

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

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pulled down five rebounds to bring her season total to 201. Slodyzcka set the record in her freshman season in 22 games.

"It's a very, very big honor. Stephanie is a really good player," said Venezia. "I'm just very proud of our team because I could not have accomplished this feat without them."

Sophomore Kerri Pringle contributed seven points, including two 3-point jumpers, and led the Blue Devils in rebounds with seven. Junior Gab O'Leary (5 assists, 3 rebounds, 2 steals), Tara Handza (one assist), Casey El Koury (2 rebounds) each scored two points while senior Katie Cronen (five rebounds) and Stephanie Slodyzcka (three assists) added the rest of the points.

"Today we were flat but the girls kept working hard and that's all I can ask of them. We knew if we keep working hard that some good things would happen but then it got a little out of control," said Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino. "We got into foul trouble and that was the end of it. We played against a real good team and we know, if a team jumps into our face like that, we can work on breaking that press a little better. The real good thing about the season is that we tied the winning school record, which was 19. Additionally, we set our goal to reach the county tournament finals and we did. We're young but we'll be

back next year."

The Warriors jumped out to an early lead but the Blue Devils battled back and cut the lead to one, 10-9, at the end of the quarter due to the sharp shooting of Miller, who fired in seven points, including her 3-pointer, and a leadoff bucket by Venezia. Unfortunately the comfort ended abruptly when the Warriors with a distinct size advantage felt comfortable that most of their scoring would come from under the glass. Tielmann proved that by dumping in 10 of the team's 20 points in the second quarter to take a 30-13, halftime lead.

The Blue Devils seemed to settle down a bit in the third quarter when Pringle came to life and fired in two 3-pointers. The Warrior Lady defense, however, maintained a full-court press throughout and it proved costly as the Blue Devils turned the ball over and committed numerous fouls that led to a slim 13-12, Warrior advantage at the end of the quarter.

From that point on, with Miller having to take a seat, it was all about the Warriors getting the ball successfully into the paint. After Venezia dropped in four of the Blue Devil seven points, she joined Miller on the sideline after fouling out. At the period's end, the Warriors scored in clumps with coast-to-coast drives.

Westfield	9	4	12	7	32
Watchung Hills	10	20	13	19	62



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BREAKING THE RECORD... Freshman Diana Venezia broke Stephanie Slodyzcka's season total of 179 rebounds set in 2004-2005. Venezia grabbed five rebounds against the Warriors to up her total to 201.

FSPY Gymnasts Perform Well In Home Meet Competition

FANWOOD - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA 'A' and 'B' Division gymnastics teams performed well against teams from the Madison and South Mountain YMCAs, coming in second in both divisions.

Several 'A' Division gymnasts qualified for the YMCA National and Regional Championships. Senior (14+) Laurel Devlin placed third all-around, third on floor exercise and fourth on uneven bars and balance beam. Samantha Mazzucco earned second all-around, second on beam and fourth on uneven bars and floor. Hannah Kronick took fourth all-around, second on uneven bars and floor and third on vault. Patty Matejek placed third on both vault and uneven bars. Gina Pelosi captured first on vault, performing a half twist on, double full off.

In the 13U group, Alivia DeMaria captured top honors on vault and uneven bars, third on floor and third all-around. Olivia Dunham took first on

vault and third on uneven bars.

The 'B' Division increased its previous team score by nearly three points. In the 12U group, Kacie Bumiller placed third all-around, first on uneven bars, second on vault and fourth on floor. Zoe Stein earned second on the uneven bars and third on vault and beam. Kaitlyn Frey finished fourth on beam.

In the 13+ group, Allison Zeller took first on beam, with a personal high score. Kelsey Herbig took fourth on beam and Lisa Matrale grabbed third on floor. Victoria Shack earned her highest all-around score this season.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Gymnastics team will host several Saturday competitions in March, and spectators are welcome. In addition to its competitive level gymnastics, the YMCA offers gymnastics classes for parents, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age girls, Monday through Saturday at the Martine Avenue facility.

WF Y 8U Swimmers Shine At USA Swim Championship

On March 3 the Westfield YMCA 8-and-under swimmers concluded their season by competing in the USA Championship meet held at Seton Hall University in South Orange. The following swimmers placed in the top 8 in the state.

6U Girls - Danielle Rubiano finished fifth in the 25-free and sixth in the 25-back.

8-year-old Girls - Shannon Pyle finished third in the 25-fly, fifth in the 100-back, sixth in the 25-free and eighth in the 50-free. Emily Oster placed fourth in the 25-free. Caroline Basil touched third in the 50-back, second in the 25-breast and first in the

25-back. Jamie Thomas finished fifth in the 100-breast. The foursome of Basil, Thomas, Pyle and Oster placed third in the 100-medley relay.

6U Boys - Matthew Barmakian finished fourth in the 25-back and seventh in the 25-free.

7-year-old Boys - Colin Daniel touched second in the 25-back and 100-IM and fourth in the 25-free. Nick Yousseff finished fourth in the 25-back.

8-year-old Boys - Stefan Crigler finished second in the 100-breast and seventh in the 50-breast, while Jack Noughton finished sixth in the 25-breast.

WF Recreation to Host Annual 5-Mile, Fun Run

The Westfield Recreation Department will host its' 17th Annual 5-Miler and 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, April 21, at Tamaques Park in Westfield. This event is co-sponsored by the Westfield Optimist Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit Project Graduation for Westfield High School senior class of 2007. The 1-Mile Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the 5-Miler at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-Entry registration fees (post-marked before Monday, April 16) will be \$15 for the 5-Miler and \$5 for the 1-Mile Fun Run. Registration fees after April 16 and on race day will be

\$20 for the 5-Miler and \$10 for the 1-Mile Fun Run. Online registration is available at www.raceforum.com. T-shirts will be issued to all pre-registered participants of the 5-Miler. The race features a fast and flat USATF certified course with mile splits and water stations. Runners should come dressed to run.

Trophies will be awarded to first overall male and female winners. Awards to first, second and third place male and female finishers in each age group of the 5-Miler (14-and-under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over). Medals will be awarded to all participants of the 1-Mile Fun Run and T-shirts will be awarded to the first overall male and female runners of the 1 Miler.

For race application information, please call the Westfield Recreation Department at (908) 789-4080 or visit www.westfieldnj.gov/recreation

Klimowicz Featured In Sports Illustrated

The College of New Jersey's (TCNJ) women's basketball player, sophomore Hillary Klimowicz of Scotch Plains, is featured on the March 5 cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

Sports Illustrated women's college basketball reporter Kelli Anderson has written a story about the Lion women's basketball player in her story, "Pressure Cooker Sports," which is part of the feature "Big Changes in College Sports." With her selection to the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, Klimowicz is believed to become TCNJ's first person featured on the cover of the magazine in the history of the institution.

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