



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
CLOSELY GUARDING A HOT SHOOTER...Blue Devil LeAnne Skorge, No. 25, closely guards Raider Lauren Benovegno, No. 24. Benovegno finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Veteran Lady Raiders Down Blue Devil Hoopsters, 65-40

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flare for penetrating inside. Freshman Erin Miller was the benefactor of that quickness and led all scorers with 20 points. She also made two blocked shots as did freshman teammate Stephanie Slodyczka who also sank six points and had nine rebounds. Freshman point guard Gabriele O'Leary fired in five points, had eight assists and made two steals. Senior Lauren Sinenberg had 10 rebounds and junior Christina Fietkiewicz contributed four points.

"They (Westfield) are going to be very good," commented Raider Head Coach Lori McBride who also added, "It's important that our (Raiders) young kids get experience and game-playing time, so I wanted them to play as much as possible."

"They knew they were going up against a very good team today. All we wanted to do was execute, run some plays and be competitive. I really do believe these girls gave it their all on this court. They looked for each other and they didn't play selfish basketball. If somebody is open inside, they try to get it inside," explained Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino. "Hillary is a great player. The bottom line is, when she is in there, you've got to try to drop people down to cover her. We knew as soon as she came in things were going to be different but we kept working hard and that's all you can do."

Of the many trips to the free throw line, the 5-3 Raiders were slightly more successful, hitting 13-for-25 for 52 percent. The 2-4 Blue Devils hit

11-for-22 for 50 percent. "We were a little slow in the first half. I think we struggled a little bit without Hillary's presence inside. Defensively, I think we played hard. We were a little bit undisciplined in that we fouled them a lot early. Offensively, we had to get it going and figure out to attack their zone. Once we did that, we were much better," said coach McBride.

The Raiders' next home game will be against East Side on Tuesday, January 18, and the Blue Devils will host Irvington today at 4 p.m.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	9	14	21	21	65
Westfield	8	9	8	15	40

Raider Boys Rumble Past Blue Devil Hoopmen, 66-52

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The Raiders established ball control early on. Young, Lewis, Marable and Ford rolled in lay-ups in the first quarter. Additionally, Young sank 3-of-4 from the stripe. The Blue Devils needed some smart passes, good ball movement and pressure defense down the stretch to play even with the Raiders. Hearon banged in six points. Gerckens scored five, including a 3-pointer, and Power sank a jumper as the quarter ended 14-14.

The Raiders had things going their way somewhat in the second quarter. A balanced attack by the starting five made the difference while the defense kicked it up another notch. The Blue Devils kept it close as Power fired for five, Gercken's hit on two and Hayes had one.

With the score 29-25 entering the third quarter, the Raider defense raised their level of intensity, while offensively the ball found the way into the passing lane and into the hot hand of Ford who scored seven points

to extend the deficit to 48-40. Good hustle earned Lewis and Marable a pair of lay-ups and two points from the stripe respectively in the fourth quarter. Bayard bucketed a 3-pointer, Ford added three and Young nailed a jumper to extend the Raiders' lead. Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, Hayes and Gerckens were the lone shooters netting 10 and two points, respectively.

"Basically our strategy is to wait for the man on top and put the shooters on the wing. After the guy on top goes past his man, someone will be forced to help, so one of the guys from the block comes to get the ball or we look to kick it outside for the open shot," explained Lewis. "Defensively, for us to win games, we have to be a defensive minded team. From defense, the offense will come and that is what we attempt to do well in every game."

Westfield	14	11	15	12	52
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	14	15	19	18	66

Union County High School Varsity Wrestling Results:

JANUARY 5:
Scotch Plains-Fanwood 66, Irvington 12

- Weight Sequence:
152: — A.J. Watson (S) p. Torran Blount, 3:30
160: — Eric Victor (I) d. Joe Bacchi, 6-2
171: — Rob Bethea (S) won forfeit
189: — Keith Baker (S) p. Derrick West, 2:30
215: — Nick Giannaci (S) p. Max Philodor, 1:29
Hwt: — Marc Fabiano (S) p. Vic Fannor, 1:15
103: — Gary Schardien (S) p. Mike Simpson
112: — Trevor Cannon (S) won forfeit
119: — Sal Gano (S) won forfeit
125: — Damian Gibbs (S) won forfeit
130: — Ricky Olsson (S) p. Anthony Jallah, 2:21

- 135: — Terence Dodson (I) p. Alex Marchena, 2:05
140: — Robert Simon (I) d. Joe Fette, 8-2
145: — Anthony Ferrante (S) p. Shane Samuels, 4:48
Cranford 37, Union 29

- Key Bouts:
112: — Ryan Lockwood (U) tf Musut Ozcan, 18-2, 5:40
130: — Anthony Crecca (C) d. Tom Duffy, 10-6
140: — Chris Taglia (C) md Nelson Gomes, 14-3
152: — Pete Jacangelo (U) p. Kevin Aldridge, :48
160: — Steve Ferraro (C) d. Tom Mahon, SD OT, 2-1
171: — Pat Hogan (C) d. Jesse Von Linden, 9-5
189: — C.J. Ferraro (C) p. Jose Nazario, 2:50

JANUARY 8:
Minuteman Classic Tournament:

- Key Bouts:
103: — Anthony Priore (Johnson) d. Alberto Colone (Belleville), 5-0
119: — Eric Ogada (Elizabeth) d. Matt Rusin (Johnson), 6-2
Hwt: — Ronell Orr (Linden) won forfeit
Rahway 54, Union 19
Key Bouts:
171: — Jesse VonLinden (U) d. Alex Alleman, 8-3
189: — Jose Nazario (U) p. Juan Lopez, 1:05
Hwt: — Andre Neblett (R) p. Solomon Okereke, 2:41
112: — Ryan Wilson (R) p. Ryan Lockwood, 1:49
119: — Jon Santoni (R) p. Marco Bobadilla, 1:41
130: — Darrion Caldwell (R) p. Tom Duffy, 2:10
145: — Pete Jacangelo (U) md. Carlos Nicasio, 11-3

NEWARK ACADEMY INVITATIONAL:
New Providence wins title (19 teams)

- Key Bouts:
119: — Mike Gray (Delbarton) p. Sean Miller (Wayne Valley), :24
125: — Mike Boccari (N. Prov) d. Paul Minat (West Essex), 6-0
130: — Ross Baldwin (N. Prov) p. Bob Rose (Cedar Grove), 3:32
145: — Seth Podhoretz (Millburn) p. Rick Nappi (W. Essex), 3:05
189: — Shane Mallory (N. Prov) p. Dan Trimble (Madison), 1:55



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RUNNING THE ANCHOR LEG...Blue Devil Jeff Perrella laps all opponents in the anchor leg of the distance medley relay.

Raiders Take 2nd, Devils 4th At County Boys Track Relays

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offer. I expected good competition here but a lot of teams didn't bring their top guys," mentioned Perrella. "We didn't have a lot of guys out there pushing us today."

Midway through the evening, Perrella at 2:13.8, Eric Williams at 2:19.8, Ameer Rogers at 2:19.1 and Jay Hoban at 2:17.8 easily won the 4x880 with a time of 9:10.9. But the most exciting event of the evening for the Blue Devils was the sprint medley relay. After Jake Brandman, Sam Kim and Kagen completed their respective legs, Broadbent took the baton in fourth place and completed his 880 leg in 2:06.9 to beat out the Rahway runner for first by less than a second, giving

Devil Girls Win 4x800 At Group 3 Relays

The Westfield High School girls won the 4x800 meters for the second year in a row at the NJSIAA Group 3 Relay Championships at Jadwin Gym in Princeton on January 9. The Blue Devil girls tied for fifth in the team totals with Roxbury with 14 points. The Blue Devil boys finished in a tie with Central Regional for fourth place with a total of 20. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys, with six points, finished in a three-way tie with Oakcrest and Kingsway.

Blue Devils Annie Onishi (2:24.9), Meg Driscoll (2:32.3), Miriam Becker-Cohen (2:31.2) and anchor Emily MacNeil (2:22.4) crossed first in the 4x800 with a time of 9:50.96 to beat the Morris Knolls girls who finished in 9:54.93. The Westfield girls also placed fourth in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:17.72.

The Blue Devil boys placed second in the team pole vault with a height of 23'6". They also placed third in the sprint medley relay with a time of 3:49.37 and third in the distance medley relay with a time of 10:56.58. The Raider boys placed third in the shuttle hurdles with a time of 33.03.

his foursome a time of 4:01.1. Raiders Nehemiah Berny-Porter, James Alfano, Bryant and Smith combined to finish second in the shuttle hurdles with a time of 32.8. The Raiders also placed fifth in the 4x440 with a time of 3:54 followed by Westfield at 3:59.9. Westfield also tied for fifth in the team high jump with a total height of 10'10".

TOP 8 TEAM TOTALS
1. Elizabeth (E) 42, 2. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 34, 3. Union (U) 32, 4. Westfield (W) 31.75, 5. Plainfield (P) 21.75, 6. Governor Livingston (GL) 20.75, 7. Rahway (R) 18, 8. Roselle (Ro) 15

4x220: P (Reggie Dixon, James Felton, Jamal Elder, Doug McCormick) 1:44.2
4x440: GL (Anthony Abitante, Dan Fernandez, Sean Carmody, Joe Murphy) 3:51.0
4x880: W (Perrella, Williams, Rogers, Hoban) 9:10.9
Sprint Medley: W (Brandman, Kim, Kagan, Broadbent) 4:01.1
Distance Medley: W (Kagan, Steinberg, Broadbent, Perrella)
Shuttle Hurdles: U (Chris Haley, Brett Axelrod, Dan Gibson, Matt Walker) 31.0
High Jump: S (Smith, Bryant) 11'8"
Shot Put: S (Alleman, Badala, Acosta) 124'3.5"



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STRONG KICK...Blue Devil Rob Broadbent had a strong kick to win the sprint medley relay.



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