



STAYING ON GUARD...Blue Devil Keegan Hess, No. 12, guards Comet Sammad Holmes in the Union County first-round game.

Blue Devil Boys Take Third In Sectional Indoor Track

The Westfield High School boys placed third in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 winter track championship held at the Bennett Center in Toms River on February 12. The Blue Devils totaled 38 points, while Franklin took first at 67 and Union finished second with 44 points.

Blue Devil Peter Fagan placed second in the pole vault with a height of 12-6, and John Stelmach tied for fourth at 11-0. Matt Luppino crossed second in the 1,600 meters with a time of 4:28.71. Mike Depaolo placed second in the high jump with a clearance of 6-2. Jack Leahy crossed third in the 3,200 with a time of 9:35.5, and John Kirma finished sixth at 9:44.62. Kyle Star finished sixth in the 55 meters at 6.9. The Blue Devils finished sixth in the 4x400 at 3:37.75. Sophia Devita placed sixth in the high jump with a height of 4-8 for the girls, who finished eighth with nine points.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls tied for sixth in the Group 3 section with 32 points and the Raider boys placed 10th with eight points. Erin Pierce crossed second in the 800 with

a time of 2:21.3. Christine Miklas crossed fourth in the 55 hurdles at 9.4. Devora Ward finished sixth in the 55 meters at 7.71, and Isabel Crystal finished sixth in the 400 at 1:02.66. For the boys, Chris Burke placed second in the shot put with a heave of 43-7.

On February 9, the Cranford High School boys placed fourth in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 meet with 22 points, while Rahway placed first with 92 points. The Cougar girls placed seventh in their meet with 18 points.

Cougar Pat Lynch won the pole vault event with a height of 12-0. TJ Nichols placed fourth in the shot put with a shove of 42-2.5. Tom Feeney crossed fourth in the 3,200 with a time of 10:03.17 followed by Eli Howard at 10:06.38. George3 El-Khoury finished fifth in the 800 at 2:03.75. For the Cougar girls, Kristen VanBenschoten placed second in the shot put with a push of 35-7.5. Rebecca Shimonov crossed sixth in the 55 hurdles at 9.18. Laura Van Horn finished fifth in the 400 at 1:03.12.



AMBUSHING FROM THE OUTSIDE...Raider Dom Gonzales, No. 5, ambushed the Pioneers with four 3-pointers and finished with 19 points.

Comet Boys Ice Blue Devils, 49-46

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quarter. Toresco, who finished with five rebounds, rolled in six straight points to give Westfield a 40-36 lead with 4:43 remaining. Moments later Henry Smith (2 rebounds, 2 steals) swiped the ball from a Comet, drove to the basket, sank the lay-up and was fouled to up the lead by six points. Smith missed the free throw.

"You got to give them credit. Once we went up six, we missed that foul shot. We knew that was going to come back to haunt us a little bit, because it

would have made it a three-possession game," Coach Palmieri said.

Just after that, Holmes and Delva did their damage with 3-pointers to knot the score with 3:00 on the clock. Holmes and Toresco traded lay-ups, then with 2:13 left Holmes hit a 3-pointer and followed with a 2-pointer. Blue Devil Ozan Yucetepe (4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists) scored the final two points of the game.

"We didn't play very well in the third quarter on defense, but at the same time, we were playing good 'D' in the fourth at that point. The way we were playing defense, and offensively, we had to play faster, because we had the lead. I thought we would be OK. They made five straight shots and all five were contested tough shots. I can't blame my kids for it, because they defended it. You can only do so much on defense," Coach Palmieri said.

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| Hillside | 14 | 7 | 15 | 13 | 49 |
| Westfield | 13 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 46 |

Blue Devil Boys Stop Union Cagers, 46-42

Senior forward Ozan Yucetepe ignited a 24-12, fourth-quarter run to lead the Westfield High School boys basketball team to a 46-42 victory over Union in Westfield on February 23. Yucetepe scored 16 of his 20 points in the quarter and finished with two 3-pointers and six free throws. Dylan Elliott scored eight points, while Keegan Hess, Mike Androconis, Aswad Turner and Dan Mitchell each netted four points. Henry Smith scored two points.

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| Union | 9 | 7 | 16 | 12 | 42 |
| Westfield | 8 | 10 | 6 | 24 | 46 |

Cougars Defeat St. Mary's, 57-50

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stepped it up today and got a lot of rebounds to help the team," Babos said.

Junior forward Stefan Fedorchak was the first Cougar recipient of assists as he bucketed 13 of his game-high 20 points in the first quarter. Fedorchak sank two of his three 3-pointers in the quarter and added the other in the second quarter. He also demonstrated his unselfishness with three assists.

After Fedorchak rolled in a lay-up at the beginning of the second quarter to extend the lead to 22-8, the 9-11 Cougars' hands went ice cold, while the 8-11 Hilltoppers burned the net with a 10-0 run to tighten the score, 22-18, midway through the quarter. But the Cougars burst into flames with three straight 3-pointers, two from Kurt Rutmayer (5 assists, 5 rebounds, blocked shot) and Fedorchak's.

"It's a game of runs, and today we stepped up. That's been our Achilles Heel. Runs have hurt us. However today we responded to their run and we did a nice job of coming back," Coach Huber said.

Junior Reggie Green was the recipient of five straight assists as he scored the Cougars' first 10 points of the third quarter. Green finished with 17 points, six rebounds, three assists,

a block and a steal. Babos scored the Cougars' next seven points in the quarter, won by the Hilltoppers, 19-17, with his pair of 3-pointers and a free throw.

Cougar Tom Trotter sank a 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter, but the Hilltoppers stepped up the pressure that paid off in a 9-0 run to narrow the Cougars' led to 53-50 with 1:04 remaining. Fedorchak answered with lay-up and Babos completed the scoring with a pair of free throws.

"They went to a 1-2-2 trap, but we finally escaped out here and got the 'W'. That's what matters. They went on some runs, but we tried to limit their runs and make sure that they did not take over the game," Babos said.

"We did a nice job of sharing the ball early. We were knocking down some threes. We made five or six in the first half. We played well, but at the end, we let up a little bit. We were still trying to score, but I think we were looking for the perfect shot instead of a good shot. I don't think it was so much their pressure. I think it was just us trying to make a perfect play," Coach Huber said.

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| St. Mary's | 8 | 12 | 19 | 11 | 50 |
| Cranford | 20 | 11 | 17 | 9 | 57 |

Raiders Unsettle Pioneers, 57-50

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pointer in the quarter.

The Pioneers kept chipping away and tightened the score to 46-43 with 6:19 left, then trailed only 52-48 with 1:01 remaining, but the Raiders' defense also tightened when it was needed. Byers finished with six rebounds and a steal. Bonacum finished with four rebounds, three steals, two blocked shots and a tipped ball, which led to a steal. Noel-Brooks finished with five rebounds, including a key rebound in the final minute.

"We wanted to really pressure them. They [New Providence] are tough, athletic kids. Like football kids! Just good, strong kids who compete. We

knew they were going to hang on. Even up 11, they hung around. Then they got it to seven. Then they cut it to three, but we made good decisions at the end. We rebounded the ball well," Coach Doherty said.

"When worse comes to worse, we rely on our defense, even in games earlier in the year when we were way off offensively, our defense came through. Coach did a great job preparing us. We knew they could shoot. Sometimes you can't really do anything about it, blocking the shots, but defensively we did good," Gonzalez said.

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| New Providence | 11 | 9 | 16 | 14 | 50 |
| Sc. Pl.-Fanwood | 19 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 57 |

WF 'Y' Devilfish Compete 8U YMCA Championships

The Westfield Area Y 8Us represented the Westfield "Y" Devilfish at the 2012 NJ/YMCA 8U Championship on February 5 at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA in Perth Amboy. For some swimmers this was their first championship meet experience. The team had 23 swimmers improve their personal best times.

Top 10 finishes:

6U: Katherine Li, first place (25 Breast)

7U: Billy Maguire (third place - 25-breast); Roan Baker (fourth place - 25-breast, sixth place - 25-free); Alyssa Hitzel (10th place - 25-breast/25-free); Peter Youssef (sixth place - 25-breast). **Best times:** Margaret Ferris (25-free), Riley Gasson (25-breast), Erin McKinney (25-free/25-back), Kelly Sullivan (25-free), Aidan Treney (25-back), John Veres (25-

back), TJ Walsh (25-free), Kevin Warren (25-back).

8U: Bridget Thomas (second place - 50-free/100IM, third place - 25-fly); Michael Riordan, 10th Place - 25-breast). **Best times:** Libby Benou (25-breast/100IM), Seth Camacho (25-back/25-fly), Paige Eckard (25-free/50-free/25-fly), Aidan Fitzpatrick (25-breast), Isabelle Gauthier (50-free/25-back/25-fly), Xenia Kobori (25-free/25-fack/25-fly), Matthew London (25-free), Gianna Mangiamelo (25-free/25-breast), Gillian Strout (25-free/25-breast/25-back).

For more information regarding the Westfield Area Y Devilfish swim team, please contact Brian Guidera, Head Coach and Director of Competitive Aquatics, (908) 233.2700 or bguidera@westfieldynj.org.

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