into Summit territory.

Westfield had trouble defending the Summit passing attack, however, linemen Elliott, Mondon, Anthony Amatucci, Robert Capaldo, Alec Garrity and Alex McHugh, along with linebackers Billy Hedley, John Dooley, Joe Rinaldi, John Stelmach, Matt Huff, Ryan Rittendale and Alex Bond, made tackles. The secondary of Paul Werner and Wil Johnson, along with cornerbacks Kurt Kowlaski and Pat Johnson, were kept busy with the strong Summit passing attack.

Elliott and Dugan had QB sacks. O'Rourke, who also played linebacker was voted the game's most valuable player by the Suburban Youth Football league officials who were on hand for the game.

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David B. Corbin (2002 Thanksgiving Day game) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
CLOCKING THE MINUTEMEN...Raider Josh Wexler destroyed the Minutemen with three interceptions, a fumble recovery and a blocked punt on "Turkey Day" 2002.

very solid across the board and have plenty of depth, not just with their huge offensive and defensive lines but also with their speedy wide receivers and running backs, along with their quick linebackers, corners and safety.

Senior quarterback Michael Eargle has been very effective mixing running with passing and demonstrated that first hand in the 38-6 victory over Westfield four weeks ago when he completed seven of nine passes for 196 yards, including long touchdown (TD) strikes to wide receivers Syam Rhodes and Khaseem Greene for 70 and 45 yards, respectively.

"Obviously, they are a very good football team. They have a great quarterback. They have a great running back. They are talented on both sides of the ball. There's no doubt we have our hands full," said Raider Head

"We may be disappointed but I'm very proud of them. I'm proud of how hard they work. I'm proud of how hard they play. I'm very proud to be their coach," commented Ciccotelli. "We are going to get our kids ready to play, hopefully put them in positions to make plays. Defensively and offensively do the same we have been doing. People think there's a magic solution. There's no magic solution. It comes down to blocking and tackling."

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FSPY Boys Swim Very Well Against Ridgewood Y Boys

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA boys swim team had an excellent showing in a loss against Ridgewood YMCA.

In Individual Medley, Jeff Peart (9/10), Greg Baliko (11/12) and Tim Foster (13/14) all touched in second. In Freestyle, several boys had top three finishes including Matthew Auda and Colin Sullivan (8&U); Andrew DiBianse and Brendan McKenna (9/10); Joe Dunn and Ryan Gajdzisz (11/12); Peter LiVolsi (13/14); and Matt Green and Brian O'Donnell (15/18).

In breaststroke, newcomer Kevin Fleck (8&U) grabbed third with a personal best time, while veteran Scott

Marino (15/18) took first. In backstroke, Chris Hoerner (8&U) and Gajdzisz touched first, while Alex Favreau (9/10), Alex Burzynski (13/14) and Zach Peart (15/18) all grabbed top-three finishes.

In butterfly, Auda, Dunn and Marino placed first, while younger brother Matt Marino (9/10) and Foster touched second and Matt DiBianse (11/12) touched third. Strong personal-best-time swims were posted by Eric Chang, Hoerner and Marcel Green.

Two relay teams finished first: the 11/12 team of Dunn, McKenna, Gajdzisz, Baliko and the 15/18 team of Mike Miller, O'Donnell, Green and Marino.

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