



KEEPING THE KEEPER REELING...Blue Devils Corrine Parkinson, No. 17, MaryKate Luker, No. 18, and Erin McCarthy, right, really kept the Lady Minuteman goalkeeper reeling.

**SHELMAN, SAUERWEIN FIRE IN TWO GOALS EACH**

**Westfield Blue Devils Grind Soccer Lady Minutemen, 6-1**

By FRED LECOMTE  
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The Westfield High School girls' soccer team dazed Elizabeth with a barrage of shots and walked away with a 6-1 conquest at Westfield's Gary Kehler Stadium on September 28. With the exception of one occasion, the Blue Devils spent the entire game shelling the Elizabeth keeper with shots from every direction.

Juniors Julie Shelman and Lindsey Sauerwein netted two goals each to lead the Devils. Junior MaryKate Luker fired off five shots and banged in a goal and junior Erin McCarthy scored one goal. Sophomore Corrine Parkinson and freshman Tara Handza had the Elizabeth keeper reeling with five shots each, senior JoAnn Mathew added four and senior Diana Dunning pounded the net with three shots.

Shelman, assisted by Parkinson, tore up the net first less than two minutes into the game then scored again, unassisted with an 18-yard blast at 15:05.

"As to the first goal, I ran up to the ball, did not back down, got the bounce from Parkinson, placed it and really hit it hard," said Shelman. "As to the second goal, I watched how Sauerwein was pressing the defenders to the middle. I caught on to that,

rearranged my position, ran to the ball and placed it into the left corner."

Sauerwein, on an assist from McCarthy, tapped in the third goal with 56 ticks remaining in the half. Devil goalkeeper Lauren Sinnenberg made one save in the half.

"Coach Katie Egan tells us that a good team needs to pick it up every game, regardless if it is the number one team in the state or a team that gives you little trouble. You still need to work your hardest. Obviously you saw that when we bombed their net with 22 shots in the first half; however, the quality of the shots were not that great," said Shelman.

The Elizabeth goal area became a shooting gallery in the second half as the Blue Devils attacked from the left and right sides and crossed to teammates, who penetrated the middle and blasted away. Only 3:11 into the half, McCarthy burst through the middle and ripped a shot just past the goalie on an assist by Sauerwein. Another shelling came from Luker, who rocketed a shot past the helpless keeper on an assist by Sauerwein at 8:51. The final goal came when Andrea Hollander skidded the ball to Sauerwein who penetrated the middle and blasted the ball into the top right side of the goal at 9:22.

Despite the one-sided battering, Elizabeth did score when Gail Frederick fed Liz Torres with 9:08 remaining.

"We were really playing far out, playing possession most of the half and came up with a lot of goals, however our defenders got beat on a three-on-one to the goal," said Sauerwein. "Sinnenberg made a decision to come out and she just didn't get there. It was not her fault."

"I think it is really important in a game like this to work on possession and passing. We need to get up for every game, play our hardest and every shot needs to come with ultimate effort. If we play hard in games like this we'll come out on top in even harder games. We really came out and stepped it up in the second half. I'm really happy with the way we played our passing game." Shelman concluded, "We need to keep positive and take everything seriously, otherwise you're not going to improve. If we work hard in the lower games, we establish a better foundation. I believe this team has a real good chemistry. Every girl is positive, we support each other and we just have a real good attitude."

Elizabeth	0	1	1
Westfield	3	3	6



**Devil's Den**  
**New Jersey Blitz Has It All For High School Football Fans**

By BRUCE JOHNSON  
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High school football magazines! They have them in Ohio and Texas, in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and West Virginia. And they are extremely popular. But several attempts at doing similar things in New Jersey have come up empty.

The latest attempt in the Garden State is New Jersey Blitz, which has published three editions so far this fall. The magazine will come out every two weeks for the first of the football season, then every two months in January/February, March/April, May/June, with single issues on July 2 and Aug. 17 before starting up next Sept. 15 with the every-two-weeks format.

On first glance, it looks like a keeper. The publisher is Tom Cooney, a Jersey football fan who escaped the corporate world and is putting together a nice staff. For an editor he got veteran sports writer/editor Bob Decker, a legend in the Morris County area for over four decades. And on the staff are top writers like Joe Hofmann of the Morris County Daily Record, Neil Schuman of the Asbury Park Press, Steve Tober of the Montclair Times, plus recruiting guru Chris Melvin.

There are 50 pages with big color pictures, county-by-county previews and weekly results. Columns about strength and fitness, recruiting (by Manasquan's legendary coach Vic Kubu), nutrition, academics, colleges, even a column about joining the Armed Forces if college isn't in your plans. There's a feature about traditions at different schools. The first edition included photos and stories about the eight summer All-Star games involving New Jersey players. All in all, it's a really nice magazine if you're into New Jersey high school football, or just into high school football, period.

To get a subscription (\$24.95) - the Den has one and highly recommends that you do the same, since that's what will keep the magazine coming out each week - contact [www.njblitz.com](http://www.njblitz.com) or call 1.877.njblitz.

SportsFolio (in the 1980s) and New Jersey Athlete (early '90s) are two of those magazines who tried, but failed, in New Jersey. It's up to the high school football fans of New Jersey to determine the fate of New Jersey Blitz, which is easily the best product of them all already, and will only get better with time ... and your subscriptions.

**DEN TRIVIA**  
Name the former WHS quarterback who bulked up 50 pounds at Union College (Schenectady, N.Y.) and made small college All-America as a defensive tackle.

**TRIBBON CUTTING**  
Last Saturday's ribbon cutting ceremony to officially dedicate the new turf field at Gary Kehler Stadium was

really well-done, with several dignitaries speaking, along with a couple athletes. The WHS marching band entertained, and members of the field hockey and girls soccer team were there in force.

For me, the highlight was the first play of the football game, when WHS lined up in Kehler's old unbalanced line, double-wing T formation and ran the legendary coach's signature play, the 4-2. Every game he coached at WHS, over 200 of them, that was always the opening play, from Bill Bryant, to Rudy Brown, to Bruce Otmann, to Keith Davis, Bob McNally, Butch Woolfolk and Mike Giacone. This time it was Jayshawn King for a yard, and it was a great gesture by the current team and coaches.

Other than the final score, the only downer on Saturday was the fact the Malcolm X Shabazz band didn't get to show its stuff; they just created a musical ruckus in the visitors' stands, but not at halftime. That's a shame, because they are my favorite Jersey band.

**DOWN TO NO. 3**  
With just one win in the last 13 games, WHS has slipped to No. 3 on the all-time football wins list among New Jersey high schools with 540. The leader is Phillipsburg, which may have one of its all-time best teams this year. Replacing WHS in the No. 2 spot is Atlantic City.

Speaking of P'burg, it was reported in the *Hunterdon Democrat* that the Stacheliners will be getting a new turf field, similar to the one at Kehler Stadium, for next year. When I asked P'burg native Bob Behre of the Star-Ledger what the chances would be of the soccer or field hockey teams playing a game on Maloney Field before the football team, he said: "Zero. No chance. Absolutely none. I doubt they'd even be allowed to walk on the field before the football team played on it. That's a shrine, and that's how they treat things out there."

**OUT-OF-STATE UPDATE**  
For those wondering how my "other" teams are doing, the answer is quite well.

Last Friday I was there as Neshaminy celebrated its 50th season of football at "Heartbreak Ridge," its showcase stadium on Route 1 in Middletown, Bucks County. The Redskins, ranked No. 9 in the pre-season by USA Today, won their fourth straight since an opening loss to St. Joseph Prep of Philadelphia with a 44-7 pasting of previously unbeaten Harry S. Truman. The date to circle now is Oct. 22, when unbeaten North Penn visits the Ridge for Neshaminy's only Saturday afternoon game.

And in the really big news of the weekend in Ohio, it was Massillon

over St. Ignatius of Cleveland, 29-26, before 14,000 in Parma Stadium. Massillon (6-0) drove 72 yards in the closing minutes and won the game when its backup quarterback came in to convert a fourth-and-15 pass, then scored the winning touchdown with just 10 seconds left. It was Massillon's first win over the "Eight-County All-Stars" in nine meetings. Unfortunately, I had to work Saturday night, or I'd have caught a plane bound for Cleveland immediately after the WHS game.

**NICKNAMES**  
Ever wonder how Westfield became the Blue Devils? It's a good question and if anybody has the answer, I'd love to hear it. Back in the pre-1940s, WHS was mostly known in the local papers as the Blue and White, the Duncannmen or the Elm Streeters. It was around 1940 or 1941 that the name Blue Devils started appearing in stories and yearbooks and newspapers.

Speaking of nicknames, here's a list from a 1986 Scholastic Sports America show on ESPN of the Top 10 high school sports nicknames.

1. Cairo (Ga.) Syrupmakers
2. Brush (Colo.) Beetdiggers
3. Watersmeet (Mich.) Nimrods
4. Cary (N.C.) Imps
5. Johnson Prep Atoms Smashers from Savannah, Ga.
6. Clarkston (Ga.) Angoras
7. Kingsford (Mich.) Flivvers
8. Winslow (Ariz.) Squirrels
9. Stuyvesant Peglegs from New York City
10. Poca (W.Va.) Dots

In case you were wondering exactly what a nimrod is, according to our sources in Watersmeet, the school started using the nickname in 1904. By Biblical accounts, Nimrod was "a mighty hunter before the Lord."

I still like a couple of the good New Jersey ones: Fort Lee Bridgemen, Hasbrouck Heights Aviators, Teaneck Highwaymen, Long Branch Green Wave, Willingboro Gryphons and Vineland Fighting (Poultry) Clan.

Most schools just have blah nicknames, like Wildcats, Pioneers, Raiders, Cougars, Eagles, and, yes, Devils. Schools need nicknames that define their area, or the school/town's history. Here's a couple of good possible replacements for Blue Devils: the Trolleyman, the Compickers, the Railsplitters, the Spuds, or the Commuters.

**TRIVIA ANSWER**  
Steve Bodmer, a 6-foot-3, 190-pound end converted to quarterback by coach Gary Kehler in 1978, was a Kodak All-American as a senior defensive tackle in 1982.

*The Devil's Den appears Thursday in The Westfield Leader during the scholastic sports season. Contact us with comments or suggestions or trivia questions at [bj1019@aol.com](mailto:bj1019@aol.com). Go Devils!*

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