



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
VERY TOUGH DEFENSIVELY...Lauren Benovegno, No. 24, and the rest of the Raiders have been very stubborn defensively this season.

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

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spectively as the 16-5 Raiders took a 23-5 lead. In the second quarter, DeCataldo led the Raiders on a 14-2 run with five points, including her 3-pointer.

Gillooly nailed a 3-pointer early in the third quarter but went on more than a six-minute drought before rolling in her layup to break 1,000. Seconds later, she hit her final layup. Burke led the 15-10 fourth-quarter Raider charge by sinking six points.

"It's been a great four years. Four of my best friends! It's been the best high school year possible, basketball also. But it's technically not our last home

game, so it's not as upsetting as people may think it would be," said Gillooly. "It was sort of sad because we have been together so long," said Burke, who will attend Yale this fall. "It brings us to the realization that this is our last year together but it's all exciting because we are all going on next year to play. A lot of underclassman showed a lot of team spirit by toilet papering our houses (chuckle) and putting up all the banners. The most reminiscent time though will be the end of the year."

Kearny	5	2	13	10	30
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	23	14	24	15	76

## Union County Girls Basketball Tournament:

**FEBRUARY 14: FIRST ROUND:**  
**Scotch Plains-Fanwood 55, Roselle 33**  
Allie Zazzali and Elizabeth DeCataldo each bucketed 15 points. Jenny Burke had 12 points and Maura Gillooly sank nine.

Roselle	14	6	6	7	33
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	20	15	15	5	55

**Roselle Catholic 41, Westfield 34**  
Erin Miller scored 15 points and Stephanie Slodyczka netted 11 for the Blue Devils.

Westfield	8	7	12	7	34
Roselle Catholic	15	9	10	7	41

**Union Catholic 38, Union 31**  
Katelyn Murray scored 12 points and Courtney Harris scored nine for the 14-5 Vikings.

Union	8	8	6	9	31
Union Catholic	9	8	9	12	38

**Rahway 41, Linden 31**  
Francesca Garay had eight points for 13-6 Rahway.

Linden	6	2	9	14	31
Rahway	10	8	13	10	41

**Cranford 37, Plainfield 27**  
Lisa Levanas scored 11 points for the 12-8 Cougars.

Plainfield	8	8	5	6	27
Cranford	9	13	3	12	37

**Johnson 46, Dayton 38**  
Kelli Pflug netted 19 points for the 10-8 Crusaders.

Dayton	5	13	9	11	38
Johnson	14	9	11	12	46

**Elizabeth 41, Governor Livingston 26**  
Jessica Cavaco scored 15 points for Elizabeth and Sarah Glacken scored nine for the Highlanders.

Gov. Livingston	3	4	8	11	26
Elizabeth	4	16	11	10	41

## Blue Devil Icemen Skate Past Park Regional Icemen, 3-1

By ANDREW GOLDMAN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School ice hockey team made the most of its only game of this past week with a come from behind victory over non-conference foe Park Regional.

The Blue Devils fell behind 3-0 until they scored a goal in the second period to enter the third period down 3-1. Determined to win the game, the Blue Devils tied the game with five

minutes to play. However, it appeared that their chance to win the game was lost when senior Captain Greg Speir was called for a penalty with just under three minutes remaining.

The tide turned, however, as the penalty expired when junior Assistant Captain Sal Esposito was skating the puck towards the Park zone as Speir hopped out of the penalty box and into play. Esposito and Speir were in a two-on-one situation against the Park defenseman. Esposito made a great pass to Speir, who fired in the winning goal.

Westfield goals were scored by senior Captain Brent Davis, senior Brady Lau and two by Speir. The Blue Devils were to receive their ranking this week, which will determine who they will play during States.

## UC Boys Basketball Tournament Results:

FEBRUARY 12 PRELIMINARIES:

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 57, Roselle 29

Travis Morgan led the 9-12 Raiders with 11 points.

Roselle	10	3	9	7	29
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	13	16	14	14	57

Elizabeth 55, Dayton 53

Nate Thompson and Kaseem Greene each scored 12 points for the Minutemen.

Dayton	7	13	18	15	53
Elizabeth	11	15	15	14	55

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New Providence 64, Johnson 59  
Brandon Doyle fired in 20 points for the 12-6 Pioneers.

Johnson	14	15	15	15	59
New Providence	13	15	19	17	64

Union 66, Oratory 53

Keith Tillis netted 18 points and Alex Rislin scored 17 for the 6-16 Farmers.

Oratory	11	18	8	16	53
Union	16	18	22	10	66

## HS Girls Basketball Union County Seeds:

TOP 12 SEEDS AT START:

1. Scotch Plains-Fanwood
2. Roselle Catholic
3. Union Catholic
4. Rahway
5. Elizabeth
6. Cranford
7. New Providence
8. Johnson
9. Dayton
10. Oak Knoll
11. Plainfield
12. Governor Livingston

Quarterfinals are set for today, Thursday, at Rahway and Roselle Catholic. The Semifinals are set for Tuesday, February 22, and Wednesday, February 23, at Dunn Center in Elizabeth. The Championship game is set for Friday, February 25, at Roselle Catholic at 8 p.m. The third-place game is set for 6:30 p.m.

## Blue Devil Mercado Advances To NJ Bowling Championship

Westfield High School sophomore Harrison Mercado has qualified for the NJSIAA singles bowling championship when he bowled a 685 in the North Jersey, Section 2 Tournament on February 12 at Eagle Rock Lanes in West Orange. Mercado was one of the nine finalists from the section who will compete against the other 42 sectional finalists to determine the state singles bowling champion.

"He has been showing daily improvement over the past month as his confidence level is soaring," stated Coach Mike Tirone.

The state finals will be held at Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick on Monday, February 21, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Mercado was happy to make the

finals as an individual, but would have preferred "the team to also qualify."

The Blue Devil team did not place in the top three and will not compete for the state championship. Mercado had help from senior captain Brian Stotter who bowled a final game of 221 en route to his 535 series for the day. Sophomore Alex Wronski also participated in all three games. Freshman Eric Curialle and Arley Rojas along with sophomores Bryan Elsasser and Tristan Bellotti also bowled in the tournament.

All gained valuable experience that will be beneficial in the coming years. Linden won the tournament with a 3,071 total for the three games. West Orange and Butler also advanced with respective totals of 3,048 and 2,973.



Jim O'Connor (NJ Sport Pics www.njsportpics.com) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
DRIVING TOWARD THE BASKET...Blue Devil Erin Miller, No. 11, drives to the basket in the Union County Tournament victory over Roselle Park.

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

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trated, walked around and threw the ball out of bounds along with the fact that they are not a very good shooting team," said Miller. "Maybe, once they become a team, calm down a bit and get it together they may be able to go far."

Carrying a hefty 42-3 bulge, coach Marino enjoyed the luxury of giving his bench court time in the second half. Resorting to moving the ball around, spreading the court while touching the ball seven to eight times and looking for a quality shot, Simmons and McGrath each hit for two points.

"We ran the right plays like we set up in practice and played evenly by passing the ball around and making certain everyone scored while trying not to run the score up too much by calming it down," said Slodyczka.

In the final quarter, Anne McGrath, Cronin and Judd each stuffed the net, however Mary Alvarado had the hot hand for St. Patrick, scoring 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

"Coach Marino makes sure that we understand what we're doing wrong and he helps us by calling plays because we're not ready to set up yet," added Miller. "He makes certain that everyone is in top shape, and everyone works hard during practice. Although some of the girls don't get to play a lot, they really give it their all when they do get in and there's never a disagreement regarding playing time, so we have very good comradery and chemistry among the girls."

The Blue Devils were successful in their Union County Tournament preliminary game by defeating Roselle Park, 47-34, on February 12 in Rahway. Slodyczka hit for 16 points, Miller sank 13 and O'Leary scored nine points.

St. Patrick's	0	3	6	18	27
Westfield	31	11	4	6	52

## HS Boys Basketball Union County Seeds:

TOP 12 AT START:

1. St. Patrick's
2. Linden
3. Roselle Catholic
4. Rahway
5. Hillside
6. St. Mary's
7. Westfield
8. Summit
9. Cranford
10. Plainfield
11. Governor Livingston
12. Scotch Plains-Fanwood

Quarterfinals will be held on February 18 in Cranford and February 19 in Rahway. Championship game is set for 3 p.m. on February 26 at Dunn Center in Elizabeth.

Roselle Park	12	5	8	9	34
Westfield	13	14	10	10	47

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