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## SLODYCZKA FIRES IN 11 POINTS, MILLER SCORES 10

### Blue Devils' Scoring Blitz Ices St. Patrick Hoop Girls, 52-27

By FRED LECOMTE  
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A 31-point, unanswered scoring blitz in the first quarter catapulted the Westfield High School girls basketball team to a 52-27 victory over St. Patrick's of Elizabeth in Westfield on February 10. The 8-12 Blue Devils

first team powdered the Pats with an explosive offense while using a choking defense, pressure under the boards and mass thievery to hold them scoreless in the first quarter.

Freshmen starters Stephanie Slodyczka's presence on the court along with forward Erin Miller indi-

cated that the Blue Devils, although very young, have acquired the savvy of a talented team. Slodyczka, who had a game high 11 points, frayed the net with seven points. Miller scored nine points, including a 3-pointer, and Gabrielle O'Leary, Chip Simmons and Danielle Infantino each had four points. Casey Elkoury hit from down town and Kate Judd contributed with two points.

"We were hitting some shots and we were moving the ball around very well today, tried to get everyone in and do the right thing," said Westfield Head Coach Joe Marino. "We have Roselle Park coming up who we beat earlier in the year and hope to beat again and we are looking forward to going after Roselle Catholic. We feel that it will be a challenge for us to see what we really have."

Playing an effective two-three and a one-two zone defensive, the Blue Devils continued their scoring frenzy in the second quarter. Slodyczka and Kate Cronin each netted four points, Judd hit a jumper for two and Miller hit 1-for-2 from the stripe. St. Patrick's Ashley Brown connected for three points at the buzzer.

"When they noticed how bad they were losing they became very frus-

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DRIVING AROUND A DEFENDER...Blue Devil Danielle Infantino, No. 24, dribbles around a St. Patrick's defender. Infantino scored four points.

## PAT MINEO, A. J. WATSON, GIANNACI RECORD PINS

### BrH2O-Raritan Panthers Rip SP-F Raider Wrestlers, 50-21

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Possibly remembering the 53-21 thrashing that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestlers gave them last year, the Bridgewater-Raritan Panthers got even this year with a 50-21 victory in Scotch Plains on February 12. The 14-4 Raiders lost a powerhouse of wrestlers last year but the much-improved 13-4 Panthers won every close bout but one and recorded falls in two either-way bouts.

Raiders Pat Mineo (140-lbs), A.J. Watson (152-lbs) and Nick Giannaci (215-lbs) recorded falls while Anthony Ferrante (145-lbs) won via decision. Raiders Dakiem Gaines (135-lbs) and Chris Pflaum (189-lbs) were victims of the either-way bouts and, in the showdown bout of the afternoon, Panther heavyweight Roy Dragon, ranked first in the state, stuck Marc Fabiano, ranked sev-

enth, in 3:53.

The Panthers won the first bout by pin at 1:30 then Gaines locked up with Eric Radwanski and recorded a first-period takedown and a reversal while yielding a reversal. Each wrestler recorded a reversal in the second period. Radwanski got a takedown in the third period and Gaines escaped to take a 7-6 lead. Gaines attempted a takedown but lost his balance and got pinned in 4:27.

Mineo performed a quick lateral throw on Jim Shearer and pinned him with a stretch-arm bar, half nelson in 1:10.

"I have been working a lot on getting the bar arm across and put it under the far arm. I like the Dan Gable finish. It's my favorite. I have been using it a lot," said Mineo who recorded his 17th pin this season. "Right now I'm 22-3 and I'm on a mission. We have some tough matches coming up. We have a quad (match)

here Saturday. I have a ranked kid from Toms River North. Hopefully, I'm going to wrestle well."

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## DELDUCA, KRAMER RECORD PINS

### Crusader Matmen Stop Blue Devil Boys, 51-28

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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After spending almost the entire season on the injured list, Westfield High School senior Tom DelDuca took to the mats for the first time since late December and recorded a fall at 152-lbs. The story for the Westfield High School wrestling team was the same, however, as the Johnson



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DRIVING TO THE BASKET...Raider Maura Gilooly, No. 15, drives to the basket against Kearny. Gilooly broke the magic 1,000-career point plateau in the victory by scoring 18 points.



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DANGEROUS...Raider Elizabeth DeCataldo has been very dangerous from 3-point range this season.

## GILLOOLY SINKS 18, BREAKS 1,000 POINT BARRIER

### SP-F Raider Hoopsters Whip Kearny Kardinal Girls, 76-30

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Kearny became the latest victim of a furious scoring assault by the No. 8 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team on February 11. After an emotional presentation to their four starting seniors in their final regular-season home game, the Raiders plucked the 11-11 Cardinals, feather-by-feather, to record a 76-30 victory.

An easy victory was expected but the real story was senior forward Maura Gilooly who became the second Raider on the team to surpass the 1,000-point mark. Entering the game with 984 points, Gilooly, who also had a season-high six rebounds, bucketed 18 points, including two 3-pointers, but had the knowledgeable fans on the edge of their seats, missing several 3-point attempts in the third quarter until she created a steal, drove to the net and rolled in a layup to hit

the magic number.

"I just wanted to keep everyone on their seats," chuckled Gilooly. "Make it exciting. In the back of the head, I guess I was thinking about it. That's probably what threw off the shots a little bit. I didn't know whether I would get it in this game or not."

Center Hillary Klimowicz entered the game with 1,794 career points and added 20 more to her total. She also had 15 rebounds, eight blocks, two steals and two assists. Point guard Jenny Burke, very likely the all-time Raider leader in career assists, added another 10 to her stack while creating one act of theft. Burke, also high on the scoring chart - in the 900-point range - scored 15 points.

"We figured that I would need to

average about 13 points a game to break 1,000 and I am averaging about nine or 10 but there are other things that I contributed," she said. "I don't know what the actual assist record is or who kept the stats but my dad has kept mine."

The fourth part of the senior foursome, Elizabeth DeCataldo, has been the most effective Raider from 3-point range this season and added eight points, including a 3-pointer. Junior Lauren Benovegno pulled down nine rebounds and contributed four points and sophomore Lauren Mains contributed five points.

Gilooly and Klimowicz took turns pounding in the points in the first quarter, with nine and 12 points, re-

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CLAMPING A CRUSADER...Blue Devil Colin Willard clamps Crusader Vin DelVecchio in a cradle and gets back points in his 13-1 victory at 189-lbs.

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