

Blue Devil Boys Placed 2nd in UCT, Finish 9-4

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performances, especially from several underclassmen. But it was senior Tom Brennan who seized first in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 59.13, while sophomore Barney Veres finished third at 1:00.96 and junior Kyle Altman took seventh at 1:04.68.

Freshman Roan Baker, Brennan, senior Zach Youssef and senior Cooper Prieto placed second in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:36.62. Junior Jeremy Kronheimer, Baker, Youssef and Prieto took second in the 200-free relay at 1:28.62. Baker placed second in the 200-Individual Medley with a time of 1:57.55, while

Veres finished seventh at 2:02.61 and freshman TJ Walsh finished 10th at 2:11.98. Baker also touched second in the 100-backstroke at 53.92, while freshman Seth Camacho took sixth at 56.66 and junior Zach Williams finished 10th at 58.54.

Prieto took second in the 100-freestyle at 48.56, while Kronheimer finished fourth at 50.17 and McGann took ninth at 51.08. Prieto also placed second in the 50-freestyle at 21.89, followed by Kronheimer at 22.55, while Williams finished ninth at 23.31. Youssef, Kronheimer, senior Tim McGann and senior Tomas Moore

placed third in the 400-freestyle relay with a time of 3:21.17.

Youssef placed third in the 100-butterfly with a time of 54.19 and Camacho finished sixth at 56.16. Freshman Matt Swenson placed fourth in the 500-freestyle at 4:53.82 and Walsh took came in eighth at 5:09.17. Swenson also finished seventh in the 200-freestyle at 1:51.27, followed by Moore at 1:54.11 and McGann at 1:54.15.

At the Meet of Champions, the foursome of Baker, Brennan, Youssef and Prieto placed eighth in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:37.52.

With all the superstars already turned in by this strong batch of freshmen, sophomores and juniors, next year's outlook could be quite promising.

"We had leaders step up in and out of the pool with the likes of captains Tommy Moore, Tim McGann and Zach Youssef, along with Cooper Prieto and Tommy Brennan. Both Cooper and Tommy really raised their level this year with Tommy winning counties in the 100-breast and Cooper emerging as one of the preeminent sprinters in the state. We also had the infusion of very talented freshman class, with the likes of Roan Baker, Seth Camacho, Matt Swenson, and TJ Walsh, which means we have a very bright future to look forward to," Coach Knight emphasized.



David B. Corbin (Late December 2018 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
FIRST IN UCT...Senior Tom Brennan placed first in the breaststroke at the UCT.

Cougar Boys Were Competitive; Finished 11-12

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had a banner season, leading the team with 364 points, which included 83 free throws and 183-pointers. He was particularly strong driving to the basket which resulted either with a lay-up or a trip to the charity line. A prime example of his effectiveness was in the 61-59 loss to Hanover Park where Goff put in 32 points, which included eight free throws. Goff also dished out 38 assists and added 59 rebounds, 18 steals and three blocked shots.

"Hunter Goff was our go-to guy this year. For a guy who had not played much varsity time, we really relied on him to run our offense," Coach Trotter said.

Senior Jeremy Ruka, a stalwart on defense, led the team by far with 27 blocked shots, something that became very disconcerting to opposing teams. He was second on the team in rebounds with 143 and third in assists with 36, while adding 19 steals. Another disconcerting factor to other teams was Ruka's ability to bang the big "three" as he pumped in a team-leading 41 3-pointers. It was evident

when he hit five 3-pointers in the classic 77-74, overtime loss to the Pioneers, who won the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 title, and the Group 1 title. Ruka finished with 237 points, which included 28 free throws.

"Jeremy Ruka was a great two-way player for us and stepped up as one of the only players returning with significant minutes last year. He did a great job being our defensive force and also scoring on the other end," Coach Trotter commented.

Primarily a play setter senior Kevin Donovan led the Cougars by far with 66 assists, while contributing 37 points. Defensively, he pulled 64 rebounds and was second on the team with 38 acts of thievery, while adding four blocked shots.

"Kevin Donovan is the guy who will do anything you ask of him," Coach Trotter expressed.

The "Chief Thief" however was junior Cole Blazek, who snatched 41 basketballs. Blazek also grabbed 86 rebounds, scored 141 points, including 10 3-pointers, and added 33 as-

sists and two blocks.

Sophomore Arjun Petgrave certainly left a positive impression, not only for being second on the team in scoring with 248 points, which included 52 free throws, but also across the board. He was hands on everywhere and led the team with 201 rebounds, while creating 32 steals, dishing out 24 assists and adding 11 blocks. In the 77-74, overtime game against the Pioneers, Petgrave pulled a team-leading 14 rebounds.

Sophomore Joe Carrea demonstrated his scrappiness by pulling down 99 rebounds. He scored 105 points and added 20 assists, 17 steals and a pair of blocked shots. Another sophomore, Dennis DiMarino, experiencing partial time on the court, scored 48 points and added 25 rebounds, 11 assists and seven steals. Sophomore Devin Haughey contributed 36 rebounds, 28 points, two assists, two blocks and a steal.

With limited court time, sophomore Jack Connolly scored eight points and added two rebounds and a blocked shot. Junior Pat Blowe had seven points, 11 rebounds and an assist. Junior Anthony DeCostello had seven points, four rebounds and two assists. Senior Gaven Bridgeman had five points and five rebounds. Sophomore Adam Kutzer had four points and three rebounds, junior Jake DiClerico had six steals, two rebounds and a point, and junior Anthony Serson added a rebound and an assist.

With the graduation of Goff and his inside scoring ability, Ruka with his accuracy from beyond the perimeter and defensive toughness, and Donovan with his play setting, the Cougars will have some shoes to fill but the shoes will be there with the return of an experienced depth-filled crew of underclassmen.

"This years senior captains, Donovan, Goff and Ruka, did a great job leading this team and showing the rest of the program the dedication and hard work it takes to win in this county. The seniors will be greatly missed and I thank them for making my transition as head coach as easy as it was," said Coach Trotter, who added, "We are looking forward to the future with a lot of players returning that are expecting a lot out of. We are hoping Petgrave, Blazek, Carrea and all the other returning players will make a big step in the right direction after a solid year this year. Losing three big starters is going to hurt a lot but hopefully with all the returning players we have, we can continue to get better and better."

UCSSL Seeks Softball Players for Season

The Union County Senior Softball League is seeking experienced players for its slow pitch softball season in both its 50+ Division (born 1969 or earlier) and its 60+ Division (born 1959 or earlier).

Each team plays two games per week beginning in mid-April and ending with league playoffs in late August. If interested, contact the league commissioner at UCSSL938@comcast.net or (908) 232-0477.



Second of a 10-part series

As the 1960-61 school year arrived, two young coaches who would take WHS to unprecedented heights were making their marks.

Gary Kehler, who had played high school football at Hackettstown under the legendary Chot Morrison, was about to replace the departed Les Zorge as football coach. Kehler had already begun establishing himself as the wrestling and golf coach.

And Walt Clarkson, a WHS graduate in 1950 – a class that included Jack Corbett, Rick McGinley, Dave Townley and diver Ken Welch – was the first-year coach of the cross-country, swimming and the indoor and spring track programs.

Here's a quick look at how the varsity sports teams did in 1960-61:

Cross-country: The Walt Clarkson Era of running at WHS kicked off with an 11-0 season that included a Watchung Conference championship. The Devils, captained by Brian Mackey and led by David Coleman, were also third at counties and sectionals, and second at states.

Football: The final year of Les Zorge's four-year reign saw the Devils go 7-2, avenging losses to Rahway, Columbia, North Plainfield and Plainfield – but shockingly losing to Roselle and Butler in weeks 3 and 4. Two-time all-stater Peter Braun and Ross Mannino were co-captains. Dave Reitze was an all-state tailback, in WHS's final year of the single wing formation until the mid-1990s.

Basketball: The team went 7-10, the worst record of John Lay's career. Co-captains Bill Clancey and Lowell Higgins were the top scorers, but the starting lineup included junior Dick Myers and still-growing sophomore Bob King, both eventual Hall of Famers. Future NBA star Rick Barry hit 21 of 31 from the floor for 53 points in Roselle Park's 80-77 overtime win.

Swimming: Cross-country/track coach Walt Clarkson added swimming to his resume and produced a 12-0 team that captured county and state A Division titles. Captain Danny Nichols won the state 100 butterfly crown, while Greg Weiss (breast) and Jeff Hitchings (100 free) also were state champs.

Wrestling: Gary Kehler's squad went 11-1, finishing second at districts and getting solid seasons out of district champs Doug Wight (14-1 at 98) and Ken Cornell (14-3 at 123), along with captain Ron Vigilanti (14-3 at 148), Jay Benedetti (14-3 at 157) and Bob Adelaar (13-2 at 168).

Baseball: Playing their home games behind Edison Junior High for the first time, John Lay's team went 14-10 and qualified for the state tournament (losing to Trenton, 11-1). Jim Wilday was the team captain and the pitching staff included Tony Reid, Ron Vigilanti, Bob Richold and Pat Kennedy. Reid, who had a 1.29 ERA, lost a no-hitter against Roselle Park with two outs in the seventh when future NBA star Rick Barry singled.

Golf: Gary Kehler's third team went 14-0 (running its win streak to 37), won the county title for the third straight year and finished second at states. Dave Taylor was co-medalist at counties, while Larry MacBean, Bob Michaels and Jim Grant completed the big four.

Tennis: The Blue Devils had a 'disappointing' 12-3 under Sam Bunting, losing in the second round of states. Dave Richardson, Dan Hanke and

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on March 27, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 221 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 10, Lot 15 as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Fanwood Chemical Incorporated.

The applicant requests a certificate of nonconforming use for the continuation of the preexisting nonconforming use of the property in the R-150 zone district as office space on the ground floor and residential apartments on the second floor which is in violation of:

Section 184-114A of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: preexisting nonconforming use; Permitted: single family residence; Present: office and residential; Proposed: office and residential.

Section 184-114E of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: preexisting front yard setback; Permitted: 30 feet; Present: 17.11 feet; Proposed: 17.11 feet.

The applicant also seeks such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM – 4 PM, Monday through Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

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Devil's Den The 1960s, the Decade WHS Really Took Off: 1961

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



MEMORY LANE: The 1982 Westfield PAL seventh-grade basketball team. Front row (from left): Neil Horne, Dave Brown, Clint Factor, Kevin Stock, Dave Lavender, assistant coach Kurt Stock; back row: head coach Neil Horne, Ken Lane, Todd Graf, Glenn McSweeney, Rob Gladden, Chris Freer, assistant coach Steve Merrill.

Bill Shaffer were the singles players, although Richardson and Shaffer teamed up to win the county doubles tournament.

Track: The team went 8-2 in the first year under former WHS star Walt Clarkson, taking fourth at counties, second at the conference and fourth at sectionals. At the Central Jersey Group 4 meet, captain Bob Duncan (discus), David Coleman (800), and Jim Kovacs (javelin) won sectional titles. Record: 96 wins, 28 losses; one conference, two county, one state title. Next week: 1962

HELP NEEDED

A GoFundMe page for former WHS baseball player Mike Cappiello ('08) has been started on Facebook. Cappiello was diagnosed with FSGS, a kidney disease, in 2012, just after graduating from Plymouth State. From 2015-18 he underwent dialysis three times a week, awaiting a donor (see Devil's Den, Feb. 22, 2018). Finally, two months ago his mother donated one of her kidneys, which it was hoped would finally cure the disease. Sadly that wasn't the case. Within 72 hours the disease had attacked the new kidney.

"Cappy" is home now, but he's facing more dialysis treatments, which is a huge financial drain for his family. If you can help, if you're a Blue Devil or a fan of the Blue Devils, please go to google and type in "Mike Cappiello Go Fund Me" and give whatever you can.

RECORDS KEEP FALLING

Seniors Ajay Olson, Steve Zucker, Matt McIntyre and Jake Saltzer ended their record-breaking indoor season with two more school marks at the National Indoor Track Championships in New York. They finished 12th in the 4x200 in 1:30.03, and ninth in the 4x400 in a school record 3:22.18. Individual splits: 4x4 Olson 51.31, Zucker 51.48, McIntyre 50.65 and Saltzer 48.72.

The girls all-sophomore 4x800 relay – Caroline Collins, Isabel Boufarah, Grace Endy and Katie Hamilton – finished ninth in 9:36.

WITH THE COLLEGIANS

Julia Myers ('16), a junior at the University of Rochester, finished 20th in the mile (5:04.55) at the NCAA Division 3 Indoor Track championships. Myers, who was co-captain of the 2016 WHS track team, took was third at the Liberty League meet and fourth at the all-Atlantic Regional championships.

The Tufts women's basketball team (28-3) was eliminated by host Scranton, 44-41, in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division 3 tournament on Saturday. On Friday, the Jumbos had ended Messiah's 28-game win streak, 55-41. Jackie Knapp ('15) had five points and

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2126

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AS IT RELATES TO THE HOURS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION ON AND OFF PREMISES

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption as amended by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2019.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
1 T - 3/14/19, The Leader Fee: \$20.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF QUORUM COUNCIL, PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a quorum of the members of the Scotch Plains Township Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment may be in attendance at a **Special Meeting of the Scotch Plains Downtown Redevelopment Committee** to discuss the **Tier 2, Phases 4 & 5 and Block 204, Lot 5 (the Jade Isle property) redevelopment of the Scotch Plains Downtown**. The meeting will be held on **March 28, 21 09 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Auditorium, 667 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains New Jersey 07076.

No formal action will be taken by the Township Council, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment at this meeting.
BOZENA LACINA
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 3/14/19, The Times Fee: \$21.42

Molly Ryan ('18) scored 14.

Knapp, who ended her career with 1,045 career points, was selected for the first Beyond Sports Women's Collegiate All-Star Game this Saturday at Roanoke College. The Jumbos went 112-15 during her four years as a starter. Ryan started all 31 games as a freshman and had 214 points.

NJSCA HONORS WHS PAIR

Kathy Luckey and Jeff Knight will be inducted into the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Sunday, March 24, noon, at the Princeton Forrestal Village in Plainsboro.

Luckey coached the girls tennis team for 22 years, winning 350 matches and four state Group 4 titles. She also coached the first girls basketball team in the modern era at WHS.

Knight has been the boys swimming coach for 13 years, winning 168 meets and six state Public A titles. He also coached the girls team for four years, winning 65 of 66 meets and three state Public A titles.

ASLANIAN DRAFTED

Chris Aslanian ('14), a senior captain at Hobart University, was picked by the Denver Outlaws in the second round of the Major League Lacrosse draft last weekend. After a two-goal, three-assist game against Vermont last week, the 6-foot-3, 200-pound attack shares the school's all-time Division 1 points record.

LACROSSE REUNION

Hall of Famer Dan Gilday ('84), WHS's first lacrosse all-American, took in the Furman-Georgetown game recently in D.C. and said "it was a nice Blue Devil reunion." Pat Aslanian ('15) is a senior midfielder on the Hoyas, whose goalie Owen McElroy also has a WHS connection: his dad John ('83) is a former Blue Devil football/wrestling/lacrosse athlete, who played at Georgetown. WHS grad Dave Humiston ('85) lives nearby and his son will be playing with the Hoyas next year.

IN PASSING

Christopher Pallies, a professional wrestler better known as King Kong Bundy, passed on Monday, March 4, at age 63. He was a two-time N.J. Region 8 heavyweight champion (Washington Township). Bundy lost to Hulk Hogan in a steel cage match at WrestleMania 2 in 1986.

ON THIS DATE

1959: WHS lost to Weequahic, 72-57, in the basketball sectional final at Upsala College. The loss ended a 24-3 season, the best in school history.

AROUND THIS DATE

March 13, 1965: The 200 medley relay of John Ketcham, Dave Perkowski, Harvey Gerber and Peter Heesch earned all-American honors and set school, state and national records with a 1:39.5 to power the swim team to its fifth straight state title.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that ORDINANCE NO. 19-04-R

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 280, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, RELATING TO OFF-STREET PARKING

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on March 4, 2019.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 3/14/19, The Times Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that ORDINANCE NO. 19-03-S

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 86, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION, AND CHAPTER 67, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on March 4, 2019.

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Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
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