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KESSLER CRUCIAL SAVES; ALOE, VALIAN, PRICE SCORE

Lady Raiders' 2nd-Half Rally Tumbles Summit in Soccer, 3-1

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Many opportunities may have yielded no first half goals for the No. 9 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team but the Raiders found the mark with three second-half goals to overcome a scrappy Summit Hilltopper squad, 3-1, in Scotch Plains on September 8. Goalkeeper Maya Kessler made several crucial

saves to keep the 1-0 Raiders close then Gabby Aloe knotted the score midway through the second half and Jamie Valian netted the go-ahead goal then sophomore Faith Price put the icing on the cake late in the half to seal the victory.
"I just wanted to go out there today and have a really good start to the season. I think I did everything I could to help my team today. Obviously it

worked out and these girls around me also did their best, and we got the win," Kessler said.
Kessler got her reflexes tested very early in the game when she successfully rejected a double, bang-bang shot.
"I had reflexes my whole life, so it just comes out to getting my body in front of the ball as fast as I can, and I

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TANGLING FOR POSSESSION...A pair of Raiders and a Summit Hilltopper tangle for possession of the ball in the game with Summit in Scotch Plains on September 8. Trailing 1-0, the Raiders scored three times in the second half to win 3-1.



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SURROUNDING A TIGER...Blue Devils, Reid Colwell, No. 23, Emmitt Smith, No. 80, Koury Kania, No. 9, and Colin Freer, No. 11, surround Tiger running back Christian San-Clemente, No. 5, as he is being brought down on September 7.

CHAMBLISS TD REC; McCAULEY, FREER FUMBLE REC

Tigers Sting Blue Devils, 14-7, In Football Classic Showdown

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Momentum that shifted in favor of the visiting Westfield Blue Devils early in the second half took an abrupt U Turn minutes later when a roughing the punter call allowed the Linden High School football team to revive a

stalled drive which would result in a touchdown that would award the Tigers with a 14-7 victory on September 7. The 1-1 Tigers used an effective running game to exploit an inexperienced Blue Devils defense and also took advantage of the inexperienced offensive line to stop junior

running back Tim Alliegro in his tracks.
"Up front! We struggled both on offensive and defensive fronts. I think they really took it to us up front. That's the game. That's one of our concerns. Still is! We made some first-

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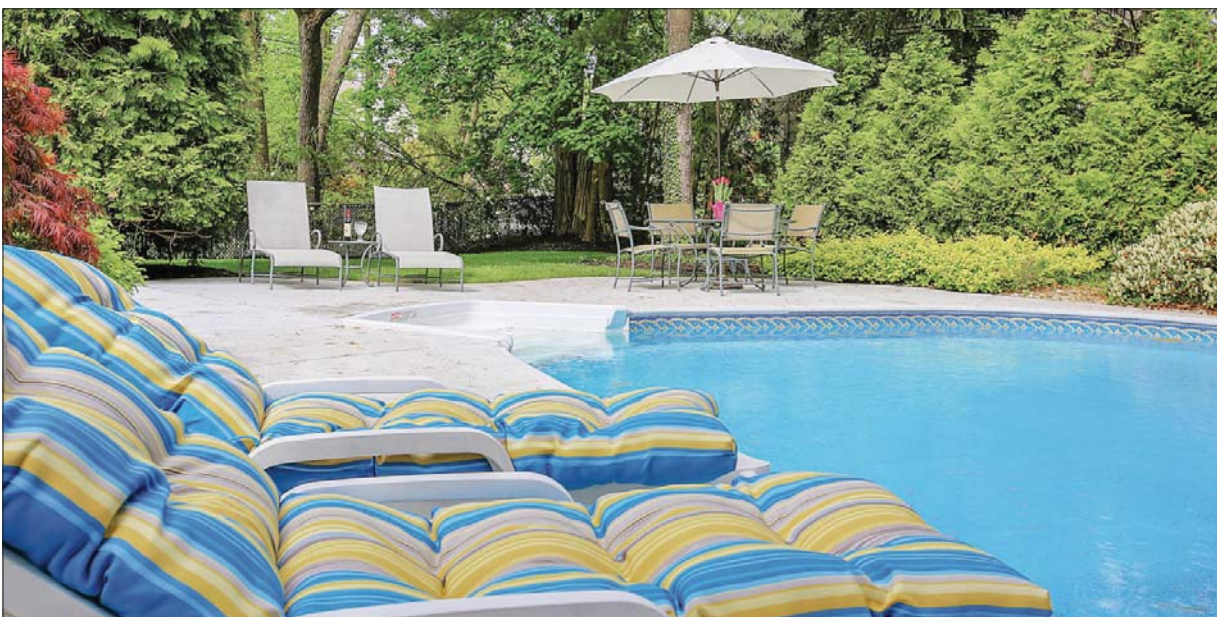
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