



**PROPELLED TO VICTORY...** Raider sophomore Jillian Murphy grabbed the 100-butterfly event, finished second in the 50-free and joined Kristen Henkels, Catherine Harley and Melissa Helock to capture the 200-medley relay. Scotch Plains-Fanwood breezed past Caldwell, 111-59.

## SPF Raider Swim Girls Sink Caldwell Swimmers in Semis

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five points, so we needed to win this one to make it to the finals.

Helock turned in a second brilliant performance by capturing first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:28.23 and teammate J. Quale finished third with a time of 6:08.32.

"We were not really sure how well we would do because we knew they had some strong girls so we had to give it our best. I simply tried to do my best and I'm happy with that," said Helock.

Larkin touched second in the 100 butterfly in 1:04.71 and Kate Kosenick third in 1:08.27. Jillian Murphy who grabbed first in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:02.17, finished second in the 50-yard free in 25:56 then joined Henkels, Catherine Harley and Helock to finish second in the 200-yard medley relay with a combined time of 1:56.95.

"In the 50 free, I came in second by .03 and I felt really good on that since it was pretty intense," said Murphy. "Every girl you swim against is equally as good or faster, so you really need to have your mental focus and get through the nervousness. Our girls swam their fastest today and we just went for it."

Katie Johnson placed second in the 100-yard back in 1:06.81 and J. Gaglioti finished third in a time of 1:09.11. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Harley touched second in 1:16.18. In the final event, the Raiders dominated the 400-yard freestyle relay by finishing 1-2. Rachel Dolgin, Carol Montiero, Brittany Adisano and Rebecca Koransky recorded the fastest time in 4:33.18.

"I knew they had real fast medley's

so I just wanted to be competitive. I thought we were a little deeper but I figured if we worked out hard in the medley's we might sneak out another couple of wins I didn't expect to," said Raider Head Coach Jessie Hulnik. "We had a great 200 free going one, two and a great 200 IM going one, two, three. They won the 100 free but we were able to two, three and four. The kids swam well with some really fast times today."

## Devil Boys Scorched By BrH2O Swimmers

The No. 15 Westfield High School boys swimming team improved by leaps and bounds since its early-season loss to No. 7 Bridgewater-Raritan in December but just another inch was needed when the Blue Devils finished in an 85-85 deadlock in the North Jersey, Section 2, Public A finals at Lincoln Community School in Bayonne on February 20. Based on a 3,796-3,597 power-point edge, the Panthers were awarded the title.

The 9-5-1 Blue Devils won six of the 11 events - four individual and two relays. Pat Daurio grabbed top honors in the 100-butterfly with a time of 54.8 and the 200-individual medley with a time of 1:59.42. Brandon Cubat touched first in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.84 and P.J. Harley touched first in the 200-freestyle at 1:53.24. Matt Green, Robert Whitehead, Dan Chabanov and Cuba won the 200-free relay with a time of 1:37.75 and Luke Baran, Daurio, Chabanov and Cuba won the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:40.7.

## Cardinal Basketballers Burn Devil Boys, 47-45, in UCT

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attack. Venezia scorched the net with three 3-pointers and totaled 13 points while Bonard hit two threes and had nine points. Carnegie chilled the Blue Devils with 20 points.

The Blue Devils had some difficulty getting their offense going; however, later in the first quarter, Bonard connected from downtown for a two-point lead. Three turnovers permitted the Cardinals to take a 17-13 lead.

The Blue Devils came to life in a big way with a 7-0 run in the second quarter and outscored the Cardinals, 11-3. Hayes nailed a jumper from downtown to knot the score. Venezia, off a push by Billy Hearon, nailed a 3-pointer and Hearon sank one-of-two from the stripe. Defensive shoving led Hayes to the line where he hit 4-of-4 to make the score, 24-20, at the half.

Bonard, Venezia and Hayes remained offensively effective in the

second half but the Cardinals' offensive machine played an even, 14-14, third quarter then added a strong defensive wall in the fourth quarter to gain a 13-7 edge and the victory.

"Losing at the buzzer against a team that we beat by fifteen earlier in the year is something that you can't do anything about," said team captain Hayes. "It was a very loose scoring game, so that meant we played a lot of defense. We usually don't trade baskets because we usually stop them. Plainfield got a lot of fouls and they came out on top at the end because we didn't get many stops."

"We outplay teams most of the year and get the W's, however, mistakes and that last shot at the end killed us and there isn't much you can do about that," added Venezia.

"There really was not much of a positive you can take out of this game," said a humble Bonard. "Myself, I made some dumb plays while my team played as hard as they could. We were the better team, we hustled throughout and we should have won this game."

Plainfield	17	3	14	13	47
Westfield	13	11	14	7	45

## North, Public B Boys Swim Results:

**FEBRUARY 15: NORTH, SECTION 2 PUBLIC B: Scotch Plains-Fanwood 90, Summit 80**  
**50 free: David Hauptman (SPF) 23.53**  
**100 free: Hauptman (SPF) 52.87**  
**200 free: Mike Miller (SPF) 2:02**  
**500 free: Matt Peterson (S) 5:25.27**  
**100 breast: Brian Pesin (SPF) 1:11.38**  
**100 fly: Mike Sheffield (SPF) 55.97**  
**100 back: Jack McKenna (S) 1:02.62**  
**200 IM: Peterson (S) 2:18.35**  
**200 free relay: S (Gordon Pepe, McKenna, James Toffey, Peterson) 1:39.38**  
**400 free relay: SPF (Alan Nuehauser, Dan Nieto, Miller, Sheffield) 3:58.07**  
**200 medley relay: S (McKenna, Peterson, Pepe, Toffey) 1:49.97**

**FEBRUARY 16: (SEMIS) NORTH, SECTION 2 PUBLIC B: Chatham 93, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 77**  
**50 free: David Hauptman (S) 23.25**  
**100 free: Hauptman (S) 51.16**  
**200 free: Derek Sturm (C) 1:56.33**  
**500 free: Nick Trojanowski (C) 5:25.16**  
**100 breast: Trojanowski (C) 1:09.86**  
**100 fly: Mike Sheffield (S) 56.33**  
**100 back: Sturm (C) 1:00.51**  
**200 IM: Chris Dart (C) 2:06.48**  
**200 free relay: S (Mike Fragna, Mike Miller, Alan Nuehauser, Hauptman) 1:38.04**  
**400 free relay: C (Dart, Joe McShane, Trojanowski, Sturm) 3:30.58**  
**200 medley relay: C (Sturm, Trojanowski, Dart, Phil Ashler) 1:47.18**



**ENDURING PIONEER SPIRIT...**The 2005 New Providence Pioneer wrestling team, left, gathers with the 1994 team after their, 37-28, victory over Roselle Park in the section finals.

## Pioneer Spirit Takes Down Panthers in Mat Showdown

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

If anybody wants to find out what real school spirit can do, go to a New Providence High School wrestling match. You will see a gymnasium packed with K through 12 students, recent graduates, not so recent graduates, parents, grandparents and curious onlookers. Not bad for a Group 1 school!

History repeated itself on February 17 in the Pioneers' gym when New Providence defeated Roselle Park for the second time this season. The only other time a Union County team defeated the Panthers twice in a season was in 1994 in the same gym. Interestingly, most of the members of that 1994 Pioneer team, including the former Assistant Coach (David B. Corbin), were on hand to witness the, 37-28, victory that earned the 13-0 Pioneers the Central Jersey, Group 1 title. Scotch Plains-Fanwood is the only other Union County team during that 11-year span to defeat Roselle Park - once in 2002 and again in 2004.

Spirit not only existed with the Pioneers but also with the Panthers, which resulted in one thrilling match beginning with the 189-lb bout when Pioneer Shane Mallory amassed five takedowns and three nearfalls to win an 18-4, majority decision over Jim Sinatra. The Panthers, however, took a 6-4, team lead when Anthony Weiland settled Chad Krygowski in 58 seconds with a half nelson at 215-lbs.

Heavyweight Trevor Martin put the Pioneers back on top by pinning Mike Lefano in 44 seconds with a headlock throw then 103-lb Peter Terrezza scored two takedowns and two nearfalls - one via power half nelson - to grab a 10-6 decision over Panther Craig Montgomery. At 112-lbs, Pioneer Adel Afzal avenged his previous,

6-4, loss to Kevin Blatt with a step over, double grapevine fall in 5:06.

Wade Baldwin saved a few team points by limiting Panther Joe Blackford, ranked seventh in the state, to a 12-5 decision at 119-lbs. Blackford had beaten Baldwin via 23-5, technical fall - five team points - in the regular-season match.

Panther Ross Soares topped Mike Boccellari, 5-2, in the 125-lb bout then state-ranked Ross Baldwin gave the Pioneers a 25-12 lead when he turned Mike Montgomery in 5:26 at 130-lbs. After Panther Brian Swick received a forfeit at 135-lbs, Pioneer Larry Peotter got even with Joe Signorella when he used a slide through takedown, an escape and an ankle pick takedown to gain a 5-1 victory. Signorella won, 3-1, in their first meeting.

Marc Neuwirth made history repeat itself at 145-lbs and boosted the Pioneers' lead to 34-18 when he pinned Mark Mross in 3:31 with a body throw. He previously pinned Mross in 3:54. Panther Eric Wright added four team points with a 10-2, majority decision over Chris Pennis at 152-lbs then 160-lb Troy MacDermant brought the Panthers to within six points by pinning Chris Conte in 3:15 with a step over to a double grapevine.

In the final bout, 171-lb John Granados appeared unconcerned with the pressure and proceeded to tally a second-period takedown and an escape, takedown and a two-point nearfall in the third period to earn a 7-0 victory and to give the Pioneers the title.

Jose Huerfano, a member of the 1994 team who placed fifth/sixth in the state at 130-lbs and who works out with the 2005 team, and Assistant Coach Rich Sachsels both emphasized, "This is a very special team!"

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