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## MILLER PUMPS IN 17 PTS, FIETKIEWICZ SCORES 13

### Blue Knight Cagers 'Ware' Down Blue Devil Girls, 71-53

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Katrina and Betina Ware demonstrated that they have spent a lot of time on the courts as they hit for a combined 53 points in a 71-53 Irvington High School victory over host Westfield on January 13. Blue Devil freshman Erin Miller also let it be known that she had the ability to fry the net by burning in 17 points,

including three 3-pointers, while abetting with six assists and creating six acts of theft.

Blue Devil junior Christina Fietkiewicz came off the bench late in the second quarter and poured in 13 points - 12 in the second half - while hauling in seven rebounds. Point guard Gabriele O'Leary, who contributed three points, had six assists and four steals. Stephanie

Slodyczka put in six points, had four rebounds and made five blocked shots. Lauren Sinnenberg had two points and Danielle Infantino had two points and four rebounds. Casey El Koury and Kate Judd each nailed a 3-pointer. The Blue Knights finished with four 3-pointers.

"I'm proud of the girls. We played a tough game. We were playing against

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TAKING A SHOT AT THE BASKET...Blue Devil Stephanie Slodyczka, No. 21, takes a shot at the basket as teammates Lauren Sinnenberg, No. 20, and Erin Miller, No. 11, await the outcome. Irvington's Betina Ware guards the basket.

## PAT MINEO GRABS MAJOR DECISION OVER TAGLIA SP-F Raider Matmen Defeat Tough Cougar Squad, 43-24

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Cranford High School gymnasium set the stage for an exciting match between the hosting Cougars and the Raiders of Scotch Plains-Fanwood on January 12. In the end the match, which featured three key showdown bouts, was won, 43-24, by the 7-1 Raiders.

After Mineo pulled off a superb quick side drop takedown to near fall move in the first period and added an escape, a takedown and a two-point tilt in the second period to take a 10-0 lead, his nose began to bleed and the bleeding time clock, with a five minute limitation, began to tick. After some repairs, Mineo went to center mat

again but his nose began to bleed again. This time, donning a super bandage job and a mask, Mineo was able to add a takedown and a two-point tilt to complete the bout.

"I went out to North Dakota over the summer and wrestled in the Beast of the East. I feel I got a lot better. I took it to him and wrestled the way

The first of the three showdowns came at 130-lbs where Cougar star Anthony Crecca pulled off a late second-period takedown and added a very quick fireman's takedown in the third period to defeat Raider Dakiem Gaines, 6-3. Gaines got a double leg takedown and an escape.

The most amazing bout came at 140-lbs between Raider Pat Mineo and Cougar Chris Taglia who had battled to close bouts in the district finals and Region 3 tournament last year. Mineo won both, 8-5, and 10-6, respectively. This time, Mineo took it to Taglia and walked off the mats with a 14-1, majority decision but the bout was not without another type of drama that was reminiscent of last year's bout with Roselle Park.



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COUGAR IN A TIGHT SITUATION...Raider Ricky Olsson, front, has Cougar Steve Chencharik stuck in a double back, arm bar in his 125-lb bout.

## SHAFFER, WHITNEY, McCAY, KAMEL PIN Elizabeth Capitalizes, Top Blue Devil Matmen, 54-29

By FRED LECOMTE  
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Andrew Shaffer, Dan Whitney, Colin McKay and Matt Kamel each recorded pins for the Westfield High School wrestling squad, however ceding 48 team points via forfeit earned Elizabeth a 54-29 victory in Westfield on January 12.

applied the half and pinned him." McKay crunched 119-lb Anthony Niar to his back at 1:26.

"I went out looking for the first takedown and to see what would happen from there," said McKay. "I got the first takedown and I saw his arm go to the outside, so I decided to go

I've been wrestling. I knew what he did last year, so I worked on my duck unders. I knew he would turn in so it was a slide by to his back and I caught him a few times. I liked the outcome," said Mineo.

"I'm proud of everyone but it kind of goes back to the Roselle Park incident. It drove me up a wall but Pat did a wonderful job. He stepped up and took it to him. He doesn't lose focus of what's important," said Raider Head Coach John Scholz.

The third showdown came in the 215-lb bout between two strongmen, Raider Nick Giannaci and Cougar Matt Costello. Both had plenty of explosive power but Giannaci had the

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CRUISING TO VICTORY...The SP-F Raider girls' swimming team brought home victories in the 200 relay (M. Helock), the 200 IM (A. Cameron), the 500 freestyle (M. Helock), the 100-backstroke (M. Henkels) and the 400 freestyle relay team (B. Larkin, K. Johnson, K. Henkels and Helock) to dunk Bridgewater HS, 89-81.

## CAMERON, HELOCK, M. HENKELS GRAB VICTORIES SPF Raider Swimmers Dunk Bridgewater HS Girls, 89-81

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Propelled by freshman Melissa Helock who supplied two victories and swam on a first-place relay team, the 4-2 Scotch Plains High School girls' swimming team topped visiting Bridgewater, 89-81, while the depth of the Bridgewater boys proved to be the deciding factor in defeating the 5-3 Raiders, 116-54, on January 13.

Helock glided to victory in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:02.33 then took control of the 500-freestyle in 5:29.05. Senior team captain Amanda Cameron was victorious in the 200-meter individual medley (IM) in 2:21.05 and touched second in the 100-meter backstroke in 1:05.20. Cameron joined Mary Henkels, junior Kristen Henkels and Jillian Murphy to win the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:46.18.

100-backstroke with a time of 1:04.82. Brittany Larkin, Kate Johnson, Kristen Henkels and Helock closed out the meet with a solid performance to win the 400-freestyle relay in 3:53.01.

"It was tough going into that swim at the end of the meet," said Raider Head Coach Jessie Hulnik. "You're exhausted and the meet depends on it. You really cannot gauge how hard you need to go, so those kids had to use whatever they had left."

Murphy placed second in the 50-meter freestyle in 25:81 then touched second in the 100-yard freestyle in 56:67. Larkin placed second in the 100-butterfly in 1:05.77 and Catherine Harley touched second in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:18.40.

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