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KEHLER SCORES IN 1ST HALF, JEPSSEN 2ND HALF GOAL

Field Hockey Blue Devils Nip Mount St. Dominic Girls, 2-1

By ALEX LOWE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School field hockey team survived a strong challenge from Mount St. Dominic to earn a 2-1 victory in their season finale played on October 24 at Kehler Stadium in Westfield. LJ Kehler scored a first-half goal and senior Hannah Jepsen had the game winner in the second half to help the Blue Devils close out the season successfully as they head into the state playoffs. Still, the game was a struggle as the visitors from Caldwell gave a spirited performance and played much better than their 3-14 record.

"Today was just one of those games where strange things happened from beginning to end," said Westfield Head Coach Caitlin Cheddar. "We had the stroke called for the penalty. We had a lot of cards being dealt out. This was not a traditional game. Going into the state tournament, that is not the worst thing in the world. It is good for the girls to know what that feels like. I think we were a little rattled during the game and that is a good experience for us. Luckily we came out on the winning end of it."

Westfield opened the scoring with Kehler's goal with 21:09 remaining in the first half. The Blue Devils nursed

that lead until Mount St. Dominic tied it off of a goal by Catherine Browne with 9:21 to play in the half. Westfield ended up on the defensive for much of the first half as the visitors pressed the attack. Westfield held on to the tie going into the break thanks largely to the stellar play of goalkeeper Colleen O'Connor, who stood in strong and successfully defended against a stroke opportunity. "When she shot the ball it went off my stick and went wide over the goal," said O'Connor, a senior, of her sensational effort. "I was pretty pleased but we worked as unit on defense. I would not have been able to do what I did without my defense. Going into the states I think we are all set, not only the defense but the offense also."

In the second half, it was Westfield that pressed the issue but could never quite finish its opportunities. That changed when senior Hannah Jepsen scored with just under six minutes remaining to give the Blue Devils a 2-1 lead they would not relinquish.

"It was a corner," said Jepsen. "We were getting mentally frustrated because the team was aggressive and we weren't getting the calls. We planned a corner in which Chloe [Beaulieu] takes a shot and I would be at top. She passed it to me and we faked out the flyer. The goal went in. No one stopped

it. Let's say it was a relief. I think after that, we got our game back."

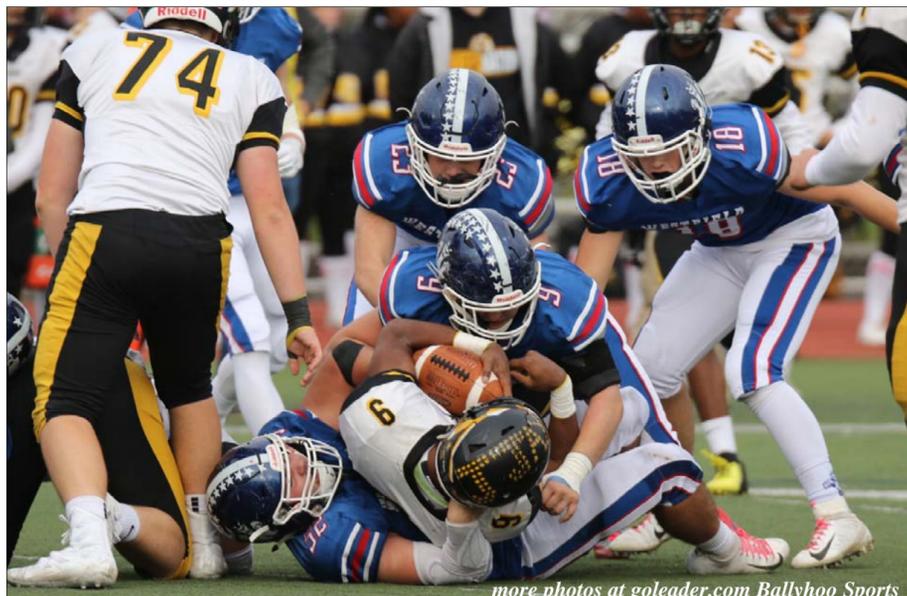
Westfield hung on to preserve the 2-1 lead the rest of the way, increasing their season record to 15-5 with the state playoffs set to begin this week. Maddie Katz and Beaulieu each contributed an assist for Westfield. O'Connor had three saves in goal.

"This was the last game of our regular season, so we wanted to end with a bang," said Jepsen. "I think that if we looked back and felt like we could have tried harder that is the last thing you want to think. After that goal, we felt like we got this and now states are coming up. It is a good mentality to have going into states. I hope it goes for a long run because I want to create the best memory possible and set a tone for next year."

Westfield was set to open their state playoff run as the number 4 seed with a home game against five seed East Brunswick slated for October 26 at Kehler Stadium. If victorious, the Blue Devils would face top seed Bridgewater-Raritan on October 30 in Bridgewater. The Blue Devils have been building toward this season for several years now. Improvement has been gradual and now they are in a position to realize the potential they always knew they had.

"It will mean everything to me," said O'Connor. "I played not only as a freshman but also as an eighth grader and I did not even think I was going to be a goalie. As a goalie I am a big part of the team but I am only a part of the team. I just want to go into the states and do well and create a special memory."

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Westfield	1	1	2



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CRUNCHING A CHIEF...Blue Devils Matt O'Connor, bottom No. 52, Koury Kania, No. 9, Dan Shakal, No. 18, and Reid Colwell, No. 23, crunch Chief running back Juwan Jackson on October 26. More photos at goleader.com Ballyhoo Sports

FREER 3 BAT DOWNS; SIMPSON, ROONEY BLOCK PAT

Chiefs Wear Down Westfield On Football 'Senior Day', 26-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Time was not on the Westfield High School football team's side as the No. 4 ranked Piscataway Chiefs managed to eventually wear down the lighter and smaller Blue Devil defensive line and capitalize with three fourth-quarter touchdowns, which included a pair of breakaway touchdown runs from running back Juwan Jackson, to emerge with a 26-0 shutout on "Senior Day" at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 26.

The 8-0 Chiefs, who also recorded shutouts over East Brunswick (41-0), JP Stevens (62-0), Old Bridge (34-0) and Bridgewater-Raritan (47-0), secured their position as the No. 1 seed for the upcoming North Jersey, Section 2, Group 5 Tournament. The 2-6 Blue Devils are expected to face 7-1

Union City this Friday, November 2, at 7 p.m.

Jackson, who was limited to 41 yards on six carries, including a one-yard touchdown plunge in the first half, took advantage of the Blue Devils' defense that was one step slower in the second half and added respective fourth-quarter touchdown runs of 68 yards, two yards and 61 yards. Jackson finished the game with 212

yards on 18 carries. Teammate Nasir Best rushed 32 yards on seven carries in the first half and 50 yards on five carries in the second half for 82 total yards. Quarterback Joe Hatcher, who was 0-for-3 in completions in the second half, completed six of 15 passes for 72 yards.

The Blue Devils totaled 38 yards rushing on 13 carries in the first half

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Comets Crunch Cougars In Football Showdown, 38-10

The Hillside Comets football team preserved its unbeaten record with a 38-10 (according to HUDL) victory over the visiting Cranford Cougars on October 26. Comet quarterback Gavin Melendez completed 10 of 13 passes for 252 yards, including three touchdowns. Brian Ugwu and James Louis each rushed for 150 yards.

Ugwu scored the 8-0 Comets' first touchdown on a 50-yard sprint in the first quarter. Melendez threw a 45-yard touchdown strike to receiver Boris Nicholas-Paul (3 receptions, 96 yards) in the second quarter then Nahree Biggins recovered a Cougar

fumble in the end zone for another touchdown in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, Melendez connected with Shadon Willis (5 receptions, 108 yards) for a 35-yard touchdown then he added a 39-yard touchdown strike to Biggins (2 receptions, 48 yards) in the quarter. Running back Jahon Moore (7 carries, 50 yards) added a 10-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, Ugwu, Nicholas-Paul and Anu Okungbowa each sacked Cougar quarterback Connor Katz twice.

Katz completed nine of 14 passes for 77 yards. Mike Kalnins had four receptions for 49 yards, Cole Blazek had four receptions for 27 yards and Anthony DeCostello had a one-yard reception. Running back Jamie Shriner carried 23 times for 84 yards, Katz carried seven times for 11 yards and Kalnins had a four-yard run. Jack McAleavey kicked a 30-yard field goal in the third quarter and Steve Shore picked up a fumble and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, Chris Guiditta was involved in eight tackles as was Dante Cassaro and Matt Doran. Ahamad Rasheed was involved in nine tackles and Rob Schork had for tackles.

The Cougars received the fifth seed for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament and will face the fourth-seeded Linden Tigers in Linden tomorrow, November 2, at 7 p.m. Hillside received the top-seed in Central Jersey, Group 3 and will host eighth-seeded South River.

Blue Devils Blank East Brunswick In Field Hockey Section Quarters

Lily Cerasco netted a goal and an assist to lead the fourth-seeded 16-5 Westfield High School field hockey team to a 4-0 shutout of fifth-seeded East Brunswick in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament in Westfield on October 26. Liz Healy, Maggie Maguire and Maggie Kelly each scored once, while Hannah Jepsen and Maddie Katz each added an assist. Keeper Colleen O'Connor stopped two shots.



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LUNGING FOR THE BALL...Blue Devil Chloe Beaulieu, left, lunges to take the ball away from an East Brunswick player during the quarterfinals of the North 2, Group 4 Tournament. Westfield won 4-0. See another photo on page 15

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No. Brunswick Gridders Top Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 59-44

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School co-captain/running back Alex Oslislo chewed up 225 yards on 30 carries, which included five touchdown runs, and added three two-point conversions in the regular-season finale, 59-44 setback to North Brunswick in Scotch Plains on October 26.

Raider Shawn Martin had three receptions for 112 yards, including a touchdown catch, from quarterback Anthony Porter, who also rushed 13 times for 81 yards. Quarterback Jake

Hahn completed two of three passes. Defensively, Porter made four tackles, while Hahn and Dakota Verico each made three tackles.

Dylan Johnson had a 65-yard touchdown reception, ran for a touchdown and returned a kickoff for a touchdown for North Brunswick. Ny'Dir Harmon had a pair of touchdown receptions and Dahveey Hicks had two touchdown runs.

The Raiders will host the Kearny Cardinals this Saturday, November 3, at 2 p.m.

Lady Cougars Pounce Pingry in Soccer, 3-0

Lauren Williamson, Brooke Swandrak and Riley Korzeneski each tallied a goal to give the visiting 15-2 Cranford High School girls soccer team a 3-0 victory over Pingry on October 23. Kenzie Butler, Claire Ganley and Laurel Teel each added an assist.

UC Vikings Stop Blue Devils For UCT Volleyball Crown

Union County Tournament (UCT) girls volleyball crowns usually belong to either the Westfield Lady Blue Devils or the Union Catholic Lady Vikings. This time it was the second-seeded Vikings' turn to seize the crown when they held off the top-seeded Blue Devils, 25-20, 25-21, at Kean University in Union on October 26.

Last year, the Blue Devils defeated the Vikings 2-0 (29-27, 25-13), for the UCT Championship. It was Westfield's first county title since 2014, after having lost back-to-back championship matches to these same Vikings.

Chloe John helped the Lady Vikings regain the title with 15 service points, including two aces, eight assists and two digs. Liv Szyszkiewicz

served up seven points with a pair of aces, and added six kills and six digs. Alex Kwansnik recorded five kills, three service points, an assist, a dig and a block. Abby Ortiz had six service points with three aces and three digs. Katelyn Salvadore added six assists.

Blue Devil Lydia Nisita notched eight kills and added a dig and a block. Stephanie Margoles recorded five kills, 12 digs and a block. Jenna Miller scooped 11 digs and had three kills, 10 service points with an ace and an assist. Sam Colucci had 14 assists, six digs and a block. Anne Friel had 10 digs and three service points with two aces. Julia Becker had five digs, Grace Gruters had two digs and Uzi Ijoma had two digs and a kill.

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