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Warriors Whip Lady Devils In Group 4 Sectionals, 62-32

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Watchung Hills Regional High School came out ready and focused, knew their offensive threat and shut it down with fantastic defensive work to overpower Westfield, 62-32 in the quarterfinals of the NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, girls' bas-

ketball playoffs in Warren on March 1. The Warriors set a new school record by winning two consecutive state playoffs games. Megan Kopecki and Tara Tielmann set the offensive tempo with 20 points and 15 points, respectively, to lead the Warriors. Blue Devil junior forward Erin Miller was held to nine

points, including one 3-bagger. She also pulled down three rebounds, had two assists and swiped a basketball. Freshman Diana Venezia, who stroked the nylon with eight points and recently broke Stephanie Slodyzcka's season total of 179 rebounds set in the 2004-2005 season.

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DOING WHAT SHE DOES BEST...Blue Devil guard Gab O'Leary, No. 10, sticks very close to her Warrior opponent in the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 game.

DOUGHER HELD TO 12; BAYARD, SOLOMON SINK 10

Patriots Oust Raiders, 49-46, In Boys Basketball Sections

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Senior guard Greg Bayard and junior guard Bryan Dougher each were off the mark on three-point attempts in the final 13 seconds as the hosting Colonia High School Patriots salvaged a 49-46 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the quarterfinals of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 boys basketball tournament on March 1.

That seemed to be the story all game as the 22-3 Patriots successfully hounded Dougher and Bayard, limiting the shooters to 12 and 10 points, respectively, and with poor shooting percentages. Dougher, especially, was given no elbowroom to operate.

"They wore him out. Every time he got the ball, they had somebody on him the length of the court. A game like that, that's all it takes, especially a great player like Bryan. If he hits one, he's on a roll, then he's real tough to stop," said Raider Head Coach Dan Doherty. "Greg had the look at the end, couldn't get it. They really just went after Bryan and said, 'someone else step up for you.'"

Patriot forward Joe LaSala frustrated the 15-12 Raiders throughout the game under the boards grabbing 11 rebounds, several off the offensive boards which he converted to five lay-ups to go with his three free throws.

"I expected them to come down with one shot. That's all we wanted to

give them. They got too many points that way. They played good defense," Doherty said. "They did good job on the boards. I thought we should have

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BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ELITE 8...Raider senior Pat Mineo, top, releases his arm bar after winning a 5-1 decision over Mark Hague of Kingsway in the 145-lb wrestlebacks. Mineo finished eighth.

SAL GANO UPSET IN PRE-QUARTERFINALS AT 125-LBS

Raider Pat Mineo Gets Eighth At State Wrestling Tourney

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David Brearley and Scotch Plains-Fanwood were the only Union County high schools to place wrestlers in the top eight at the NJSIAA wrestling tournament at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City on March 2, 3 and 4. The three-day event drew a record crowd of 43,049, topping last year's total of 42,528. The championship round drew 11,470, slightly less than last year's championship round of 11,774. Last year, Union County had two champions - Darrion Caldwell (Rahway) and Pat Hogan (Cranford) - and the remainder of Region 3 claimed three champions - Alex Caruso (Watchung Hills), Mike Grey (Delbarton) and Frank Perrelli (Delbarton). This year, Trevor Melde

(135-lbs) was the only Region 3 state champion.

Raider senior Pat Mineo, who placed eighth at 145-lbs, was shocked, 8-2, in his pre-quarterfinal bout with junior Sean Byrnes of Jackson Memorial. Mineo scored a first-period takedown but Byrnes escaped and added a takedown to take a 3-2 lead. Byrnes added another escape and sealed the victory with a takedown to a nearfall after Mineo missed a lateral throw attempt.

Mineo wrestled much more aggres-

sively in his next two bouts. Against Rob Roensing of Secaucus-Weehawken, he scored four takedowns, an escape and a nearfall to roll to a 12-3, majority decision. In his bout that would place him in the "elite 8," Mineo scored a second-period nearfall and a third-period takedown to defeat Mark Hague of Kingsway, 5-1.

"That first match I got a little sloppy. I got the first takedown. The kid from Jackson was really tough. He was a little funky. I'm not good with funky

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Westfield Baseball League Spring tryouts 2007 Major & Pony Leagues Only

Majors: (5th & 6th grades)

Date	Time	Names	Event	Location
3/3	9-11	A-L	Fielding	Sid Fey field
3/3	12-2	M-Z	Fielding	Sid Fey field
3/4	9-11	A-L	Hitting	The Ballpark
3/4	12-2	M-Z	Hitting	The Ballpark
3/10	9-11	A-L	Fielding	Sid Fey field
3/10	12-2	M-Z	Fielding	Sid Fey field
3/11	9-11	A-L	Hitting	The Ballpark
3/11	12-2	M-Z	Hitting	The Ballpark

Players (5th & 6th graders) who were on a Majors team last year do not need to tryout again, you will automatically be placed on a team

Ponys: (7th thru 10th grades)

Date	Time	Names	Event	Location
3/3	9-10:30	A-L	Fielding	Houlihan field
3/3	10:30-12:00	M-Z	Fielding	Houlihan field
3/4	9-10:30	A-L	Hitting	The Ballpark
3/4	10:30-12:00	M-Z	Hitting	The Ballpark
3/10	9-10	A-L	Fielding	Houlihan field
3/10	10-11	M-Z	Fielding	Houlihan field
3/11	9-10	A-L	Hitting	The Ballpark
3/11	10-11	M-Z	Hitting	The Ballpark

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