

Cougars Win Third Straight UCT Gym Crown

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GREAT LEAP...Senior Gabby Markase performs a leap on the balance beam at the Union County Tournament held at Cranford High School on October 19.

exercise with a 9.6, followed by Raider Izzy Sutton at 9.55. Singletary took third at 9.475 and Singow took fourth at 9.45. Iosso placed fifth at 9.4, followed by Weaklang at 9.35 and Azzaretto at 9.325. Markase and Summit's Emma Butler tied for eighth at 9.3, followed by Cougars Rachel Mazur at 9.275 and Kosty at 9.2.

The Cougars, who have several girls capable of doing the difficult Tsukahara dismount, scored well as did Westfield on vault with Iosso taking the top honors with a 9.4, followed by Azzaretto at 9.275. Infante took third at 9.15, followed by Fernandez at 9.1 and Inoha Bendezo (D) at 9.0. Blue Devil Julia Singer took sixth at 8.9, followed by Markase at 8.85.

"This year we have a lot of hand-spring fulls, which the star value is basically the same as a Tsuk. The girls have been focusing on sticking their landings, making sure their toes are pointed, legs are straight. Then we have Kayla doing the Yurchenko tuck, which also helps," Coach Diaz said.

Prior to competing on the uneven bars, Iosso described, "Recently I have been working on a toe handstand on the bar and the release in between the bar, I do a toe shoot. I put my toes on the bar, let go and try to catch the high bar. My dismount I do a double back and I am hoping I land it."

Azzaretto added, "Nothing new but my free up handstand on the bars wasn't that good at Cougars [Invitational], so I am hoping I can get all the way up so I can get full credit," Azzaretto said.

Iosso stuck her routing and won the event with a 9.0 and Azzaretto took second at 8.7. Infante at 8.625 and teammate Catherine Blowe at 8.6 took 3-4. Raider Sutton and Hilltoppers Singow and Sofia Confaloneri tied for fifth at 8.55, followed by Fernandez at 8.525.

At the beginning of the season, the balance beam had been a thorn in the side for the Blue Devils but their solid performance at the Cougar Invitational has boosted their confidence.

But the event has been a concern for all the competitors.

"We realized right off the bat that beam was one of our weakest events, so we narrowed in on beam at practice. We did a lot of pressure routines where we would sit and watch the other girls. We really narrowed in on perfecting all of our jumps, our series and really just staying clean. It really paid off at Cougar and we are hoping it pays off tonight as well," Coach Diaz explained.

On beam, "Hopefully I stay on beam tonight and try to calm my nerves. Definitely my leaps are the best part of my routine because jumps come naturally for me," Markase added.

Azzaretto won the balance beam with a 9.6, followed by Iosso at 9.4 and Singow at 9.2. Fernandez tied for fourth with Raider Nicole Fernandez at 9.05 and Infante took sixth at 8.95.



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PERFORMING A GIANT...Raider Izzy Sutton performs a giant swing on the uneven bars at the Union County Tournament.



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GETTING THE BALL AWAY FROM RED DEVILS...Raider co-captain Alex Ferrara, No. 10, gets his knee on the ball before any Red Devils can get to it during the game in Scotch Plains against Hunterdon Central on October 18. The Raiders shut out the Red Devils, 2-0, on goals from Ryan Widman and Jon Koseglu. Joey Linder got an assist.

Raiders Shut Out Red Devils in Boys Soccer, 2-0

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have been playing together for a long time now, so there's so much chemistry, so much ability to play. It's a very technical midfield. We have two attacking, which is me and my brother, Owen Murphy is the holding. We space ourselves really well. We have an idea before we get it and we knock it just like our assistant coach Joe [Mortarulo] tells us," Alex Ferrara explained.

In the first half, Alex Ferrara hooked a pair of dangerous corner kicks into the box that the Red Devil backs managed to deflect. The second half featured an even more furious assault from the Raiders and Padavano, who made one serious save in the first half, was forced come up with three more saves.

Raider junior goalkeeper Danny Coyle smothered a serious shot off the foot of Red Devil Kyle Ratner in the first half and added a second major save in the second half off the foot of Justin Giordano but the defense did the rest.

"We got a great defense. We got me, Ryan, [Alex] Levy, Antonio [Lomonte], Mike [Dieu], whoever

comes into the game. We have a great defensive group and we can go very far with this group," Linder said.

Also Linder made Coyle's job easier by deflecting a few potential shots.

"I have been doing that all my life, just deflecting balls away since I was a little kid. Working with Danny has been very nice. He's a great goalkeeper," Linder said.

Just two days before the 16-0-1 Raiders battled to a 1-1, one overtime deadlock [called due to darkness] with the Elizabeth Minutemen in Scotch Plains. The Minutemen are known for their deadly weapon, Youkendy Pacius, who works part time in goal then comes up front on the attack.

"He's huge. He's their starting keeper but he's got really good feet for a keeper, so they put him up top. He's a goal scorer, so we got our center back Joe Linder to stop him like he did yesterday. He was the danger in the attack but I think that if we see them again in the final of the tournament, that once again Joe will keep things locked down and we will get the win," Alex Ferrara said.

Although the Raiders have already faced some tough challenges, the remainder of the season will indeed feature the cream of the crop with the semifinal and finals of the Union County Tournament and the state sectional tournament.

"We got Westfield Saturday. Hopefully we can get a win and we can play Elizabeth, another rival of ours. We had a 1-1 tie and we want revenge. We want to win. We want to win the county. We want to take it one step at a time though. We have the sections after that then the states. We could maybe see these guys again. We just got to make sure we are all set and ready to go for the rest of the season," Linder cautioned.

"They [Hunterdon Central] are first in their section. Every game is huge and we have the [UCT] semifinals with our rivals Westfield. If we win, we could possibly play Elizabeth again. Maybe later see Elizabeth in the state tournament, so from now on, it's going to be win or go home," Alex Ferrara expressed.

Hunterdon Central	0	0	0
Scotch Pl-Fanwood	0	2	2



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TIMEOUT FOR A PHOTO...The competing Westfield Blue Devil gymnasts take time to get their photo taken before the Union County Tournament held at Cranford High School on October 19.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2115

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL USE OF ROOFTOPS AS A CONDITIONAL USE; TO ALLOW FOR USE OF GROUND LEVEL PATIOS AS PLACES FOR EATING AND DRINKING; AND TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF FOOD FOR BEVERAGES TO BE SERVED OR CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES BUT OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF A BUILDING; ALL WITHIN THE CBD CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, periodic update of allowable uses within non-residential zone districts is desirable to help promote economic development and sustainability in Town; and

WHEREAS, the commercial use of rooftops would allow for businesses to provide an open-air amenity for its employees, customers, or visitors; and

WHEREAS, allowing the commercial use of rooftops as a conditional use within the Central Business District Zone District would enable a land use board to review the development proposal prior to establishment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council does hereby further find that the public interest of the Town of Westfield will be served by amending the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield in the manner set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I. Article 11, Section 11.25 titled "CBD CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT", subsection C. titled "Conditional uses and structures." is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following language.

6. Commercial use of rooftops.

SECTION II. Article 11, Section 11.25D titled "Prohibited uses and structures", subsection D.1. is hereby amended to read as follows.

1. Any business conducted outside the confines of a building, except for the commercial use of rooftops, except for the use of ground level patios as places for eating and drinking, except for sidewalk cafes permitted and regulated by § 24-46 through § 24-57 of the Town Code, and except

those temporary activities permitted by special permission from the Town Council;

SECTION III. Article 11, Section 11.25D titled "Prohibited uses and structures", subsection D.8. is hereby amended to read as follows.

8. Drive-in or drive-through restaurants.

SECTION III. Article 18, is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new Section 24, titled Commercial Use of Rooftops which shall read as follows.

§ 18.24. COMMERCIAL USE OF ROOFTOPS

The commercial use of a rooftop of a building as an outdoor seating or gathering space that is open to the public for events, entertainment, meetings, and/or as a food and/or beverage service area shall be regulated under this section.

A. Rooftop use location relative to use it serves. The rooftop shall be part of an establishment doing business within the building, shall be located directly above or adjacent to the use of which it is a part, and there shall not be other uses located on floors in between the rooftop use and the use to which it is a part.

B. Design. Rooftop use shall be designed in an attractive manner that will not detract from adjacent uses, and will prevent nuisance and safety issues. Design of the rooftop must utilize all reasonable efforts to minimize the effect of noise, light, and odor on adjacent properties and on the street. The applicant shall submit a design plan with the application for a rooftop use that, at a minimum, specifies and illustrates the proposed size, dimensions, setbacks from adjacent buildings and roof edges, layout, landscaping elements, and access routes.

1. The rooftop use, including any pergolas, tents, umbrellas, awnings, service areas, bars, or preparation stations, shall be setback from adjacent uses and screened from adjacent uses to the satisfaction of the reviewing Board. The setback and screening must be established in a manner that will not unduly block light, air, or outdoor views from upper floor windows on adjacent buildings. Screening shall prevent patrons of the rooftop from looking directly into a window of a building on an adjacent lot, and into adjacent residential open spaces such as backyards or terraces.

2. The rooftop use shall not produce a risk of unauthorized access to abutting buildings.

3. Parapet walls or guardrails shall be designed to complement the building's architectural design and shall meet all applicable construction codes.

4. Temporary pergolas, tents, umbrellas, and/or awnings or other temporary structures shall be permitted on the rooftop provided evidence of how such structures shall be safely secured to the rooftop

is presented to the reviewing Board. They shall be setback from adjacent uses and screened from adjacent uses to the satisfaction of the reviewing Board.

C. Lighting. Lighting must comply with §10.11 of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance, however, due to the rooftop location lighting may be located greater than 15 feet above normal grade and the use of lights spaced evenly along a cable or wire, commonly known as "string lights" shall be permitted. In addition, lights must be turned off when the rooftop use is not in operation. A lighting plan shall be submitted that illustrates compliance with these standards.

D. Electronic visual displays, sound, and amplification. Due to the potential nuisance to neighboring properties and the general public in the surrounding area, there shall be at no time permitted any television or video or electronic screens or displays and no live entertainment, music, speakers, or public address system shall be permitted on the rooftop. The rooftop must be maintained as a quiet, relaxed environment.

E. Parking. Due to the seasonal nature of rooftop use, square footage or seating utilized for same shall not be subject to parking requirements, as is the same for sidewalk cafes.

SECTION IV. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION V. In the event that any section, provision, or part of provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

SECTION VII. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield held on October 23, 2018 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by said Town Council at the Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 at a meeting beginning at 8:00 PM to on November 6, 2018 or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
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