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ANZELONE, KELLY, MCCURDY EACH WIN 2 EVENTS

Lady Devils, Raiders Finish Second at UC Track Meet

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Briefly, the Westfield High School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls - each with 41 points - believed that they had become co-champions at the Union County girls track and field championship held at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 16. However, due to a point-totalling mistake the real winner was Linden with 49.5. The Governor Livingston

girls were just behind the Blue Devils and the Raiders with 38. Blue Devil senior Alexis Anzelone, Raider senior Erin Kelly and Highlander junior Dana McCurdy each came home with two first places. Anzelone, who plans to attend University of Massachusetts in Amherst, was the first of the threesome to capture a first and did it in style in the 1,600 meters as she crossed the finish line in a personal-

best 5:16.3. Next, she breezed to a first in the 3,200 with a time of 11:35.9 followed by teammate Rachel Ackerman at 12:07.4. Blue Devil junior Jackie Cusimano crossed fifth in the event with a time of 12:24.8. Unlike the two easy first places she grabbed just five days before at the Watchung Conference championships, Anzelone did get a push for three laps in the 1,600 from Mallory Harlin of Cranford, who finished second at 5:24.2. Anzelone finished the second lap in 2:37 just ahead of Harlin, then was just two seconds (3:58) ahead of Harlin at the end of the third. However, she picked up her pace and won handily.



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PERSONAL BEST...Blue Devil senior Alexis Anzelone set a personal-best time of 5:16.3 in the 1,600 meters.



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A GREAT WAY TO GO OUT...Raider senior Erin Kelly passes Highlander sophomore Megs DiDario and crosses first to become the Union County 800 meter champion.

MILLER FLICKS IN 6, LANG GETS 5

Lady Devils Humble Princeton Laxers, 15-7

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The Westfield High School girls lacrosse team continued their winning ways by trouncing Princeton Tigers, 15-7. The game, which was played at Tamaques Park on May 18, featured two strong attackers up against one another in Blue Devil Britney Miller and Louise Fimmel of Princeton.

Senior Julie Cleaves put the ball in the net first for Westfield. In less than a minute she was matched by Princeton's Casey LaMarche, who ripped the opposite net. Later, with Fimmel sprinting half the field, the Tigers were able to jump to a 2-1 lead. The remainder of the half belonged to the Blue Devils. Junior Morgan Lang scored three times within the next 10 minutes, while senior co-captain Jen Korecky was also able to tally a goal. By the end of the half, Westfield had scored all 15 of its points to Princeton's four. Much thanks was due to the set-up play of Westfield junior Ali Pino and

“That was my best time by two seconds,” Anzelone pointed out. “She really pushed me. As I hit that third lap, I had to make up my mind whether I was going to win or not. I knew that my regular race pace wasn't going to cut it. I could hear her right behind me. So, I knew I either had to ‘fight or flight’, in the words of Jack Martin - WHS track coach. So, I just opened up my stride.” Raider Kelly was impressive when she came from behind to beat out Highlander sophomore Megs DiDario by one second to win the 800 meters in a personal-best 2:20.1 - her previous best was 2:21.3 at Egg Harbor (Group 3 Championships). DiDario set the pace and Kelly found herself in fourth at the end of the first lap, significantly behind DiDario. “Mr. Klimas - Raider Head Coach

WILLIAMS TIES MEET RECORD, DEVIL 4'SOME WIN 4X400

Raiders Capture 5th-Straight Union County Track Crown

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Strong performances across the board awarded the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys their fifth-straight Union County Track and Field championship - the seventh in eight years - at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 18. The Raiders, who totaled 78 points, claimed five first places - three track events ranging from the 200 meters to the 3,200 meters and two field events. Runner-up Plainfield had 65 points, Governor Livingston placed fifth at 43 and Westfield was 10th at 18. Raider junior Ray Williams tied a meet record in the 400 meters with a time of :47.7 - the state's fastest time this season - and crossed first in the 200 meters with a time of :21.9. Preceded by teammates Derrion Aberdeen, Mike Franzone and Mike Dixon, Williams ran a :47.2 anchor leg in the 4x400, earning the Raiders second place - 3:25.5 - behind the strong Westfield foursome of Deano Reavis, Laquan McCoy, Rich Miller and Adam Walker, who captured first with a near personal-best time of 3:23.6.

Williams was virtually running alone in the 400, beating his nearest competitor by three seconds. With no one pushing him, he had to determine his own pace. Just seconds before finding out he had tied the meet record, Williams explained his situation, “I had to go out as fast as I could and just attack the turns. Most likely, if I had been pushed, I might have come in at 47 or better.” A few seconds later, after hearing

the announcement, he exclaimed joyfully, “Hey! I just tied the meet record!” Williams' dilemma, however, was competing in the long jump finals just after completing the 400 meters. He qualified for the finals with a leap of 21'1.5” but found his legs just



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IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF...Raider junior Ray Williams tied a Union County meet record in the 400 meters with a time of :47.7 which also happens to be the fastest time in the state.

CHURCH TIES IT UP, WILLIS KNOCKS IN WINNER

Raiders Grab Dramatic, 5-3, UC Semi Win Over Cougars

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Two outs, no one on in the bottom of the sixth and losing, 3-2! But the top-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School softball team put it all together with a three-run rally and went on to defeat Cranford, 5-3, in the semifinals of the Union County tournament at Memorial Field in Linden on May 18. Senior Tri-Cap-

tain Katie Church scored the tying run and freshman Shanayia Willis later followed with a two-run single. “It's about the fourth time this season she had come through in a clutch situation,” said Raider Head Coach Frank Butz of Willis. The Cranford Cougars have had plenty of semifinal experience but the Raiders were finding their first visit to the semis since 1977 a little

nerve-racking in the beginning. The Cougars tested that nerve in the top of the first as Ashley Lebrina, who finished with three hits, singled and Christine Pemoulie followed with a single, then stole second, putting runners in scoring position with two outs. Raider pitcher Alicia Piniat fanned the next batter, temporarily cooling the nerves. Raider sophomore Caitlin McNelis bashed a one-out triple in the bottom of the first but was left stranded. Then in the third, the Cougars frayed the Raiders' nerves and scored all three of their runs. Jackie Cuozzo singled and Lauren O'Donnell's bunt was successful. Lebrina looped an RBI single over short and Pemoulie slashed a two-run single to center. McNelis got the Raiders rolling in the fourth by bouncing a leadoff double down the third baseline. Piniat yanked an RBI single to left and darted around second to third when the ball eluded the left fielder. Megan Miller's ground out brought courtesy runner Laura Manzi home, narrowing the score to 3-2. Miller, playing first, made a key diving catch in the fifth and the Raiders did some testing of their own in the bottom of the inning. Willis walked and Kellie LaForge beat out an infield dribbler but Cougar short-



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SAFE WITH A TRIPLE...Raider sophomore Caitlin McNelis thumped a triple to left in the first inning. McNelis also drilled a double and scored in the fourth.

SCHILLER'S HR. IN 5TH, BUNT IN 6TH ROUSES RAIDERS

Raiders' Comeback Startles Cougar Baseball Boys, 6-4

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Team determination and spirit took hold and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team scored three runs in the fifth inning and another three in the sixth to startle Cranford, 6-4, on May 17 in Cranford. The catalyst in the Raiders' positive reaction was junior Brian Schiller, who started it all with a solo home run in the fifth and kept the enthusiasm bubbling with a key bunt in the sixth.

Runners get good jumps on him,” explained Raider Head Coach Brian Homm. “It's not easy for him to keep runners on first. That's something we've got to keep working on.” Further explaining, Homm said, “The only problems we had were

when we made a few mistakes in the field. That's where they scored three runs. But he (Senatore) got stronger as the game went on. His curve ball was working really well. He did a heck of a job!”



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COMPLETING THE HOME RUN...Junior Brian Schiller slides safely home to complete his solo home run which began a Raider comeback in the fifth inning against Cranford.



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WSA TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

The WSA will hold tryouts for its Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 travel teams in accordance with the following guidelines and schedule:

Our plan is to field 2 teams in each gender/age group from U11 to U14. The U9 & U10 age groups will each have 3 teams if enough players try out.

Girls Tryouts at Sid Fay Field - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Boys at Houlihan Field - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

| Div | Date of Birth | Grade Fall '01 | First Tryout Date | Second Tryout Date |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| U9 | 8/1/92-7/31/93 | 3 rd | Tuesday, May 29 | Monday, June 4 |
| U10 | 8/1/91-7/31/92 | 4 th | Tuesday, June 5 | Thursday, June 14 |
| U11 | 8/1/90-7/31/91 | 5 th | Thursday, June 7 | Wednesday, June 13 |
| U12 | 8/1/89-7/31/90 | 6 th | Friday, June 1 | Monday, June 11 |
| U13 | 8/1/88-7/31/89 | 7 th | Wednesday, June 6 | Friday, June 15 |
| U14 | 8/1/87-7/31/88 | 8 th | Friday, June 8 | Tuesday, June 12 |

AGE REQUIREMENTS
Players may try out for EITHER (but not both) the Division they fall into based on (1) Date of Birth (age appropriate) OR (2) School grade they are entering in Fall 2001 (grade appropriate). If you choose grade appropriate, you must still be born after the 1st Date of Birth listed for that Division. For example, if player is born on 8/15/92 and entering 4th grade, he or she may try out for U9 (age appropriate) or U10 (grade appropriate) Division.

FREQUENCY OF TRYOUTS
Tryouts are conducted once per year with team assignments for play during the following Fall and Spring seasons. Players selected for teams are expected to play both seasons.

TRYOUT APPAREL
No part of a WSA travel uniform may be worn to a tryout. Players wearing such will not be allowed to tryout. Shin guards must be worn and cleats are highly recommended.

EXCUSED ABSENCES
Players must attend both tryouts. If a player is unable to attend a scheduled tryout, he or she must contact the appropriate VP of Travel prior to the tryout in order to be considered for a travel team position. Please contact David Reich (Girls Travel) or Sarino Tropeano (Boys Travel) at WSATravel@aol.com. If you do not have access to e-mail, please contact us at 233-4482, Box 2 for Girls Travel and Box 3 for Boys Travel.

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<http://community.nj.com/soccer/wsa>
and the WSA Message Center which can be accessed by dialing 233-4482 and selecting Box 1 (Cancellations). Rain make-ups will be held June 16th (all day), 17th (after 12pm) and if necessary, the week of June 18th.