

BLUE DEVIL BOYS NET TIE FOR 13TH

Raider Boys Place 7th, Girls 9th at Gr. 3 Track

Laurn Adams with a shove of 36'7.25" and Erin Rossi with a toss of 32'9.5" took first in the girls shot put with a total distance 69'4.75 as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls placed ninth with an 11 total at the Group 3 Relays at the Jersey City Armory on January 14. The Raider boys placed in a six-way tie for seventh on January 13 with a total of 10. The Westfield boys tied for 13th with Piscataway with five points in the Group 4 meet.

"This was the first-ever state relay event win for our girls' program and an indoor PR (personal record) for Adams. This is Rossi's first year doing indoor track, and we didn't take Adams last winter. She was only throwing 27' at the time. And now they are state champs," said Raider coach Jeff Koegel. "We don't even have a throws coach in the winter. It's just me and Rich (McGriff) and about 100 kids. These kids coach each other and work each other out. In one week, these two really did a lot - county champions on Monday and state group champions on Sunday."

The Raider foursome of Cassy Valdes (1,200 at 4:11), Kim Shelus (400 at 1:05.7), Kim Appezato (800 at 2:30.1) and Britney Vecek (1,600 at 5:15.4) placed sixth in the distance medley relay with a time of 13:02.35,

which was a Raider indoor school record. Valdes and Vecek both recorded indoor PR's.

"Vecek's time was her fastest relay split ever, indoors or outdoors. Cassy missed close to two months of training, so as she rounds back into shape and everyone else progresses, we should be diving well under 13:00," noted Koegel.

Mike Alleman with a shove of 53'11" and John Badala at 47'10" placed second in the shot put with a total of 101'9". Pat Doliber (1,200 at 3:21.6), Kyle Rowbotham (400 at 52.7), Mike Ragan (800 at 2:08.1) and Adam Biner (1,600 at 4:34.9) placed fifth in the distance medley relay with a time of 10:57.35. Biner's time was an indoor PR, while Doliber's and Ragan's splits were all-time PR's, indoors or outdoors.

In the Group 4 boys' meet, Blue Devils Alex Tarlow (1,200 at 3:20.8), Connor Davis (400 at 55.4), Brent Souders (800 at 2:06.9) and Evan Friedman (1,600 at 4:30.7) placed fifth in the distance medley relay with a time of 10:53.91. Adam Bergo, with a great clearance of 6'4", and Mike Mathews at 5'6" placed fifth in the high jump with a height of 11'10". Erik Anderson, with a shove of 47'11.75", and Jim Thayer at 42'5" placed sixth in the shot put with a distance of 90'4.75".

Blue Devils Bowlers Roll Over Kardinals, 3,029-2,404

The Westfield High School varsity bowlers defeated Kearny, 7-0, on January 9. The Blue Devils de-feathered the Kardinals in total pins, 3,029-2,404.

Junior Brett Ettinger continued a strong several weeks as he led the team with a 675 series. Ettinger had individual games of 252 and 234.

"Brett has been consistently good, especially in our last match when he threw 11 strikes in a row to have a 278 game and then he threw the first five strikes in a row for the next game. That was a total of 16 strikes in a row, a truly magnificent accomplishment," said Blue Devil Head Coach Mike Tirone.

Alex Wronski had a high game of 247 and finished with a 639 series. Co-captain Harrison Mercado had a high game of 237 and a 593 series. Jesse Embry had a solid 588 series with games of 210 and 203. Co-Captain

Bryan Elsasser had a high game of 226 and finished with a 534 series. Jay Fartura led Kearny with a 586 series.

The junior varsity also defeated Kearny, 2,631-1,794, for a 7-0 shutout. Junior Trevor Yee led the team with a 566 series. Eric Curialle (548), Arley Rojas (533) and Matt Marcus (531) were also instrumental in the win.

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TAKING A SHOT AT GOAL...Blue Devil John Attanasio, No. 35, had three goals against Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Jimmy Bender had three goals, A.J. Cunningham had two and Joe Kramkowski had one. Eric Kaufman scored both of the Raiders' goals. Blue Devil goalie Adam Becker had 20 saves. The Blue Devils defeated the Raiders, 9-2, on January 11.

WF PAL Wrestlers Up Record to 6-4

The Westfield PAL Grade School Wrestling team improved to 6-4 by winning two of its three matches in a quad hosted at Westfield High School on January 14. Eighth graders Matt Albano, Christian Barber and Eric Gozdieski each posted three wins for Westfield.

Westfield beat Rahway, 54-42, with Barber, Tony Pafumi, Helen Delpopolo and Gozdieski all posting pins. Mike Kalimtzis, Will Johnston, Troy Skibitsky, Jey Yingling, Barber and Gozdieski all pinned their opponents in the 50-39 rout of Voorhees.

PAL sponsors four wrestling teams: The Red Team for beginners in grades K-2; The White Team for grades 3-6; The Blue Team for experienced wrestlers in grades 3-6; and the Grade School Team for advanced wrestlers in grades 5-8. For more information, please visit the wrestling website at www.westfieldpalwrestling.com.

WF Pee Wees Do Well At Wrestling Tourney

The Westfield Pee Wee wrestlers participated in the Chatham Holiday Novice tournament held at Chatham High School on December 17. This tournament hosted 350 wrestlers from over 20 towns.

The Westfield team fared well, with a number of wrestlers ending up on the medal stand. Zach Rabinowitz won in the 51-lb Bantam division, while Zach Composto triumphed at the Tots 41-lb weight class.

The following boys took home silver medals: Devin Caherly, Matthew Loftus, Ryan Palmer, Benjamin Kwok, Chris Hoerle and Matthew Charlton.

The team also had eight children place third: Georgie Angelides, Aidan Nolte, Matt Pindilli, Jake Engelke, Matt Rittendale, Tim Miller, Alan Dente and Jack Miller.

Blue Devil Hoopsters Topple Lady Blue Knights, 32-29

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quick swipes resulted in scores in the second quarter. Miller and Cronen netted two points each, Venezia sank two shots from the stripe and O'Leary had one. Pendarvis sank eight points to lead Irvington to an 18-14, half-time lead.

The Blue Devil defense limited the Knights to three points in the third quarter, while the offense scored eight to gain a 22-21 lead. Miller, Pringle and O'Leary made several successful swipes resulting in baskets by Cronen, Infantino, Pringle and Venezia.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Knights scored off a turnover to take a 29-28 lead. With less than 10 ticks left, O'Leary passed to Miller who dropped in a driving lay up that put the Blue Devils on top, 30-29. After a key time out called by Marino, Miller took possession of the ball, drew the infraction and sank both free throws. Earlier, Handza hit a set shot and Pringle sank two free throws.

"That's what it is all about. Fourth quarter, get the ball to Miller and she came through," commented Marino.

"Perhaps we were a little over confident in winning this game and you can't do that. You have to play every game like it's a good team and you just can't take it for granted," said Miller. "In the beginning, we were four-for-25 for shooting percentage, I think."

As to the defensive and offensive flow of the game, Miller said, "We were forcing a lot of passes underneath and they were getting a lot of steals. We weren't being patient. We were rushing and not executing and that's what really hurt us the most. Offensively, once we took that time out in the fourth quarter, we agreed that we needed to take our time, be

patient, spread the court and look for open people. We calmed it down and that's how we beat them."

"We were missing our shots but in the end when we really needed to come through, we got the job done," added Venezia. "Defensively, we were trying to shotgun in certain areas and we succeeded in doing that. That was the key in winning this game, I believe."

Irvington	10	8	3	8	29
Westfield	7	7	8	10	32

Softball Umpire Classes To Begin February 20

Men and women who enjoy the game of softball can earn extra money in their spare time by becoming certified Amateur Softball Association softball umpires. The Greater Union County ASA Softball Umpires Association, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, will conduct its annual softball umpires training program beginning Tuesday, February 20.

The training classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings from February 20 through March 27 at the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth. The cost of this six-week umpiring course is \$125. The classes are open to men and women, 18 years and older, who are interested in umpiring softball games.

For more information and registration details, contact the Union County Amateur Softball Association office of Keith Benovengo at (908) 313-0983 or e-mail him at commissioner@asasoftballucnj.org and Bill Smith at (908) 259-0154 or e-mail him at willsmith43@comcast.net or visit asasoftballucnj.org.

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