

THE WEEK IN SPORTS



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CLEARING 6 FEET-TWO INCHES...Raider Karl Jennings clears 6-2 in the high jump and later clears 6-6 at the Union County Tournament.



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THE 800-METER EVENT...Blue Devil John Cognetti stays close to a New Providence runner in the 800-meters at the Union County Tournament.



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HIGHER HEIGHTS...Dave Citrin recently cleared 13 feet to win the pole vault at the Watchung Conference meet.



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ONE, TWO, SIX...Blue Devils Megan Shutts, left, Sage Stefuk, center, and Alexis Anzelone placed first, second and sixth, respectively in the 1,600-meter event at the Union County Championship.

RAIDER GIRLS TAKE 5TH; DEVIL BOYS PLACE 6TH

Raider Boys Ace County Title; Blue Devil Girls Finish Third

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For the fourth time in five years, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' track team has claimed the Union County Boys Track and Field Championship; this time by out-pointing a strong Elizabeth team, 92-88. Karl Jennings and Blair Woodward came through in the high jump event to push the Raiders past the Minutemen who had a slim 78-74 lead at that time. The Westfield boys placed sixth with 27 points.

Jennings tied for second with Otlley Freeman of Plainfield in the high jump, clearing 6-6, and Woodward captured fourth with a height of 6-4. Adam Bowser took sixth in the event with a height of 6-0. Resoul Jones of Plainfield won the high jump by clearing 6-6 in less attempts. By the end of the event, the Raiders had added 11 points and Elizabeth had gained only two with a fourth-place finish.

The Raiders did the most damage in the field events. Woodward pounced first in the long jump with a leap of 23-2.75. Bowser seized second with a leap of 20-8.75 and Nathan Jones grabbed fifth with a distance of 20-4.75.

Although not taking first, sophomore Dan Loomis had a personal-best push of 51-10.75 to take second in the shot put and teammates Jim Feeley with a shove

of 48-3 and Scott Paterson with a heave of 46-0.5 placed third and fifth, respectively. Woodward also nailed sixth in the javelin with a toss of 155-2.

Jennings crossed the line first in the 110-hurdles with a time of :14.1 and Woodward was right behind at :14.8 to claim second. Jennings was edged by Maurice McClain of Elizabeth in the 400-hurdles with respective times of :54.2 and :54.3. Bowser crossed fourth at :56.5 and Blue Devils Dave Geissler at :58.5 and Steve Dennis at 58.6 finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Blue Devil Dave Citrin soared 12-0 to grab second in the pole vault and teammates Josh Ray at 11-6 and Erik Clinton at 11-0 placed fourth and sixth, respectively. Blue Devil junior Gordon Kaslusky picked up a fourth in the 3,200-meter with a time of 10:00.9 and Raider Nick Klastava captured the sixth spot with a time of 10:15.9.

Earlier in the season, Citrin was having quite a bit of problems with his knee and was barely clearing 10 feet during the regular season meets; but just recently, he cleared a personal-best 13 feet to take first in the Watchung Conference and grabbed second in the county tournament.

"I had been suffering with a unusual patellar (knee cap) problem. The bone was scraping against my thigh bone (fe-

mur) and was causing a lot of pain. I rested the knee and jumped less frequently, and it seemed to help quite a bit," explained Citrin.

When asked about how he felt about his personal-best jump, Citrin pointed out, "I had cleared 13-4 in practice, but I had never officially made 13 feet until the conference meet. I needed to get at least that height to prepare me for the Group Championships and hopefully, the Meet of Champions. The starting height at the Meet of Champions is 12-6."

Raider Lau'renn McDaniel crossed fourth in the 400-meters with a time of :51.8. Raider James Canterbury took fifth at 4:30.9 in the 1,600-meter event and Blue Devil Bill Zachar placed sixth at 4:39.4. Blue Devil Jason Krieger nailed a fifth in the discus with a whirl of 125-4.

The Raider foursome of Bowser, Jones, McDaniel and Jennings placed third in the 4x400-meters with a time of 3:25.9 to seal the title. The Blue Devils came in fourth with a time 3:28.8.

"I knew that it was very close and we got a shot in the arm with our performance in the high jump," commented Raider Head Coach Jim O'Connor.

"Elizabeth used Hakim Johnson as the anchor in the 4x400, but I knew they couldn't beat Plainfield and that made

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KORFMACHER, EGAN, HILLMAN GRAB 2 1STS EACH

Devil Girls Seize 2nd Straight Watchung Conference Title

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Mary Korfmacher and Katie Egan each came away with double victories and helped the Westfield High School girls' track team successfully defend their Watchung Conference Crown at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 13. The Blue Devils who totaled 162 points, sped past a highly competitive Scotch Plains-Fanwood team, led by Christine

Hillman who also took two gold medals, which finished with 134 points.

Korfmacher had an impressive day by taking first place in the 200-meters with a personal-best time of :26.9 and later turned in a leadoff split of 1:01.63 to team up with Egan at 1:03.4, Sage Stefuk at 1:03.54 and Heather Dennis at 1:04.51 to easily seize first in the 4x400 event with a time of 4:12.8. The Raider girls placed third in the 4x400 with a time of

4:34.5. Korfmacher also crossed second at 1:02.2 in the 400-meters which was won by Egan with a time of 1:00.5. Egan also placed fourth in the 200-meters with a time of :27.6.

Hillman had two of the three Raider firsts as she leaped 15-2.25 in the long jump and pushed the shot put 29-9.5. Hillman also cleared 4-6 to take second in the high jump and turned in a time of :18.1 to capture fifth in the 100-hurdles. Teammates Karl Whitley at 29-9 and Katie Feighner at 28-5 placed second and third, respectively, in the shot put. Blue Devil Alison Westerhold grabbed sixth in the shot at 26-2.25.

The Blue Devils and the Raiders totally dominated the 3,200-meter event. Devil freshman Alexis Anzelone led the pack with a time of 12:19.6 followed by Devil Rachel Ackerman at 12:27, Raider Jeannette Tourjee at 12:49.4, Devil Laura Brucia at 12:50.3, and Raiders Holly Oates at 13:20.5 and Andrea Maggi at 13:35.

The scenario was nearly the same in the 1,600-meters. Blue Devil Megan Shutts at 5:26.9, beat out Stefuk at 5:27.3 and Anzelone at 5:38 for the first three spots. Raiders Erin Kelly at 5:46.1 and Karen Haight at 5:50 placed fifth and sixth, respectively. Shutts, with a time of 2:24.1, also came in second in the 800-meter followed by Stefuk at 2:25.7 and Raider Erin Kelly at 2:29.1. Devil Tara Bhandari picked up a sixth in the event with a time of 2:29.5.

Blue Devil junior Allison Checchio fired the javelin 93-3 and teammate Alicia Picou had a toss of 88-5 to nail down first and second, respectively, in the event. Feighner placed fifth with a throw of 82-11 and Raider teammate Kate Vanderheyden took sixth with a heave of 82-5.

The Raiders and Blue Devils also grabbed the top six spots in the 400-intermediate hurdles. Raider Erin Brandt took top honors with a time of 1:08.7 followed by Dennis at 1:11.9, Raider Alyssa Sams at 1:14.7, Devils' Sara Carpenter at 1:15 and Stefanie

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POOF!...Raider Blair Woodward pounces into the pit during the long jump event at the Watchung Conference Championships. Woodward won with a leap of 22-1½.



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SIDE-BY-SIDE...Blue Devils Bill Zachar, left, and Gordon Kaslusky run side-by-side in the 800-meter event at the Watchung Conference Championships.

WOODWARD TAKES 4 FIRSTS, CITRIN WINS POLE VAULT

Raider Boys Win 4th Straight Watchung Conference Crown

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Junior Raider Blair Woodward brought home four gold medals and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' track team defended its title by winning its fourth consecutive Watchung Conference National Division Title at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 13. The Raiders out-pointed the Westfield High School boys who took second, 189-132.

The Raider and Blue Devil boys

claimed first in 13 of the 15 events with the Raiders winning nine and the Blue Devils grabbing four. Woodward seized first in the long jump with a leap of 22-1.5, the javelin with a toss of 153-11, the 100-meter dash with a time of :11.5 and the 200-meter dash with a time of :22.9. Presently, Woodward has the best leap in the state in the long jump at 23-4.

Blue Devil Dave Citrin soared to greater heights to easily claim first in the pole vault with a personal-best 13 feet

vault. Citrin had just come off an injury which had kept him relatively inactive for several weeks. Raiders Nick LaCosta at 11-6 and Steve Cole at 9-6 took second and third, respectively, in the pole vault. Blue Devils Erik Clinton at 9-0 and Josh Ray at 9-0 grabbed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the event.

Raider senior James Canterbury beat out Blue Devil Peter Anzelone, who finished with a time of 2:02.5, in the 800-meter event as he crossed the line in

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NEAR PITCHING PERFECTION...Blue Devil pitcher Shannon Wagner fires a pitch at a Johnson Crusader batter and later comes up with a 1-0 shutout. Wagner has been on fire recently as she pitched three-straight shutouts to lead Westfield to the Union County Title.

DEVIL JV'S ALSO WIN TITLE, 18-10

Devils Blank Panthers; Win UCT Softball Title

Senior pitcher Shannon Wagner emerged to toss her third-straight shutout to lead the Westfield High School girls' softball team to claim the title in the Union County Tournament by defeating Roselle Park, 9-0, at Memorial Field in Linden on May 16. Senior Courtney Thornton provided the power punch to convince the Panthers that they were in for a rough ride.

Wagner, who had been ablaze since the tournament started, struck out three Panthers, walked none and allowed only one hit. Wagner also helped her cause offensively in the fifth inning. After Colleen Ryan ripped a leadoff double, moved to third on an error and scored on Kristen Leonardis' suicide squeeze,

Wagner slapped a single to drive Leonardis home, making the score 2-0. Thornton crashed a triple with one out in the sixth and zoomed home on Ryan's single. Liz McKeon stepped to the plate and bashed a double to put runners on second and third. Leonardis bopped a two-run single, then later, Wagner poked another RBI single.

Thornton added the finishing touch by crunching a three-run homer in the top of the seventh.

The Blue Devil junior varsity (JV), under the guidance of coach Bill Matthews, also made the long climb to the championships and defeated the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls, 18-10.

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DAVE CITRIN...Senior Captain of the boys track team. Dave is one of the finest pole vaulters in New Jersey. Has soared to heights over 12-6 on many occasions, including at the Meet of Champions last year. Citrin and his partner Erik Clinton combined to win the team pole vault event at the Summit Relays on April 7. Academically, Dave is recognized as being an excellent student, leader and citizen and will be attending Colgate University in the fall. Recently, Citrin cleared 13 feet to take first at the Watchung Conference Tournament.

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