

MARTINEZ HITS 19 PTS; SIMMS, OSBORNE GET 10

Undefeated East Side Stops Raider Boy Cagers, 65-47

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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Seventh-ranked, undefeated Newark East Side had something to get nervous about when the feisty Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team hung close until ace Kudjo Sogadzi hit half of the Red Raiders' 20 points in the fourth quarter to grab a 65-47 victory in Scotch Plains on February 2. Bennie Martinez scored 19 points in the Raiders' gallant effort.

Martinez was on a tear in the first half as he hit 10 in the first quarter

Nadeau netted a three-pointer. Raider Rich Brown slid in a layup, then Simms fired in a three-pointer from the left side to close the score to 37-36.

A layup by Nadeau, a free throw by Sogadzi and a jumper by Randy Foye, combined with five-straight missed shots by the Raiders extended East Sides' lead to 42-36. Simms sank a jumper with 1:12 remaining in the third quarter. The Red Raiders played for the final shot and Sogadzi hit a three pointer.

Simms hit a jumper at the start of the fourth quarter, then the Red Raider

nailed a two-pointer. Nadeau made a circus stuff to push the lead to 63-45, then Martinez hit a jumper and Red Raider Duncan sank two free throws to conclude the scoring.

Simms and Osborne finished with 10 points each and Rich Brown had two. Martinez, Simms, Osborne and Brown all had four rebounds. Martinez also led the Raiders with four steals while Osborne and Simms had three each.

"We played as well as we could play with that caliber of team," commented Leonardi. "Our game plan was to be very patient, do a good job in the zone and we did that. They went into a zone. We were going to bring it out and just hold the ball and force them to play man-to-man, but I believe the coach knew not to do that from their loss to us last year."

The Red Raiders extended their record to 16-0 while the Raiders shifted to 10-7.

Nwk East Side	17	17	11	20	65
ScPlns-Fanwood	10	20	8	9	47



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GREAT SHOOTING FORM...Raider Ron Jenerette, No. 33, shows his form as he takes a shot at the basket in the game against the undefeated Red Raiders of Newark East Side.

and five more in the second. Team-mate Ron Jenerette nailed all six of his points in the second quarter. Red Raider sophomore Sam Nadeau sank 14 of his 21 points in the first half.

After falling behind 17-10 in the first quarter, the Raiders closed the score to 25-24 with 3:30 left in the half. Sogadzi came back with a layup and sank a free throw, then Martinez and James Allen Osborne hit jumpers to tie the score. Nadeau made a free throw, Sogadzi nailed a three-pointer and center Keith Duncan pushed in a layup, then Jenerette grabbed an offensive rebound and hit a short jumper to make the halftime score 34-30.

"We had them 28-26, then they came back and scored two three-pointers and a deuce to go ahead 34-30 at the half," said Raider Head Coach Willie Leonardi.

The Red Raiders' ability to hit the three-point shot made the difference in the second half, especially in the fourth quarter. In the third, Martinez hit one of his two free throws, then

ers got deadly with the three-pointers. Sogadzi made three straight steals and benefited with two three-pointers and a two-point layup. Next, Vladimir Zujoric hit two more three-pointers to stretch the lead to 59-40.

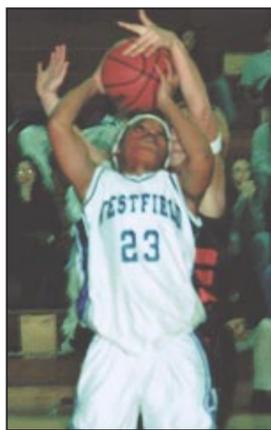
"We had a crucial point when they were ahead about 40-36. We came up the floor and kept missing our shots," explained Leonardi. "We either missed our shots or turned the ball over. They went up a quick 12 points. They had a run and we just could not catch up to the run."

Commenting on the three-point shooting of the Red Raiders, Leonardi pointed out, "They were not your normal 19-foot three-pointers. They were close to the NBA range. It's not like our kids weren't in their face. They were in their face and they hit them anyway. They were excellent shooters. Every one of them!"

Osborne sank two free throws, Sogadzi hit a layup then later, was called for a technical foul for hanging on the basket. Martinez sank one of the free throws, then Osborne



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BRINGING IT DOWN...Raider Steve Simms brings the basketball down court in the game against the Red Raiders of East Side.



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REBOUND...Blue Devil Courtney Thornton battles with a Lady Minuteman for the rebound.



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GOING FOR THE BALL...Blue Devil Carolyn Matthews, No. 42, and a Lady Minuteman hustle to seize the basketball. Fifteenth-ranked Elizabeth defeated the Blue Devils, 44-34.

MCKEON STRIKES FOR 21 PTS., GRABS 12 REBOUNDS

No. 15 Lady Minutemen Top Blue Devil B-Ballers, 44-34

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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Nineteenth-ranked Elizabeth used the one-two punch of Danai Parker and Jessica Townsend to stop a highly competitive Westfield High School girls basketball team, 44-34, in Westfield on Ground Hogs Day. Blue Devil Liz McKeon was not overshadowed as she led all scoring with 21 points.

Timely steals and early control of offensive rebounds enabled the Lady Minutemen to grab a 13-6 first quarter lead. The Lady Minutemen won the opening jump and scored first, but McKeon came back for a layup and was fouled. She made both of her free throws to tie the score at 2-2.

Townsend made a layup, then the crafty Vera Knight made two consecutive steals and two consecutive layups to give the Lady Minutemen an 8-2 lead. McKeon made a layup, then sophomore Courtney Thornton hit a short jumper. Parker nailed a three-pointer, then seconds later followed with a layup.

After a shaky beginning in the

second quarter, the Blue Devils settled down and matched Elizabeth, 10-10. McKeon hit a free throw, but Townsend pushed in a layup, then Parker sank a right-side jumper and came back with a layup to extend the lead to 19-7.

Blue Devil Jessica Lutkenhouse drove toward the basket but was fouled. She made one of her free throws, then moments later Monique Brendel hit a short jumper. McKeon and Thornton each added a free throw to make the score 19-12, then Parker and Townsend sank jumpers while McKeon hit a jumper and two more free throws just before the half to make the score, 23-16.

The Blue Devil girls came out with renewed vigor in the second half, knowing that they could hang with the Lady Minutemen. That sense of determination earned the Blue Devils a 12-7, third quarter edge which placed them only two points behind.

"We played a very good game. They were up 13-6 in the first quarter. We were okay, but Parker was really doing a nice job," said Blue Devil Head Coach Kathy Hauser. "We were even in the second quarter and outscored them in the third."

Hauser added, "At halftime, I said, 'You are in the game.' We played in a zone and shut down Parker and gave them just one shot. We kept giving the ball to Liz (McKeon) inside and she was having a day."

Parker and Townsend came on strong in the final quarter, scoring four points each, and outscored the Blue Devils 14-6 to grab the win.

"We tried to keep the key from getting the ball on the outside. We missed a couple of shots. They made a couple and it ended up a ten point game," pointed out Hauser.

"Parker killed us with her shooting. What we really needed was a real tall girl who could put her hands up and stop her outside shooting," added Hauser.

McKeon owned the boards as she pulled down seven defensive and seven offensive rebounds. She also set up five assists, grabbed one steal and made one blocked shot. Thornton

finished with eight points, one assist, one steal and four offensive and seven defensive rebounds.

Matthews had two points, three assists and one steal. Brendel had two points, four offensive and two defensive rebounds and three assists. Lutkenhouse had one point and four assists.

Summing up the strengths, Hauser said, "We had a lot of foul shots. McKeon made seven and Courtney four and that kept us in the game. Our kids were in the game, they kept staying in the game and played them into the fourth quarter."

Summing up just the flaws, Hauser said, "We made four mistakes; four bad passes, two in the first half and two in the second. We made passes to the wing, their guards stole them and went down to make the layups. That was the game. But, we played very well."

Elizabeth elevated its record to 13-2 while the Blue Devils slipped to 8-4.

Elizabeth	13	10	7	14	44
Westfield	6	10	12	6	34

Highlanders Trip Immaculata Girls

The Governor Livingston High School girls basketball team avenged an earlier season loss in a big way by tripping Immaculata, 55-40, in Somerville on February 4. The Highlanders, who held a 29-24 halftime lead, insured the victory by outscoring Immaculata, 11-4, in the third quarter.

Lauren Kobel and Jen Calabrese each scored 18 points for the Highlanders. Heather Kantorek put in 10 and Alison Kobel hit five. Governor Livingston elevated its record to 11-4 while Immaculata skid to 12-4.

Gov. Livingston	19	10	11	15	55
Immaculata	14	10	4	12	40

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NIKKI MCCOY SINKS 22 POINTS

Raider Cagers Invade Lady Red Raiders

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Defensive hustle and the shooting of senior guard Nikki McCoy made the difference as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls basketball team invaded the Red Raiders in Newark on Groundhog Day and dug up a 49-34 victory. McCoy overshadowed the rest of the field as she buried a game-high 22 points.

The hustling, dogged 1-3-1 Raider defense prevented the Red Raiders from developing an offensive rhythm in the first half. Meanwhile, the Raider offense led by Nikki McCoy's 12 points gave them a 23-9 lead at the half.

"Offensively, we started off slow," commented Raider Head Coach Brian Homm. "But we got a good lead by the half."

Last week, in their convincing win over Irvington, the Raiders out-hustled the Blue Knights using the three-guard system of Nikki and Jeannie McCoy and Najwa Glover. Homm employed the same system throughout most of the game.

"Najwa did not start in the beginning because she wasn't feeling well, but she came in a little later," explained Homm. "But, I think that is going to be the starting lineup that I am going to go with. We are quicker that way."

Homm added, "We got a lot of steals off that half court press that we do, also that half court trap down below. When the ball comes over half court, we do a double-team rotate, then we fall into a 1-3-1 after that."

In the third quarter, the Red Raiders came back to cut the lead to 10, but the Raiders went on a seven-

point scoring spree to finish the quarter with a 38-21 lead.

"In the second half, I was worried about them coming back on us and they did, but we did not let it get to us and we went on an offensive surge," said Homm.

"Defensively, the girls are doing a nice job. They know where to be and where to look for the steal," Homm summed up.

With a comfortable lead, coach Homm substituted to give his first-team girls a rest. The Raider reserves held their own as they preserved the victory. Freshman Kelli LaForge hit for two points and freshman Erin Gilolly scored two.

Aside from her offensive punch, Nikki McCoy pulled seven rebounds, set up two assists and swiped two steals. Gloversank five points, grabbed two rebounds and had one steal.

"Nikki had a great game. Najwa has been playing well and she is just a sophomore. So, she is going to get a lot of playing time," concluded Homm.

Jeannie McCoy finished with six points, five assists, two rebounds and two steals. Katie Feighner had six points, three assists, three rebounds and one steal. Christine Bowers had two points, three assists, three rebounds and one steal. Krista Hicks scored two points, had two assists, four rebounds and one steal.

The Raiders have won three in a row and improved to 7-8 and needed to defeat a tough 11-5 Union High School team on February 4 to clinch a playoff berth.

ScPlns-Fanwood	10	13	15	11	49
Nwk East Side	4	5	12	13	34

County High School Boys Basketball Results:

FEBRUARY 2:

Roselle Catholic 64, Newark Central 49
Tim Benoit and James Williams had 16 points each for the Lions who improved to 10-3.

Nwk Central (6-8)	16	8	8	17	49
Roselle Catholic	15	12	22	55	64

FEBRUARY 4:

Cranford 57, Kearny 36
Sophomore Mike Snyder struck for 13 points in the second half to rally the Cougars. Pat Haber nailed 11 points and had seven assists while teammate Marc Petito nailed 12 rebounds and scored two points.

Kearny (6-10)	9	11	6	10	36
Cranford (9-7)	10	8	17	22	57

Immaculata 48, Governor Livingston 42

Terence Reilly and Chris Butler each score 13 points for the Highlanders.

Immaculata (13-3)	17	7	13	11	48
Gov. Livingston	8	13	9	12	42

Linden 68, Elizabeth 58

The Tigers ripped the Minutemen in the third quarter.

Elizabeth (7-8)	13	9	13	23	58
Linden (12-4)	10	14	24	20	68

Plainfield 63, Rahway 57

Bob Holloman sank 18 points and Jaime Suitt scored 14 for the victorious Cardinals. Antonio Davis and

Anthony Jordan both scored 17 for the Indians.

Rahway (8-6)	12	14	14	17	57
Plainfield (10-5)	11	15	14	23	63

New Providence 47, Dayton 37

Senior Mike Piccolo sank a season-high 26 points and Todd Simo fired in 14 for the Pioneers.

Dayton (7-5)	10	5	12	10	37
New Prov. (9-4)	6	11	16	14	47

Roselle 75, Hillside 47

LaQuan Washington scored 15 points for Roselle and Terrell Ruttly sank 14 for Hillside.

Hillside (10-5)	12	15	11	9	47
Roselle (10-4)	22	12	17	24	75

FEBRUARY 5:

Roselle Park 67, Bound Brook 53

Javier Garcia scored 28 points as the Panthers boosted their record to 12-2.

Roselle Park	21	14	18	14	67
Bound Brook	14	15	17	7	53

New Providence 57, Manville 36

Todd Simo scored 17 points and Tim Simo nailed 10 for the Pioneers.

Manville (4-11)	10	10	9	7	36
New Prov. (10-4)	15	12	13	17	57

Dayton 51, Governor Livingston 39

Terence Reilly hit 15 for the Highlanders in the loss.

Dayton (8-5)	16	4	8	23	51
Gov. Liv. (2-13)	8	11	10	10	39

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-7308-96.

LUSITANIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, PLAINTIFF vs. JORGE CUSTODIO; JUAN CUSTODIO AND ISABEL NECIOSUP, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 10TH DAY OF MARCH A.D., 1999 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$236,089.48.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

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AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING GAMES OF CHANCE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1999 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

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