

VOYSEST SCORES 13, RAMOS 12, POILLON PUTS IN 11

Dickinson Rams 'Out-Swipe' Raider Boy B'ballers, 73-54

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Fast-paced style of basketball initiated by the Dickinson Rams turned out to flow in their favor in a 73-54 victory over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider boys in Scotch Plains on February 27.

That rapid style of play led to a multitude of steals and turnovers on the part of both teams, but the 12-13 Rams held the upper hand.

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to 45-40 with 5:05 on the clock. Andrew Voysest began that run with a lay-up and added three more points, while Jack Poillon nailed a 3-pointer and Ramos hit a free throw. Voysest (2 assists, steal, rebound) finished the game with 13 points and Poillon (5 rebounds, block, 3 tips that led to steals, assist) finished with 11 points.

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GUARDING A RAM...Raider senior Andrew Voysest, No. 3, guards against a Dickinson Ram in Scotch Plains on February 27. The Rams won, 73-54, but Voysest led the Raiders with 13 points.

had been doing earlier in the year. We kind of went backwards. We have been trying different things trying to get ready for the states, so I hope we don't turn the ball over like that in the states," Raider Head Coach Dan Doherty said.

The Rams also employed a full court press just after scoring and capitalized with thefts right after the Raiders' throw-ins, which led to immedi-

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Cougar Byrnes Places Twice at Swim MOC

Cranford High School Cougar Julie Byrnes placed fourth in the 200-individual medley with a time of 2:06.35 and sixth in the 100-butterfly at 58.11 at the swimming Meet of Champions held at Gloucester Tech in Sewell on March 2.

by Emmand Okoye, who scored five of those points. The Rams won the quarter, 19-15. All seven of Okoye's points came in the quarter. Raider Leo Ramos (3 rebounds, 2 steals, assist) scored seven of his 12 points in the quarter.

A 6-0 Ram spurt initiated by Carmine Marchitto and Anthony Florence early in the second quarter squirted their lead to 28-19 with 5:06 on the clock. The Rams won the quarter, 25-16, to take a 44-31 lead at the half. Raiders Quarry Bull (5 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists), Ramos and Devin Glover (steal, rebound, assist) each scored four points in the quarter. Marchitto finished the game with 17 points and Florence finished with 12.

The Raiders showed their best spurt of brilliance with a 9-0 run to kick off the third quarter and to close the gap

been playing together for a while," Coach Doherty said.

Unfortunately for the Raiders, the Rams answered with an 8-0 run instigated by Isiah Epps, but the Raiders won the quarter, 15-12, to trail by 10 entering the final quarter, which began with the longest streak of the game, an 11-0 gush by the Rams led by Marchitto and Ron Washington that virtually put the game out of reach. Raider Josh Acosta hit all five of his points in the quarter and Mike Dwumfour (5 points) drained a 3-pointer.

Raiders Emendo Thomas (2 assists) and Chris Gibbons (assist) each finished with two rebounds and a blocked shot. Dan Lopez had two assists, a steal and a tipped ball.

Dickinson	19	25	12	17	73
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	15	16	15	8	54



PLOWING THROUGH FARMERS...Blue Devil Lil Scott, No. 20, plows through a field of Farmers in the UCT semis.

Blue Devils Bow to Farmers in UCT Semi, 52-41

Simine Bonaparte and Kya Reddick each netted five points, and Tessa Dolce added three points.

One major disadvantage the Blue Devils with reference to strength under the boards had was the absence of senior Carly Friedman, who was out with a sprain.

"They beat us on the boards. We did not have any answer for them to get the rebounds on the board. We knew we had to come in and try to be more aggressive inside. We didn't have Carly Friedman today also. She will be back. It's only a sprain. That would have helped us, but overall we gave it our all," Coach Marino said.

"We didn't really box out well. We gave them a lot of opportunities, which really hurt us. They got four shots every time, and we should have limited it to one," Knapp said.

The Farmers scored the first six points of the game until Scott and Liddy hit back-to-back 2-pointers. Adora Moneme sank a 2-pointer and Reddick banged a 3-pointer then Scott sank a pair of free throws to end the quarter, 11-5, Farmers.

The Farmers extended their lead to 22-8 midway through the second quarter, but Knapp sank eight of her points, four by free throws, and Liddy ended the half with a 3-pointer on an assist from Scott.

Trailing 25-19 entering the second half, the Blue Devils whittled away at the Farmers' lead to make the score, 32-28, at the end of the third, but the Farmers got off to a 9-2 run before Knapp hit her 3-pointer to put her in the 1,000-point category. Scott and Luzzi combined for the remainder of the Blue Devils' points in the quarter.

"We still got states. Our first state

game is March 4th [Dickinson]. They are coming to our gym, so we are going to defend our court. We will be ready for that game. We hope to take it as far as we can," Knapp said.

"We hustled. They put it all on the floor and that's all you can ask for," Coach Marino said.

Union	11	14	7	20	52
Westfield	6	13	9	13	41



DRIVING TO THE BASKET...Blue Devil junior Jackie Knapp, No. 2, drives to the basket in the Union County Tournament semifinal game against Union. Knapp sank a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter to break 1,000 career points.

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