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**IN A BATTLE WITH A FARMER...Raider Lucas Francavilla, front, tries to control Union Farmer Charles Mueller in the 135-lb. finals.**

## No. 2 St. Joseph's Sinks Blue Devil Swimmers

Competing against the best can help raise the standards of a team. But sometimes a team must endure some bruising before it can reach the top of the heap. The eighth-ranked Westfield High School boys swimming team played host to second-ranked St. Joseph's on January 31 and came up on the small side of a 96-74 score.

The Blue Devils have a 7-5 record; however, all of their losses have come from teams ranked higher - No. 2 St. Joseph's, No. 3 Holy Spirit, No. 4 Bridgewater-Raritan, No. 6 Shawnee and No. 7 Christian Brothers. Even

more promising is the fact that 21 of the kids on the team are either freshmen or sophomores.

One of that group, sophomore Vincent Shen touched first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of :59.49 then swam the leadoff leg of the winning 200-medley relay. Shen, J.J. Sobala, Rob Freundlich and Ryan Bartholomew won the event in 1:46.43. Shen also placed third in the 100 butterfly at :57.02.

Sobala touched first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:07.06 and Colby Fagin touched second at 1:09.1. Bartholomew took third in the 50 freestyle at :24.15. Sophomore Zach Coppa won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:53.2 then placed second in the 100 freestyle at :51.65. Cliff Haldeman touched second in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:07.11. Westfield also placed second in the 200 freestyle relay at 1:37.82 and placed second and third in the 400 freestyle relay with respective times of 3:45.03 and 3:50.41.



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**WORKING HIS BACKSTROKE...Blue Devil sophomore Vincent Shen works on his backstroke prior to the meet with St. Joseph's.**

## Raider Cousar Wins Second U. C. Crown; Raiders Take 7th, Blue Devils Place 12th

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Reyes defeated Dan Zuniga of Rahway then advanced to the semifinals with a 9-4 decision over Brian Kennedy of A. L. Johnson. Reyes was defeated by top-seeded Barry Stein of Union, who also was the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler in the higher weights, and by Shawn Kachnowski of Roselle Park.

Blue Devil junior Chris MacKay received a forfeit to gain fifth, but he did record victories over Paul Delaney of A. L. Johnson and hefty Joshwin Clervoix of Plainfield. MacKay was defeated by Chris Tyne of Brearley and dropped a tight, 4-2, decision to Joe Giaccobi of Rahway.

"With big guys like that, I have to outsmart them," said MacKay of Clervoix. "He was pretty slow and exposed his legs."

Highlander Jon Regenye had a fine tournament and placed second in the 145-lb. class. Regenye was all over Union's Mike Loughney and recorded a 15-0, technical fall in 3:30. In the quarterfinals, he accumulated two nearfalls, two takedowns and a penalty point to seize an 11-2, majority decision over Blue Devil Dan MacDonald, who later pinned Loughney in 3:57. Regenye then swamped Cody Hunter of New Providence, 14-2, to reach the finals.

Regenye held his own against returning U. C. champion Rob Verhoeven of Cranford. Late in the first period, Verhoeven scored a takedown but Regenye tied the bout with a reversal. Verhoeven added an escape and a takedown in the second period then caught Regenye in a cradle for a three-point nearfall. In the third period Verhoeven added a takedown and yielded an escape to come away with a 10-3 victory.

Highlander 215-pounder Shawn Coughlin, seeded second, received a first round bye, then pinned John Burdick of A. L. Johnson in 1:18. In the semis, he decked Jose Base of Roselle Catholic in 3:06 with an

under half nelson and chin hook. Coughlin's fortune ran out in the finals against Rahway's Dan Garay, who is ranked No. 1 in the state in one poll and No. 2 in another.

Highlander Mike Fullowan finished fourth at 125 with wins over Jason Best of A. L. Johnson and Blue Devil Leonardis. Raider Derek Francavilla, seeded second at 103, defeated Matt McManus of Westfield, 12-0, and Tom Murray of Cranford, 4-0, before dropping a 6-2 decision to eventual winner Rob Dent of Roselle Park. Afterwards, Francavilla was pulled from the tournament because

- 119: — Dan Appello (RP) md. Will Banks (E), 17-5  
 125: — Vigilante (B) p. Nick Panetta (RP), 3:01  
 130: — Stefano Serraceno (B) md. Jim Garrison (RP), 17-3  
 135: — Mueller (U) d. Francavilla (SPF), 10-3  
 140: — Bryan Garrison (RP) md. Rob Mann (U), 10-2  
 145: — Verhoeven (C) d. Regenye (GL), 10-3  
 152: — Jeff Bubnowski (U) d. Dave Racelis (Ra), 11-7  
 160: — Greg Donofrio (C) tf. Jesse Campanelli (Ra), 16-1, 4:21  
 171: — Stein (U) p. Akeem Jackson (E), 5:22



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**MAKING PREY OUT OF A HUNTER...Highlander Jon Regenye, top, ate up Pioneer Cody Hunter in the UCT semifinals.**

cause of his seasonal bout total.

"Derek has wrestled 24 matches so far this year, so we did not want him to wrestle any more at this point," explained Coach Bello.

Raider Matt DeNichilo at 125 pinned Horton of Rahway in 2:42 but was defeated in the semis by champion and lower weight Outstanding Wrestler Vigilante of Brearley. Raider Pete Civins placed sixth and recorded two victories. Although not placing, Raider heavyweight Andrew Loomis recorded falls over Bryan Frew of New Providence and Steve Bobrowski of Cranford.

**TEAM SCORES:**  
 1. Roselle Park (RP) 236, 2. Union (U) 170, 3. Cranford (C) 157, 4. Rahway (Ra) 139, 5. Elizabeth (E) 137, 6. Brearley (B) 133, 7. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 94, 8. A. L. Johnson (J) 83, 9. Governor Livingston (GL) 80, 10. Linden (L) 73, 11. New Providence (NP) 63, 12. Westfield (W) 60, 13. Plainfield (P) 49, 14. Roselle Catholic (RC) 145

**CHAMPIONSHIPS:**  
 103: — Dent (RP) d. Ryan Yospin (B), 12-5  
 112: — Queen (E) d. Daly (C), 7-5, OT

- 189: — Cousar (SPF) p. Peist (C), 5:12  
 215: — Garay (Ra) p. Coughlin (GL), :46  
 Hwt: — Nate Mooney (RP) d. Mike Lodato (U), 5-2

THIRD PLACE:

- 103: — Omar Carter (P) d. Jon Reedy (NP), 3-1  
 112: — Nick Zangari (RP) d. Jim Coler (J), 3-2  
 119: — Nick Seeman (C) d. John Ludington (Ra), 2-1  
 125: — Jason Best (J) d. Fullowan (GL), 9-2  
 130: — Ryan Best (J) d. Ronkiewicz, 4-3  
 135: — Derrick Davis (E) d. John Kiesler (Ra), 14-9  
 140: — Chris Dowling (NP) d. Brendan Small (C), 7-3  
 145: — Bob Appello (RP) p. Alvaro Fernandez (L), 3:38  
 152: — Mike Stemberidge (P) Mike Carbone (C), 2:52  
 160: — Shawn Colvin (L) d. Garry Taluba (RP), 7-4  
 171: — Kachinowski (RP) won forfeit  
 189: — Ibrahim Halsey (E) p. Jim Cray (RP), 4:46  
 215: — Matt Russo (B) p. Adam Reed (E), 1:45  
 Hwt: — Giaccobi (Ra) p. Ishmail Abdunafi (E), 2:10

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### Middlesex Edges Devil Matmen

A highly improved Middlesex High School wrestling team got a scare from Westfield - also highly improved - but held on to win, 36-34, in Westfield on January 29. Dan MacDonald (152), Chris Gismond (160) and Justin Reyes (171) all came up on the winning end of very close decisions.

**WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:**

- 103: — Matt McManus (W) won forfeit  
 112: — M.J. Makantis (M) p. Joe DeCampo, 5:24  
 119: — Jake Kramer (W) p. Steve Hompesch, 1:32  
 125: — Sal Campanella (M) d. John Leonardis, 13-6  
 130: — Sam Campanella (M) p. Eric Gale, 1:28  
 135: — Archie Gulishvili (M) Vlad Oukhymelenko, :40  
 140: — Lee Tomasso (W) won forfeit  
 145: — John Harmer (M) p. Chris Johnson, 4:43  
 152: — MacDonald d. Kyle Hamrah, 8-4  
 160: — Gismond (W) d. Fred Schneider, 4-2  
 171: — Reyes (W) d. Jamie Lalor, 9-7  
 189: — Carl Franzetti (M) won forfeit  
 215: — Mike Magliette (M) d. Mike Barbieri, 12-9  
 Hwt: — Chris MacKay (W) won forfeit

## Raider B'ballers Outlast Lady Tigers in Marathon

A test of endurance and determination was won by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team over Linden when the Raiders outscored the Tigers, 7-1, in the third overtime to win, 66-60, in Linden on January 31. Sophomore Lindsay Pennella netted 27 points and pulled down eight rebounds for the 10-7 Raiders.

The Raiders jumped to a 27-15 lead at the half but watched it all slip away by the final minute of the fourth quarter. Junior Erin Gillooly, who finished with 25 points, nailed a jumper with seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, Pennella sank

a jumper with five seconds left to knot the score. Then, in the next overtime, Gillooly rolled in a layup with seven seconds remaining to force the third overtime. Pennella sank four points and Kellie LaForge hit two free throws to secure the win.

LaForge finished with four points and Najwa Glover put in eight. Ashley Scarleita scored 18 points, Quiana Brewington sank 17 and Sharida Taylor added 11 for the 4-14 tigers.

SP-F	14	13	5	10	12	5	7	66
Linden	6	9	11	16	12	5	1	60

### Blue Devils Defeat Ridge Hoopmen

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major role. The Blue Devils outrobbed Ridge, 13-7.

"We played good team defense and we were able to stop their post game towards the end of the game," said DeSerio.

Burns' scoring run of 12 points in the third quarter ended after the first 3:30 and the Blue Devils took over. Senior Jon Semenor ignited his defensive play to get Westfield a big lead in the fourth.

"In the last couple games, Jon's really stepped up on defense. He really leads by example on the court with the energy he brings," commented DeSerio of Semenor.

Westfield lost to a very tough Malcolm X. Shabazz team on February 1 and will host Union Catholic today at 4 p.m.

Westfield	14	12	18	15	59
Shabazz (18-1)	20	15	25	17	77

Ridge (8-8)	10	9	12	11	42
Westfield (6-10)	9	9	12	22	52

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