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WILT GRABS 2 TD PASSES; BUTTS, MCKEON SNAG 1

Blue Devils Do It All, Wallop Blue Knight Gridmen, 42-13

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Featuring new dimensions in offensive punch, the 5-1 Westfield High School football team quickly revived itself from an early disaster and scored 42 unanswered points to de-horse the hosting 2-5 Irvington Blue Knights, 42-13, on October 20. The effective use of tight ends Bob Wilt, who had TD receptions of 18 and 28 yards, and Brian Butts, who had a TD

reception of 15 yards, rocked the Blue Knights off their steeds.

"Nice catch in the end zone," said Blue Devil Head Coach Tranchina of Wilt's first TD. "He's learning. And Butts is a football player. I have been saying that from the beginning of the year."

As they had done all season, the Blue Devil defense did what it had to do and grew increasingly stubborn as the game rolled on. The "Devils Bri-

gade" held the Blue Knights to just 36-yards rushing and 85-yards passing, mostly in the first half. Terrence Jenkins blocked two punts and Jay Cook stuffed quarterback Andre Scott on a fourth-and-one situation. Matt Daly had eight tackles, Butts had six, Matt Brinkman and Matt Andzell had five, and Mike Mutz, Montel Glasco and Pat Daly added four apiece. Butts, Jenkins and Mike Charmatz combined for a safety.

"We knew that defensively they are an excellent football team. All of the sudden, they are running the offense and we are losing 13-0. It takes a lot of pride and stick-to-itiveness to come back. We answered, started the momentum and it just snowballed. We roared back," said Tranchina.

The Devil offense had 130 total yards rushing and 131 yards passing - Louis Mercer with 88 yards and two TD passes and Jan Coccoziello with 43 yards and two TD passes. Jenkins had four carries for 97 yards, including a 63-yard TD run. Wide receiver Jim McKeon had a 37-yard TD pass reception.

Penalty flags, however, were rampant and oddly the Blue Devils drew the most.

"We weren't poised in the beginning. We drew more penalty flags than them. That hurt us. That really upset me," said Tranchina.

First quarter ugliness gave Irvington a 13-7 lead. With the help of some penalties, the Blue Knights

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ABOUT TO GET A SAFETY...Blue Devils Terence Jenkins, No. 5, Brian Butts, No. 14, and Mike Charmatz, No. 68, chase down Blue Knight James Evans, No. 2, in the end zone for a safety.

KOBLISKA BURIES WINNER WITH 2 MINUTES LEFT

Persistent Raiders Wear Out Farmer Soccer Boys, 1-0

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Everyone wants to knock off the top dog but it takes a superb performance to accomplish that feat. The fourth-ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' soccer team withstood a healthy challenge from an avid Union team but persisted to wear down the Farmers, 1-0, in Scotch Plains on October 17. With time running out and the pressure on, senior Mike Koblikska came through and nailed the winning goal with just two minutes remaining to boost the Raiders to 14-0.

Raider junior Ricky Fleissner made

four saves, including a fine diving grab in the second half, to earn his 11th complete shutout - early in the season, he also held an opponent scoreless before being replaced in the second half. Farmer goalie Eric Green successfully withstood several dangerous shots on goal and finished with nine saves.

"He came up big," said Koblikska of Fleissner. "We put pressure on them (Union) but he came up with some big saves, and that gave us confidence."

However, Raider defensemen Ray DiNizo, Mike Miller, Dwight Simms and Mike Hessemer were also pre-

pared for the Farmers' long shots.

"With their style of play, knocking the balls long and shots over top, it was no surprise because we were prepared for that. We scouted them," Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky pointed out.

Aggressive play and a strong wind on their side put the Farmers on a par with the Raiders in the first half. Four minutes into the game Farmer Mike Tevman ripped a shot just over the crossbar. In the 30th minute, a direct kick one-hopped over Fleissner's reach and, fortunately, over the crossbar.

The Raiders, however, got off the

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HILD SCORES, POPOLA ASSISTS

Hockey Devils Shutout Cranford Cougars, 1-0

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One quick aggressive strike in the first half is all that was required for the (7-2-2) Westfield High School girls' field hockey team to defeat and shut out an always tough and talented visiting Cranford Cougars team, 1-0, on October 18.

"For the most part, you're seeing a game that's played pretty much like soccer, eleven people on the team. The objective of the game is to get the ball up field, and put it into the goal, but with more specific rules pertaining to field hockey," explained Blue Devil Head Coach Maggie McFadden. "There is a circle on the field, and you can't score unless you shoot after an offensive player has touched the ball inside the shooting circle. I think the game is a little

more challenging, as it requires more of a skill level, because you're using sticks."

The Blue Devils' relentless frontal attack struck early in the first half. Consistent pressure and crisp passing led by the center mid, Caitlin MacDonald and left mid, Lauren Solon brought the ball in front of the Cougar cage. Despite containing several scrambles within the box and several rejections by the goalie, the attack proved too much to handle, as the determined duo of Christina Papola and Katherine Hild were relentless. It was at 10:38 when Papola flicked the ball to Hild, who ripped the Cranford net.

"Christina had the ball, crossed it, and that was it, I whacked it!" said Hild.

Game statistics indicated the

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WILD DOGS HOLDING DOWN A KARDINAL...The Raider "Wild Dog" defense did its thing against a scrappy Kearny Kardinal team on October 19 in Kearny. After being down, 13-7, at the half, the Raiders "Krushed" the Kardinals, 35-0, in the second half to win, 42-13.

RAY WILLIAMS SHOWS HIS STUFF WITH THREE TDS

Raiders Roar Back; 'Krunch' Kardinal Footballers, 41-13

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Senior Ray Williams, the New Jersey state champion in the 400 meters, put that speed to work in a huge way to turn the tide of a potential upset into a 41-13 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team victory over the hosting Kearny Kardinals on October 19. Williams, who amassed 271 total yards, scored on a 76-yard pass reception, an 85-yard kickoff return and a 37-yard end-around reverse play.

In a previous game, against Linden, Williams recalled how he felt when he dropped a similar TD pass. "I can't explain it, I was terrified, I felt just terrible."

"This time it was definitely Ray Williams' day. Additionally, not only did he have five receptions for 149 yards, but also he had an interception, chased down a breakaway runner to prevent a touchdown and slammed a Kardinal before he could return a kickoff."

"When I woke up this morning, I felt special today," said Williams. "I felt more confident. But Brian (Schiller), even though he had a sore hand, was accurate."

"I am very lucky to coach him. He's a special kid. He's going to go on and play major college football and track. We may see him in the

Olympics some day. It makes it easy for a coach to have someone like him," expressed Raider Head Coach Ciccotelli. "He's a great person and tonight, he had a really great night."

Quarterback Brian Schiller completed nine of 16 pass attempts for 170 yards and added a one-yard TD run. Halfback Kyle Adams added a seven-yard TD run to his seasonal stack of TDs and rushed 88 yards on 19 carries. Steve Williams, who had a brilliant evening on defense, had three interceptions for 36 yards, sophomore Travis Boff had two interceptions

for 35 yards and sophomore Kyle Baker had a 26-yard TD gallop.

After a very shaky first half, the Raiders' "Wild Dog" defense thrashed the Kardinals in the second half, holding them to a mere 12 total yards. Matt Richards, who had a five-yard sack, and Josh Finkelstein each had 12 tackles. Wesley Warchol and Chris Zidonik made 11 tackles each, Josh Wexler had 10 and Adam Bendik made eight. Chris Feighner recorded a devastating 18-yard sack.

Situations were far different in the

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MONROYS DELIVER '1-2' PUNCH

Viking Ladies Crunch Crusader V'ballers

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Jen and Jackie Monroy used their one-two punch to lead the Union Catholic girls' volleyball team to a 15-3, 15-8, crunching of A. L. Johnson in Clark on October 18. Jen's five kills, two digs and one block, and Jackie's three kills and four blocks with two stuffs made it possible for teammate Rachel Seaman to have service point runs of seven in each game.

The Vikings, up 6-3, pulled away from the Crusaders in game 1 when Jen Monroy, who finished with seven

service points, drilled two service points and Rachel Seaman finished the game with her run of seven, assisted by Jackie Monroy who provided blocks on points 10 and 11.

The Crusaders were more competitive in game 2 but the Vikings were somewhat disoriented and fell behind, 4-1. With the help of Linda Dolansky's two kills, Jen Monroy managed to drill five-straight service points to give the Vikings a 6-4 lead. The Crusaders regained the lead, 7-6, but Rachel Seaman, with the help of Jen Monroy's soft-touch spike

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THE MAN WHO CAME THROUGH...Raider Mike Koblikska, No. 5, came through when it was needed to score the winning goal against the Farmers.



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