

fourth quarter set up an overtime clash between the Cranford High School girls basketball team and the visiting New Providence Pioneers, who hit all 10 of their free throws and added a lay-up to overcome the Cougars, 64-57, on February 6. The key for the Lady Cougars was how to handle Pioneer junior standout Katie Kinum, who finished with a game-leading 33 points.

MacLelland, in her own right, was the primary person that the Pioneers needed to focus on. MacLelland, who possesses strong driving to the basket skills, finished the game with 19 points but her rebounding performance was phenomenal. MacLelland pulled five rebounds in the first quarter alone and went on to finish with 16.

February 6, 2016: Unless your

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match with Northern Highlands, which ended in a 31-31 draw in Cranford on February 7. Each team won seven bouts and the 13-6 Highlanders recorded two pins to Cranford's one, but

bumped up to face Jack Castiglia and came out on top, 4-1, after recording a double-leg takedown and a reversal. Dave Busch punished Jake Paparozzi with three takedowns, an escape and a nearfall to claim a 10-1 majority decision at 126-lbs.

February 10, 2014: Everyone at the Wallace Pool for Monday's North 2 Group 4 semifinal between No. 1 Westfield and No. 4 Hillsborough knew one thing: Hillsborough was going to win most of the races. And the Raiders didn't disappoint, winning eight out of the 11 events.

But the Raiders only outscored WHS in five events. When you're at this level of the state swimming championships, it's all about d-e-p-t-h, and WHS had plenty of it on Monday. With the 89-81 victory, WHS advanced to Thursday night's sectional final (weather permitting) against No. 3 (and tournament top-seed) Hunterdon Central at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA in Perth Amboy. It's a rematch of last year's state Public A final, which WHS won 91-79.

Westfield is a senior-heavy team, and Caroline Baldwin, Sarah Cronin and Erika Daniel didn't disappoint in their final home meet. But there were many youngsters who delivered big-



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ENDURING THE 500-FREESTYLE...Blue Devil Sarah Cronin swims the 500-freestyle in Lane 4 against the Hillsborough Raiders at Wallace Pool in the North Jersey sectional semifinals on February 10, 2014.

name is Daniel then finding yourself in the Lions' Den is not likely to end well. The Blue Devils of Westfield learned that the hard way as they were mauled, 66-44, by the Lions of Roselle Catholic High School on February 6 in the final game of the Tom Richel HoopFest Showcase Tournament in Roselle. Gilberto Cue scored 18 points, all on three point baskets to lead Roselle Catholic. Nathaniel Pierre Louis added 16 points and inside player Naz Reid finished with 10, many of which came on thunderous dunks and alley oop slams.

Senior Parker Hess kept the Blue Devils within hailing distance with 11 points in the first half, including three trays. Matt LaCorte had 13 points to lead Westfield. Owen Murray sank 11 points.

A LOOK AT 2014:

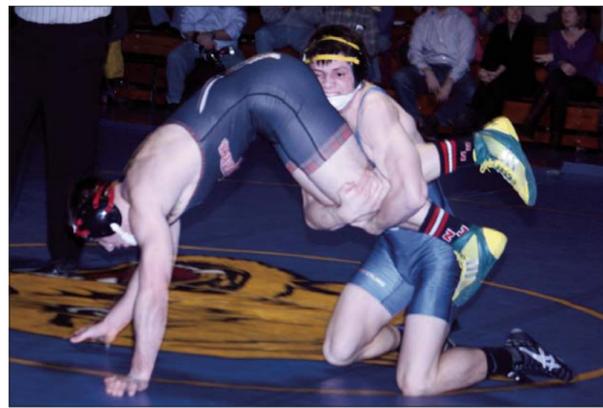
February 4, 2014: Blue Devil junior Lillian Scott may or may not have known how many points she needed to break 1,000 career points; however, the ever increasing chatter from the boys in the stands must have given her a resounding clue as she approached that magic number late in the second quarter when the Westfield High School girls basketball team went on to trample Rahway, 60-20, in Westfield on February 4.

Scott needed 18 points to reach 1,000 and she hit numbers 18 and 19 when she swished a set shot with 2:08 remaining in the second quarter to give the Blue Devils a 44-7 lead. After a ceremony, she took a seat and relaxed for the remainder of the game.

February 7, 2014: Criteria decision put the Cranford High School wrestling team over the top in a wild

forfeits, disqualifications and defaults in a Criteria count as pins also and the 15-4 Cougars received two forfeits to boost their total to three.

Niko Cappello bumped up a weight class to square off with Brandon



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HANGING ON FOR CONTROL...Cougar Nike Cappello, right, controlled Northern Highlander Brendan Latierno in the third period of his 170-lb bout to grab a 5-2 victory on February 7, 2014.

Latierno, who entered the bout with a 25-3 record, one of seven Highlanders with 20+ wins. Cappello recorded a low double-leg takedown in the first period and added an escape and another takedown in the second period. With a 5-2 lead, Cappello managed to control Latierno throughout the third period to gain the crucial victory.

The first bout of the evening came at 160-lbs, and Cougar Corey Birch

time. Freshman Emily Oster had a fifth (200 free), a fourth (100 back in a Top 15 List 1:02.84) and anchored a key third-place 200 free relay. Freshman Shannon Pyle added a fifth in the fly and a fourth in the breaststroke. Sophomore Caroline Basil added a third in the IM and a second in the backstroke. And classmate Gwyn Devin scored seconds in the 50 free and 100 butterfly.



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DRAGGING HIM BACK IN...Blue Devil Jordan Simpson, right, begins to drag Panther Jon Estivene back into the circle during his 170-lbs bout. Simpson claimed a 20-3, 6:00 technical fall and Westfield defeated Roselle Park, 50-21

Blue Devil Matmen 'Chill' Rosells Park, 50-21

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Maciel in 1:17 at 220-lbs.

Blue Devil sophomore Jon Heard bumped up the 285-lbs to face Dave Torres. After a scoreless first period, Heard recorded a pair of defensive spin behind takedowns in the second period then pinned Torres in 4:32 with a reversal-to-back move.

"I was focusing on being more offensive on my feet and trying to get takedowns. Once I got on top, I felt confident. Once I was on bottom, I was getting out and I hit him with a nice little move there," Heard explained.

Last week in the 285-lb bout against Cranford, Heard kept his wits when he pulled off a Peterson reversal-to-back, five-point move to beat Kevin Shriner in the final seconds.

"I have been doing that move since fifth grade. It was right there and I decided I got to win, so why not," Heard answered.

Heard's progress this season has gotten a big boost from Loder, who is his workout partner.

"He pushes me every day for sure. He taught me everything this year. He made me better in neutral [standing position]. He is a great partner to go with every day," Heard revealed.

The Blue Devils' lead jumped to

37-6 when Luke Jacobs recorded three takedowns, an escape and a nearfall to earn a 10-1 majority decision over Danny Luc at 106-lbs then Panther Gabe Leo, after being taken down by Quinn Gimblette at 113-lbs, responded with a switch reversal and a limp arm takedown to take a 4-3 lead in the first period. He added four more points in the second period and another takedown in the third to win 10-4.

Blue Devil Luke Hoerle received a forfeit at 120-lbs then at 126-lbs, Jeremy Silber won a snake fight for a takedown in the first period against Julian Colon, Silber added a reversal and a Penn State cradle nearfall in the second period and added a switch reversal and a takedown to defeat Colon by 11-3 majority decision.

Panthers Eddie Hummel and Mark Montgomery received forfeits at 132-lbs and 138-lbs, respectively, then in the final bout, Blue Devil Theo Dardia was in for a wild bout against Drew Graves at 145-lbs. Dardia began with a takedown and Graves escaped. In the second period, Dardia escaped and attempted to work a head-and-arm takedown but Graves responded with a single-leg trip takedown to knot the score, 3-3. Af-

ter Graves escaped in the third period, Dardia finally got his head-and-arm takedown but yielded an escape at the buzzer to force overtime. Dardia then won a scramble for a takedown to win via 7-5 sudden victory.

"I thought I wrestled the first period pretty well but the periods two and three were pretty sloppy. I should have been blocking at the shoulder a little bit more but I thought I was pretty good on my feet with my first single [takedown]. All throughout the match I thought my defense was pretty good but in overtime, it really showed our conditioning at least," Dardia analyzed. "I was able to maneuver my way around him. I finally popped my head out and scored."

BOUNT SEQUENCE

- 152: — Guerrero R p Greco 4:18
- 160: — Scanlan W md Gergich 13-2
- 170: — Simpson W tf Estivene 20-3 6:00
- 182: — Miller W won forfeit
- 195: — J Price W forfeit
- 220: — Loder W p Maciel 1:17
- 285: — Heard W p Torres 4:32
- 106: — Jacobs W md Luc 10-1
- 113: — Leo R d Gimblette 10-4
- 120: — Hoerle W won forfeit
- 126: — Silber W md Colon 11-3
- 132: — Hummel R won forfeit
- 138: — Montgomery R won forfeit
- 145: — Dardia W sv Graves 7-5

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