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DEFENSE WINS GAMES...Vikings senior forward Kathryn Murray, No.13, and junior forward Eileen Dopert, No. 22, dazed the Cougar shooters when it counted. Murray then hit four of six from the stripe to lift Union Catholic to a, 43-37, overtime victory.

HENDRICKS SINKS 12, WALLS NETS 11

Lady Viking Cagers Tip Crusaders, 43-37, in OT

By FRED LECOMTE
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Viking senior forward Kathryn Murray performed heroic deeds from the stripe hitting four of six and junior guard Ally Walls fired in four of her 11 points in overtime to earn the Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team a 43-37, victory over 3-2 A. L. Johnson on January 7 in Scotch Plains.

Junior guard Leslie Hendricks netted 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds to lead the Vikings. Junior guard Courtney Harris was on fire from the free throw line sinking six of eight in the final quarter for a total of eight points. Junior guard Aerielle Belk finished with five points. Kelli and Jamilia Pflug burned the nets with 29 points for the Crusaders.

"We were getting exactly the shots we wanted in the first half except they were not falling for us," said Walls. "What kept us in the game was our defense. We doubled the guards, tried to rile them up a little and get them to throw the ball away and it worked."

Both teams started slowly and struggled with their shots in the first quarter. Hendricks and Walls each sank two points as the quarter ended 6-4 in favor of the Crusaders.

The lead changed hands throughout the second quarter. Hendricks fired in five points. Murray and Belk each scored two points and junior forward Kim Hannam added one but the Crusaders maintained a 16-14 lead going into the locker room.

Both teams had difficulty locating

the hoop in the third quarter but the Crusaders out-pointed the Vikings, 6-4. In the fourth quarter, Walls came off the bench and hit three jumpers from the outside perimeter. With the aid of Hannam and Eileen Dopert, Harris took control of the boards then performed magic by hitting six of eight from the stripe.

"I love playing defense and I love getting people up tempo and playing that kind of a game. Our man-to-man defense was doing okay but in the second half we all came out and played as one," said Hannam.

Hendricks added two points to tie the contest, 33-33 at the end of regulation.

The Vikings dazed the Crusaders with strong man-to-man defensive play the overtime period, but it was Murray who tranquilized the Crusaders most effectively swooshing four points from the stripe to open up a nine-point lead. Walls hit two buckets, Hendricks added three and Belk contributed with two in the quarter.

"We were not patient during a good part of the game. We were just throwing the ball around and lost it on turnovers," said Harris. "In the fourth quarter, we came together, were patient, saw the cutters and got the ball where it needed to be. Defensively, we played up on the Pflug sisters and to try to keep the ball away from them and it worked to our advantage. Coach Matthews told us that good defense wins games. We did and we came through at the end."

Johnson	6	10	6	11	4	37
Union Cath.	4	10	4	15	10	43

Lady Raiders Maul Cougar Cagers, 56-28

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team mauled the Cranford Cougars, 56-28, in Cranford on January 4. Senior Hillary Klimowicz bucketed 17 points to bring her career total to 1,588, pulled 12 rebounds and made six blocks for the 4-3 Raiders.

Jen Burke sank 10 points and had five assists and Allie Zazzali scored nine points. Maura Gillooly netted seven points and Loni Kaye had six. Rebecca Flanagan scored 12 points and Lisa Livonas had 10 for the 3-3 Cougars.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	15	18	13	10	56
Cranford	2	8	8	10	28

Lady Bulldogs Chill Blue Devil Cagers

The Malcolm X. Shabazz High School girls basketball team chilled Westfield, 76-32, in Newark on January 4. Kellindra Zackery netted 17 points, 11 rebounds and three steals for the 5-1 Bulldogs and freshman Erin Miller led the 3-2 Blue Devils with 15 points while Anne McGrath scored 10.

Westfield	4	10	8	10	32
Shabazz	25	16	20	15	76

Bulldog Cagers Clout Blue Devil Boys, 78-65

The Malcolm X. Shabazz High School boys basketball team upped its record to 6-1 with a 78-65 win over host Westfield on January 4. The Bulldogs erupted with 25 points in the fourth quarter to grab the victory.

Senior Eric Hayes banged in 24 points for 2-3 Westfield while Tom Bonard sank 18, Mike Venezia scored 12, Billy Hearon put in six and Josh Gerckens added five points.

Shabazz	14	19	20	25	78
Westfield	18	18	18	11	65

Raider B'ballers Rout Old Bridge Boys, 61-44

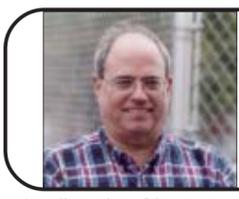
The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team boosted its record to 4-4 by defeating Old Bridge, 61-44, in Scotch Plains on January 8. Gavin Ford led the Raiders with 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Brian Dougher banged in three 3-pointers and finished with 11 points. Sean Young netted 10 points and had five assists. Greg Bayard scored nine points.

Old Bridge	7	16	15	6	44
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	14	17	17	13	61

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Devil's Den
Chris Campbell to be Inducted In Wrestling Hall of Fame



By BRUCE JOHNSON
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Any discussion of the greatest male athletes to ever walk the halls of Westfield High School has to include Chris Campbell. It would also include Frank Ketcham, Jim Turpin, Bobby Dougherty, Sam Mitchell, Dave Townley, Marty Howarth, Joe Wiendl, Bobby Flynn, Dave Brown, Brian Ciemniecki and many others.

But anybody who ever saw Chris Campbell in the Westfield Boys Football League, or later as a wrestler at WHS, knew they were watching somebody very special. Campbell gave up football in eighth grade and he gave up all sports by his junior year, to concentrate on his religious beliefs. Finally as a senior, he started to fulfill his athletic promise, going 26-0 with 20 pins en route to the state 168-pound wrestling championship (he also lettered in spring track).

As a walk-on at the University of Iowa, he won four Big Ten titles and two NCAA championships, quickly earning a full scholarship. After college, he became a world champion in freestyle wrestling and was on two U.S. Olympic Teams - 1980, when President Carter had the U.S. boycott the Moscow Games, and 1992, when he won a bronze medal at the age of 38. It's not exaggeration to say Campbell would have easily won Olympic gold medals in 1980 (when he was No. 1 in the world) and 1984 (when an injury forced him to miss the Trials, and his "fill-in" captured the gold).

So the recent news of Campbell's selection as a Distinguished Member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla., was not a big surprise (other than why it took so long). Also being inducted in early June are wrestlers Zeke Smith and Kurt Angle (yep, the current WWE star), and J Robinson, an assistant coach at Iowa when Campbell was there and currently the coach at Minnesota.

Campbell, now an attorney living in Fairfax, Calif., outside San Francisco, has been retired from competition for 12 years. But in his day, there was nobody better. Well, almost nobody.

"There was (Makharbek) Khadartsev," Campbell said the other day, remembering the legendary Russian who beat Campbell 7-0 in the opening round at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. Khadartsev's victory avenged his first career defeat, which Campbell had handed him a year earlier in Hungary.

Campbell came back from that opening-round loss to win three straight bouts against world-ranked opponents, setting up a bronze medal match against Puntsag Sukhbat, a former Olympic medalist and a leg-

end in Asian wrestling. Campbell's overtime victory made him the oldest wrestling medal winner in Olympic history.

TRIVIA QUESTION
Newton won the first three NJSIAA wrestling tournament team titles. Where were those meets held?

PHOTO ID
In last week's *Leader*, on the op-ed page, there was a photo of the 1964 Westfield American Legion team that finished second in the state tournament. One player in the back row was not identified and he was Steve Wright. A decent right-handed pitcher, Wright was better known as one of the best outside shooters in WHS basketball history. He had a solid college hoops career at Hartwick.

That is the type of photo we're looking for to run with each week's Devil's Den ... so get up in your attics and rummage through those old scrapbooks and see what you can find. Then mail it to Devil's Den, c/o The Westfield Leader, 251 North Ave. West, Westfield, N.J. 07090. Please include as much identification as you can. We will return the photo to you after it is used.

IN THE FAMILY
Mountainside's Linnea Buttermore, who attends Governor Livingston Regional in Berkeley Heights, won the girls division at Saturday's 28th North Brunswick Diving Invitational with 273.90 points. She is the daughter of Glenn Buttermore, WHS Class of 1975 and a former Blue Devils diver during the era of Steve Schramm, Chab Betz, Ron Posytton, Steve Tourtellotte and John Krakora.

In 1973, Glenn finished second at the Union County championships and sixth in the state championships. As a senior he was fifth at the county meet.

A FOND FAREWELL
Jim Love, WHS Class of 1956, passed away recently. Though I never met Jim, his younger brother Pete was a senior football/baseball player at WHS when I was a sophomore and we shared a study hall table together. Jim had the ironic fate to be a standout on the 1956 WHS swim team, the last WHS swim team not to win the Union County championship until 1999, when the streak ended after 42 consecutive years.

At that 1956 meet, WHS finished third with 29 points, behind Pingry (41) and Plainfield (30). But Love won the 100 backstroke and joined with Teddy Gates, captain Carl Tongberg and Bob Reddell to win the medley relay.

Pete Love, now living in Arizona, was a wild, kamikaze kinda guy on the kickoff team for coach Les Zorge's last WHS team in 1960. As a baseball pitcher, Pete was also kinda wild - as

likely to walk you as strike you out. Wearing those thick glasses with the "Buddy Holly" rims, he walked 10 batters in 3 2/3 innings of a 1960 game against Johnson Regional of Clark - Westfield amazingly won the game 3-2. Pete also pitched several years for Robert Turner's Westfield Merchants in the old Union County League.

CONTEST UPDATE
So far we have received just one response to our What Year Was the Best for WHS? contest. Remember, it's easy to enter, and you can win a night at the Jolly Trolley with the Corbin brothers, Horace and Dave. Just guess which WHS school year you think had the best overall winning percentage and email it to me at the address at the bottom of the column. After computing all the year-by-year won-lost records, the winner will be announced in the spring.

REMEMBER WHEN ...
Jan. 9, 1934: The first swim meet in WHS history is a 61-17 loss to Columbia at the Westfield YMCA's Rooke Pool.

Jan. 10, 1941: In its first varsity wrestling match, WHS loses to Roselle Park 38-0. The Panthers were a wrestling power, finishing second at the 1940 and 1941 state championships. The wrestling experiment at WHS lasted just two years (as a club team in 1940, then the '41 varsity team) and the sport didn't return for 17 years.

Jan. 11, 1963: The first WHS swim meet ever at Wallace Pool was held, with coach Walt Clarkson's Blue Devils avenging a 1962 loss to Pingry with a 61-35 rout. Ted Connell and Bill Haney finished 1-3 in the 200 in a key race against Pingry's Andy Ullrick and John Trull.

Jan. 12, 1962: WHS's 59-meet win streak is ended by Pingry (see above), and this was also the first loss by a WHS varsity team during the 1961-62 school year.

Jan. 12, 2002: Jackie Cusimano hits seven 3-pointers in a girls basketball game against Union.

Jan. 16, 1974: Debbie Lawyer scores 37 points (still the school record) in an 86-49 victory over Roselle Park. The 86 points is still a school one-game record.

Jan. 19, 2002: Jackie Cusimano scores 33 points against East Side of Newark.

TRIVIA ANSWER
The 1934-37 NJSIAA wrestling championships were held at Union High School. After Newton won the first three years, the host Farmers won in 1937.

Bruce Johnson's Devil's Den appears every Thursday in The Westfield Leader. Contact him with comments or ideas at bj1019@aol.com

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