



David B. Corbin (December 2018 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times MOC 500-FREESTYLE CHAMPION...Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider senior Josh Cohen won the 500-freestyle at the Meet of Champions on March 2-3.

Raider Cohen Wins 500 at MOC

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior Josh Cohen took top honors in the 500-freestyle at the Meet of Champions (MOC) held at the Gloucester County Institute of Technology on March 2-3. Cohen's time of 4:29.93 was nearly four and one-half seconds better than his 4:34.29, third place showing at the MOC last year.



The Westfield Area "Y" Devilfish at "Y" State Swim Championships

WF Devilfish 12Us Compete At 'Y' State Championships

The Westfield Area 'Y' Devilfish swim team was represented by 26 12U state qualifiers at the NJ SC YMCA State Swimming Championship meet, hosted by the Ocean County YMCA in Toms River on February 22-24th.

The 11-12 Girls Westfield YMCA record book was rewritten, with eight individual and two relay records broken: Emily Constable 50 Breast (31.10) and 100 Breast (1:08.43); Clare Logan 100 Free (53.80), 200 Free (1:57.48), 50 Back (27.59), 100 Back (1:31.81), 200 Back (2:14.31) and 100 IM (1:01.91). The 200 Free Relay team of Emily Constable, Isabella Giacobbe, Catherine Ritter and Clare Logan clocked in at 1:47.87, and the 200 Medley Relay team of Clare Logan, Emily Constable, Isabella Shih and Catherine Ritter went 1:57.92.

At the 9-10 age level, three swimmers achieved top-16 places at this competitive statewide meet. For the girls, Emilia Dengler took 8th in 50 Free, 9th in 100 Free and 16th in 100 Fly. On the boys side, Josh Cetin placed 6th in 50 Fly, 9th in 50 Free and 100 IM and 10th in 100 Fly, and Dylan Lagrimas came in 9th in 100 Breast and 14th in 50 Breast.

The 11-12 swimmers took home a

number of top-16 honors. On the girls end, Emily Constable placed 1st in 100 Breast, 2nd in 50 Breast, 6th in 200 Breast, 7th in 100 IM and 16th in 200 IM; Clare Logan earned 1st in 100 Free and 100 Back, 2nd in 50 and 200 Free, 50 Back, 100 IM and 5th in 200 Back; Catherine Ritter took 14th in 50 Free. For the boys, Will Heinze came in 11th in 400 IM and 16th in 500 Free; Patrick Miller placed 10th in 50 Fly, 11th in 100 Back and 100 Fly, 13th in 50 Back and 16th in 200 IM; Cole Sharkey came in 15th in 500 Free; Logan Swenson was 12th in 50 Free, 15th in 200 Free and 16th in 100 Free; JD Twilley earned 12th in 200 Breast and 15th in 100 Breast.

Chris Aslanian Third On Hobart Lax List

Senior Chris Aslanian of Westfield netted five points on a goal and four assists in a Hobart College men's lacrosse victory over Siena on February 16 to raise his career totals to 79 goals and 66 assists for 145 points. He passed Nate Hill '05 (145) to take over third place on Hobart's Division I career points list. Aslanian also passed Jamie Kirk '08 to take over fourth place on Hobart's DI career assists list.

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-19000291 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-088204-17 Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST SERIES INABS 2006-E, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES INABS 2006-E VS. Defendant: SUZANNE FEDORCZYK; PJM TRADING CO.; STATE OF NEW JERSEY Sale Date: 03/27/2019

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-19000408 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-016584-14 Plaintiff: WEICHERT FINANCIAL SERVICES VS. Defendant: YVONNE ROSE Sale Date: 04/03/2019

Devil's Den The 1960s, the Decade When WHS Really Took

By BRUCE JOHNSON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

First of a 10-part series

"The 1960s: The decade when everything changed."

So read a recent headline on the cover of Life magazine, a mostly photo-oriented national magazine since 1936. It was talking about the chaotic decade that saw the assassinations of JFK, RFK and MLK, the 'British Invasion' sparked by the Beatles, the Vietnam War, putting a man on the moon, Woodstock, the Civil Rights Movement, the Cuban missile blockade, and many other life-altering events.

But this is the Devil's Den, where almost any subject can be turned into a discussion about WHS sports.

The 1960s: The decade when Westfield High grew into a sports powerhouse.

There had been some outstanding athletes and teams walking the halls at the Elm Street school ever since the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association opened its doors in 1918-19. The 1940s saw the Blue and White blossom as a football power under coach Joe Freeman. The '50s - the new high school first opened at 550 Dorian Road in 1952 - had their moments, too, especially in the latter portion of the decade, when the swim team won its first two state titles and the basketball team won its first county championship.

By the late 1950s and into the early '60s, athletic director Bob Duncan was hiring young, talented, gung-ho coaches like Les Zorge, Gary Kehler, Walt Clarkson, Norm Koury and Joe Della Badia. Combined with the town's fervent youth sports programs and the 1960s was ground zero for an athletic renaissance, which is just what happened.

WHS's athletic program, from the 1930s until 1963, when soccer was added, was nine varsity sports - football, cross-country, basketball, swimming, wrestling, baseball, golf, tennis and track. And they were all boys-only sports until 1972 when Title IX mandated equal opportunities for girls.

Here is the decade-by-decade breakdown of WHS athletics:

1930s: 50.8 winning percentage, two county and three state titles; 1940s: 56.0 winning percentage, three county and seven state titles; 1950s: 64.6 win percentage, nine county and four state titles; 1960s: 78.3 win percentage, 23 county and 15 state titles.

For the next 10 weeks, the Den will be looking at the year-by-year progress of WHS athletics in the 1960s, starting today with the Class of 1960:

Cross-country: The Devils had an 8-2 record in the final year of coach Lou Recchia's three-year tenure. They were fifth at counties and 19th at states.

Football: Les Zorge's third team went 5-4, but the turnaround in attitude had begun, with juniors Peter Braun, Dave Reitze, Bob Duncan and Bob Wolfgang, and sophomores Jim Kovacs, Greg Weiss and Dwight Winn getting major playing time. They lost to Rahway, Columbia, North Plainfield and Plainfield - all would be avenged the following year.

Basketball: Coming off a great 24-3 season that included the program's first Union County Tournament title in 1959, John Lay's club settled for a 14-10 mark. Jim Mowry, Phil Van Kirk, Charlie Hoppin and Gary Harnett also scored over 200 points, while Van Kirk grabbed 299 rebounds.

Swimming: The fourth year of coach Joe Kursar's tenure was the final curtain for the first golden age of

WHS swimming: a 12-0 season capped a four-year mark of 47-1 with four county titles and two state crowns. The Devils finished runner-up to Columbia by six points at states, with diver Rick Wells and Hall of Famer Danny Nichols (50 free) capturing state titles.

Wrestling: After a club year in 1957-58, this was the second year for coach Gary Kehler as he resurrected a program that had started in 1939-40 but closed down after two seasons due to the war. The Devils were a solid 10-2, and fourth in their district. Dennis Powers won the state 130-pound title. Already there were some studs: Doug Wight (13-1, 98), Skip Sims (9-3-1, 115), Powers (18-0), Bob Mueller (12-2, 157), captain Bob Maltbie (13-1-1, 178) and heavy-weight Gene Barron (12-2).

Baseball: Lay lost his 2-3-4 hitters from 1959 - Chuck Cline and Jeff Torborg (graduated) and Ray Bailey (murdered by his deranged mother) - and Ike Evans moved. So the team went 6-9-1, despite having three flame-throwers on the mound - Smitty Lanning, Tony Reid and Pete Love. Lanning struck out 21 batters in a 10-inning win and had a 1.38 ERA.

Golf: In his second year as coach, and two years after Lay's only golf team went unbeaten, Kehler's boys went 15-0, won the county tournament and finished fourth at states. Barry Hartigan, Jim Grant, Bob Michaels and Bob Daniels were the foursome at both meets.

Tennis: Sam Bunting's 20th year as the coach produced a 14-1 season with the lone loss coming to Fair Lawn, 2-1, in the state tournament. Captain Bill Gilson, Bob Durgan and Dave Richardson handled singles.

Track: Long-time athletic director Bob Duncan put the final touches on his coaching career, going 8-1 and winning the Watchung Conference title in their first year in the league. They were also third in the county, fifth at sectionals and fifth at states. Ed Minor won the state 220 title, while Duncan's son Bob Jr. won at the conference (shot and discus), county (shot) and sectional (discus) levels.

Record: 92 wins, 29 losses, 1 tie; two county and one state title.

Next week: 1961

WINTER SPORTS

Boys basketball: "Our record wasn't great but we were in most of our games," first-year coach Jim McKeon said after finishing 10-15. "We lost seven games by four points or less and three were lost in the last 15 seconds. I am very excited for next year. We return nine guys from the current varsity roster. Hopefully the experience can swing the close games in our favor next year."

Girls basketball: Coach Liz McKeon's third-seeded girls fell 54-49 to second-seeded Bayonne in the sectional semifinals and finished with an 18-9 record. Freshman Grace Klag had a career-high 17 points. With eight of their top 10 players returning, the future is very bright.

Ice hockey: Goalie CJ Duffy and the Blue Devils took perennial power Ridge into overtime on Feb. 27 before falling 2-1. That ended a 17-6-3 season for coach Joe Bertucci's guys; only the 2011 and 2013 squads won more (20 each). Duffy made 36 saves and finished No. 3 all-time at WHS with 907, trailing Dan DoCampo (1,326) and Eric Zagorski (1,030).

Swimming: The boys had one finalist - the eighth-place medley relay (1:37.52) of Roan Baker, Tom Brennan, Zach Youssef and Cooper Prieto - and a top-15 performance by

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-19000087 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-011877-10 Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-H VS. Defendant: ROBERTO SIA; FELICITAS L. SIA, H/W Sale Date: 03/20/2019

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-19000142 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-011877-10 Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-H VS. Defendant: JOHN A. FUSCO, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Sale Date: 03/20/2019

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-19000087 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-011877-10 Plaintiff: CHRISTIANA TRUST A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST; NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST VS. Defendant: BRUCE M. MORAN; DANIELLE H. MORAN; WELI ELIZABETHOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY ON WEDNESDAY, 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.

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-19000142 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-011877-10 Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-H VS. Defendant: JOHN A. FUSCO, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Sale Date: 03/20/2019



Dennis Powers was WHS's first state champion in wrestling, capturing the 130-pound title in 1960.

Prieto in the 50 free (No. 8, 21.73 in trials) at last weekend's Meet of Champions. The girls also had one finalist - the seventh-place 400 free relay of Julia McGann, Erin McAndrew, Keeley Thompson and Abby McKinney - and two top-15 performances in the 200 medley and 200 free relays (No. 13, 1:39.61.)

Wrestling: CJ Composto finished third in the state at 126 pounds, losing to returning state champion Robert Howard in the semifinals, then beating returning state champion Joey Oliveri, 4-3, in the consolation final. Composto, fifth in 2018, concluded his junior year with a 35-2 record and is 107-10 for his career. Classmate Luke Hoerle lost in wrestlebacks, giving him a 39-4 record this year and 103-17 for his first three years.



UNDEFEATED SEASON...St. Helen's sophomore CYO team finished off an undefeated season on February 24 by winning the Union County CYO Championship after defeating St. Joseph's of Maplewood, 45-43. Kneeling, left to right, are: Charlie Beurer, Will Fischer, CJ Maz, Daniel Shakal and Adam Morrison; standing, Coach Todd Reynders, Liam Mooney, Matt Miller, John Thorburn, Robert Puglisi, Patrick Reynders, Coach Chet Maz, Christopher Rizzi and Coach Steve Morrison.

See FSPY Week 10 Results on Page 14

FSPY Men's 30+ Basketball League Results, Standings:

(Scotch Plains) The red carpet was rolled out for the stars of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCAMen's 30+ Basketball League, during Week 9 Oscars Sunday play on Feb. 24.

RunAsOne 53, The Goonies 51: Best Performance of the Day by an individual 6'6" or taller goes to RunAsOne rookie Charles Lott, who dominated the paint with 18 points on 9-of-12 shooting, to power his team to a hard-fought win over the undersized, but, game Goonies. Fellow first-year standout Bryan Stitt (10), Capt. Jason Shann (9), and guard R.B. Alverna (6) earned honors as the Best Supporting

Cast Ensemble. The Best Performance of the Day by a player in a losing cause was turned in by the Goon's Joe DeGennaro, who was spectacular, finishing with 25 points (10-12 from the floor). Floor general extraordinaire Gregg Carder hit for 14 (9-10 FT), and league headhono Kevin Adams commissioned 7 in defeat.

Under the Radar 49, SuperSonic 42: Best Director of the Day is bestowed upon the Radar's Eljay Aguillo (15 pts) who guided his squad to victory, knocking the Sonics from the first-place ranks. Backcourt running mate Greg Shea notched 13 to help get Radar back on the playoff map. Capt. Steve Murray netted 13, fab frosh Joe Ruocco threw in 12, crazy rich Asian Eric Lai and Brendan Ryan each tallied 6 for the Sonics, who saw their six-game winning streak snapped.

Draymond 53, Team 8 35: The rest of the league is green with envy, as Draymond likely cemented the top seed for the post-season, with a convincing triumph over Team 8. Diaper dandy Taj Belfield receives the golden statue for Best Performance of the Day by a newcomer, as he poured in 19 pts to propel Dray, now alone atop the standings. Capt. Jamal Berry, whose 17 markers and near triple-double rewards him with the Best All-Around Performance of the Day, and Vic Bauer (6 pts) were also pivotal as Draymond held the high-flying T8 to its lowest point production of the winter. Rory Schulman (12) and Capt. Blake Sonnek-Schmelz (10) reached double-digit scoring in the loss, while Mike Ruccio added 6.

Lightning with a Splash of Thunder over Ocho Macho: Ocho Macho's pre-Oscar Roma party started early, so they forfeited their match to the Lightning, who had lost three-straight. Ocho, dropped its seventh in a row.

FSPY STANDINGS:

TEAM	W	L
Draymond	7	2
SuperSonic	6	3
Team 8	6	3
Lightning With Splash	5	4
The Goonies	4	5
Under The Radar	4	5
RunAsOne	3	6
Ocho Macho	1	8

Attorney: RAS CITRON LAW OFFICES 130 CLINTON ROAD SUITE 202 FAIRFIELD NEW JERSEY 07004 (973) 575-0707 4 T - 02/28, 03/07, 03/14 & 03/21/19 Fee: \$195.84

Attorney: RAS CITRON LAW OFFICES 130 CLINTON ROAD SUITE 202 FAIRFIELD NEW JERSEY 07004 (973) 575-0707 4 T - 03/07, 03/14, 03/21 & 03/28/19 Fee: \$189.72

Attorney: PARRY MC CAY PO BOX 5054 9000 MID ATLANTIC DRIVE SUITE 306 LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054 (856) 810-5815 4 T - 02/14, 02/21, 02/28 & 03/07/19 Fee: \$177.48

Attorney: KML LAW GROUP, P.C. 216 HADDON AVENUE SUITE 406 WESTMONT NEW JERSEY 08108 (215) 627-1322 4 T - 02/21, 02/28, 03/07 & 03/14/19 Fee: \$169.32

Attorney: MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C. 216 HADDON AVENUE SUITE 202 WESTMONT NEW JERSEY 08108 (856) 858-7080 4 T - 02/21, 02/28, 03/07 & 03/14/19 Fee: \$167.28