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RAIDER VALIAN SCORES, BLUE DEVIL MEADE SCORES

Blue Devil Boys Stun Raiders In UCT Soccer Semi Shootout

By ALEX LOWE
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The Westfield High School boys soccer team advanced to the finals of the Union County Tournament by outlasting perennial rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood in an eight-round, penalty kicks victory (8-7) that was only decided when Raider standout Zidan Abdella's attempt sailed just high above the crossbar, setting off a celebration among the Blue Devil faithful that endured cold temperatures and persevered through 100 minutes of soccer and eight nail-biting rounds of penalty kicks.

break. The Raiders got the breakthrough goal they were looking for early in the second half when Rock Valian scored from the right side in the 49th minute. Scotch Plains-Fanwood defended its lead throughout much of the rest of the half but the Westfield attack was pressing them relentlessly.

"Our take on the first couple of matches with them was that they put us under a lot of pressure," said Shaw. "We wanted to counter that by being honest and keep our players high. We were getting a lot of chances in the first ten or fifteen minutes and they had to adjust. They had to drop players back. We made them feel uncomfortable. That's what we talked about all week was trying to make them feel uncomfortable as much as possible. We had a couple of chances today, so did they in counter attacks. Nevertheless, I thought we played extremely well tonight."

Raider goalkeeper Danny Coyle preserved the lead on two separate occasions, stopping a shot by Evan Meade in the 68th minute and a header by Max Rokhsar in the 71st minute. As time dwindled away it appeared that the Raiders would turn the hat trick on their border rivals until a controversial call gave the Blue Devils new life with under two minutes left in regulation.

The Raiders were called for "obstruction" allowing for Meade to set up for a direct free kick with 1:31 on the clock. Meade lined up his shot and found the back of the net for the game-tying goal.

"The ball's wet, and I just tried to

hit it as hard as I could," Meade said. "The goalie leaned in and I went off of that. It was a great opportunity to make a chance, and a great win overall. I'm very proud of my team. The chance to be able to keep the game going was just a thrill."

The reaction to the call was not as well appreciated on the Raider side of the ball.

"In my 44 years as a coach, I've never seen that type of a call made in that situation," said Coach Breznitsky. "I guess the question was to whether or not he put his hand up for obstruction; or if it was an obstruction, then the ball has to be touched before it can go in the goal. It should've been 1-0."

In the first 10-minute OT period, it was Scotch Plains-Fanwood that pressed the issue. The Raiders had two great scoring opportunities but Westfield keeper Julian Trott stopped Abdella twice within the span of a minute to preserve the tie.

In the second OT period, Westfield controlled the ball but could not finish any opportunities leaving penalty kicks to decide the issue.

Westfield shot first and player after player continued to nail their opportunities for the Blue Devils only to be matched by their Raider counterparts. After five shots, each team had been perfect, forcing a continuance of the penalty kick round until someone finally missed. That would happen when Abdella, shooting his second attempt and the Raiders' eighth overall, sailed his kick just high over the crossbar, giving Westfield an 8-7 victory.

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Another big win...Cougars Dante Cassaro, No. 17, Connor Katz, No. 18, and Jamie Shriner, No. 9, played their role in thrashing the Immaculata Spartans, 35-7, in Somerville on October 19.

SHRINER 4 TDs, KATZ TO BLAZEK FOR TD, CASSARO INT

Cougars Crunch Immaculata, In Grid Power Struggle, 35-7

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The Cranford High School football team defeated Immaculata, 35-7, on October 19 at Brooks Field in Somerville. Senior RB Jimmy Shriner (111 yards rushing, 14 carries, 4TDs) scored on a 69-yard touchdown run right up the gut, untouched, on Cranford's first play from scrimmage and things only got better from there. "We went right to our bread and butter on that first play," said Shriner. "It was a hole, you know, where the play isn't even really supposed to be run there. Our O-line did a great job of making an adjustment when the backer went the way that he shouldn't and it opened up the hole right in the middle. There was nobody there. The

linebackers were gone. It was just open field for there."

The Cougar defense forced a punt on Immaculata's first offensive series and the offense took over on its 15-yard line. Cranford (5-2) took three plays to move the ball out to the 36-yard line before junior QB Connor Katz worked some magic and hooked up with Cole Blazek behind the defense for a 64-yard touchdown pass. Katz, feeling pressure in the pocket, moved around deftly avoiding a tackler before launching the scoring strike.

"It was supposed to be a hitch to Cole," said Katz. "We expected them to play a little more off than they were tonight. They gave us a different look. I went to scramble to the other side. Number 40 got in my face and I looked back side and saw Cole had taken off and so I hit him in stride. He did the rest from there."

Staked to a 14-0 lead midway through the first quarter, the Cougar defense allowed a 13-play, 73-yard drive to the Spartans on the next series. The drive was capped by a two-yard scoring run by running back Tommy McGuire that cut the deficit to 14-7 with 11:55 left in the half.

The Cougar defense made up for it on the next Spartan offensive series. Having forced a Cranford punt, the Immaculata offense took over in good shape at their 42-yard line. On a second-and-7, Immaculata (4-3) opted to pass and Dante Cassaro stepped in and intercepted the ball and returned it to midfield.

"They tried putting in a tight end and make it look like he was blocking," said Cassaro of the interception. "Then they sent him out for a wheel. The cornerback just didn't see him. I saw him out of the corner of my eye. I picked him up and I knew if he caught that ball, they would have scored a touchdown. I made a play and we just took over from there."

Spurred on by the turnover, it took

the Cougar offense 10 plays to march 53 yards for another touchdown. Shriner stutter-stepped his way into the end zone from one yard out, leading to a 21-7 Cougar lead with 4:04 remaining in the half. Cranford would take the two-touchdown lead to the break.

Cranford took charge of the contest in the third quarter. The Cougar defense forced a punt on Immaculata's initial series setting up the offense at the 42-yard line after the punt. Another methodical, bone-crunching drive led to Shriner's third touchdown run. This one coming from two yards out and staking the Cougars to a 28-7 lead with 5:47 remaining in the third quarter. The scoring drive covered 58 yards in nine plays.

Cranford tacked on another touchdown later in the quarter. Taking possession at the Spartan 41-yard line after a punt, Katz once again evaded pressure by scrambling to his right then hit Thomas Korzeneski on the sideline and out of bounds at the three-yard line. From there, Shriner plowed in for his fourth rushing touchdown. The Cougars led 35-7 with 3:02 left in the third period.

Katz finished nine of 12 passing for 178 yards and a touchdown. Cole Zuckerman rushed 11 times for 76 yards. Blazek caught four passes for 105 yards and a touchdown.

The game was a big win for Cranford as it likely helped solidify a good state playoff seeding. But the win also helped to lessen the sting of a humbling defeat suffered on this same field just a few weeks earlier when the Cougars lost to a powerful Somerville team, 50-7. No doubt, the bus ride back home this time was a lot more pleasant.

"I would say that we can never have a feeling like that again," said Shriner. "Whether we play a team as good as Somerville there is no reason why any team should put us 50 against us."

Jon Iosso, Erin Infante Cougar Athletes of Week

Jon Iosso, a senior on the varsity cross-country team finished seventh overall in the Conference at the Union County Conference Individual Championships this past week. Erin Infante, a senior captain on the varsity gymnastics team took first place in the County on the floor exercise and third place in the all-around helping to lead the Cougars to their third straight Union County Championship.

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