

MCCARTHY NETS 1ST GOAL, PARKINSON NETS 2ND

Lady Blue Devils Knock Off Nwk Academy, 2-0, in Soccer

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Defensive stability has been a major concern for Westfield High School girls soccer Head Coach Katie Egan since she is still juggling around her young squad to see what formula may work best. The formula she used on September 22 in Westfield was enough to earn the Blue Devils a 2-0

speed set themselves up for several scoring opportunities also but impatience may have prevented them from scoring more goals. The Blue Devils finished with 14 shots near goal and Lady Minutemen goalie Jessica Barker made seven saves.

"We had so many opportunities that we need to capitalize on. And that kills us. In games like this, we get

are looking for," said Egan. "Andrea! This is like her first time kicking corner kicks and she did a phenomenal job."

Three minutes into the second half, after continued pressure on the 4-1 Lady Minutemen goal, Corrine Parkinson, assisted by MaryKate Luker, shoved in the second goal.

"I was really pleased with Corrine. Anything it takes, I don't care if it takes your stomach, whatever it takes. And what did she do. She dove in there practically. I don't care if it's a pretty goal, as long as it goes in," said Egan who added, "We are young. We are fast and sometimes we get ahead of ourselves. A lot of kids played out of their (normal) position. I put Cat (Catherine) Cognetti and Lindsey Sauerwein on their two top players and they did a nice job. They rarely play in the middle. I had to bump MaryKate to the outside. She did a fantastic job earning an assist. We need to push, push, push as hard as we can."

Newark Academy	0	0	0
Westfield	1	1	2

Soccer Vikings Blank Mount St. Mary, 2-0

The Union Catholic High School girls soccer team improved to 5-2-1 with a 2-0 blanking of Mount St. Mary in Scotch Plains on September 23. Pam Heaney and Lara Kaminski each scored in the first half and keeper Katie Piotrowski made 10 saves for the Vikings.

Blue Devils/Raiders Football/Boys Soccer Available on Website

Many pictures of the Westfield/Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School classic overtime football game, along with the Westfield/SPF boys soccer game that went into overtime, are now able to be viewed on *The Westfield Leader* website www.goleader.com

Once on the site, click on photos on the upper right side of the page. Then scroll down to 05sep17WFSPPFFootball or to 05sep19SPFWFSoccerBoys

Additional Blue Devils/Raiders/Viking pictures will also be listed. Anyone interested in pictures, please e-mail David B. Corbin at dcorbin@goleader.com



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GETTING INTO POSITION...Blue Devil MaryKate Luker, No. 18, gets position on her Newark Academy opponent and later gets an assist on a goal.

victory over previously unbeaten Newark Academy.

"We just moved around our defense in the past two games. We moved MaryKate Luker up to midfield and Jillian Kape has been moved to the back," explained Egan. "We are still adjusting to that change. There was a big lack of communication, not only among our defense but also between our goalie and defense. There were kids running into each other and there were kids going for the same ball. That means leaving another player (opponent) open. That's something that we have to work on. I need to drive that point home with the girls."

Senior goalkeeper Lauren Sinenberg had her work cut out for her but rose to the occasion to make nine saves - four very good ones.

"She was put to the test. She stepped up, but again, her job would be a lot easier if there were more communication going on back there," noted Egan.

The 3-2-1 Blue Devils' youthful

so many opportunities and we can afford to say 'we missed that one. We missed that one', but in the tighter games when we are only going to have three shots, I have got to have kids put it on the net every time," said Egan.

Nine minutes into the game, Andrea Hollander hooked a corner kick into the box where striker Erin McCarthy booted in the first goal.

"We just try to get the ball in there to whoever is in there at the time. I don't have one specific kid who we

Soccer Raiders Defeat UC Viking Girls, 3-1

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team picked up its first win of the season by defeating Union Catholic, 3-1, in Scotch Plains on September 22. Lisa Camarda, Colleen LaForge and Kelly Rigano each netted a goal for the 1-3-1 Raiders. Keeper Lauren Mains made five saves.



Devil's Den

The Shop-Rite Cup should Be a Goal for WHS Teams

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If you've never heard of the Shop-Rite Cup, it's something that should be of interest to any and all athletes at Westfield High School. For the past two years, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association has awarded The Cup to the top athletic schools in its six divisions—Public Group 4, Group 3, Group 2 and Group 1, Non-Public A and B divisions.

Points are awarded by how far a team goes in state and/or sectional competition. So you get 10 points for winning a state group title (or sectional if that's the farthest you can go, as in football), eight points for second place, six for third, four for fourth, etc.

It's a great idea, promoting the team aspect of scholastic sports, over the individuality that permeates the club level competitors. And this year's winners are:

Public schools: Ridgewood (Group 4), Ramapo (Group 3), Haddonfield (Group 2), Mountain Lakes (Group 1);

Non-Public schools: Christian Brothers Academy (A Division) and Bishop Eustace (B Division).

Amazingly, or maybe not, four of those teams won their respective titles in 2004. The only new winners are Ridgewood (Shawnee edged Bridgewater-Raritan in a tiebreaker in 2004) and Ramapo (Moorestown won in '04).

To win, schools must have multiple teams that can go deep into the state tournaments. WHS has lots of them, potentially: boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls swimming, volleyball, gymnastics, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track all have very solid teams. And the golf team, though hit hard by graduation, is the defending state champions and has Jimmy Arbes back.

It'd be great to see all the WHS teams supporting each other, pushing each other and putting Westfield back at the top of the New Jersey athletic map.

In fact, what would be really cool would be if somebody at the NJSIAA had the time to research the Shop-Rite Cup format going back to the start of the NJSIAA in 1918 - i.e., which school has won the most state/sectional titles, in the most different sports, and which school has the most overall points. The guess here is that it would be a battle between: Westfield, Ridgewood, Montclair, Phillipsburg, Mountain Lakes, Moorestown, Paulsboro, Long Branch, Union, Vineland, Elizabeth/Thomas Jefferson/Battin and maybe Trenton,

which dominated many sports in the 1930s and '40s.

DEN TRIVIA
Name the WHS graduate who competed in two Indianapolis 500 races, beating A.J. Foyt one year.

ANYBODY SEEN BOB KING?
The Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame is looking for Bob King. The 6-foot-11 All-American center from the Class of 1963 has been voted into the school's Hall of Fame, but nobody seems to have seen Bob or heard of his whereabouts for years and years.

The Den is putting out an all-points bulletin for anybody who knows how we can contact him to write me at bj1019@aol.com.

BETWEEN THE LINES
For those who misinterpreted a line in the Den two weeks ago about the first varsity event on the new turf at Kehler Stadium, it read: "Nothing against soccer, but how could the first WHS varsity competition on the new turf in Gary Kehler Stadium have been anything but a football game?"

Nowhere did it say girls shouldn't be allowed on the field. Nowhere did it say soccer and field hockey and lacrosse shouldn't share in the use of the beautiful turf. It simply said the football team should have played the first game, on the football field named after one of New Jersey's all-time great football coaches. Anybody who thinks otherwise isn't really thinking.

A couple days after that article ran, the Den ran into longtime girls and current boys soccer coach George Kapner, who said, "I couldn't agree more with what you said. The first game there had to be a football game."

Oh, and be there Saturday when the WHS football team gets to play on its new turf for the first time. The opponent is Malcolm X Shabazz, which is 2-1 and has one of the great high-stepping bands in New Jersey. Game time is 1 p.m.

SPLIT DECISION
In a double dual meet as big as they get in cross-country, Westfield and Cranford split - though they did it with opposite results of recent trends. Jack Martin's WHS boys ended a nine-year hex by dominating Cranford, while Thom Hornish's WHS girls lost to the Cougars for the first time in history.

The results make the WHS boys and Cranford girls the early favorites for top honors at the county championships.

The Jeff Perrella-led boys team has risen to the No. 5 ranking in New Jersey.

NETTERS GET IT GOING

The WHS girls tennis team ended a three-year drought last Friday when they won the 10th Union County championship in team history, edging Governor Livingston. Lane Maloney (third singles), Jessica Bender and Lisa Aliche (first doubles) and Rachael Louie and Kim Morawski (second doubles) won their respective flights, while Nikki Reich (first singles) and Lindsey Goldberg (second singles) each finished third.

Hopefully, this is the first of many county championship trophies coming to Dorian Road in the next nine months. In the fall alone, boys cross-country and girls soccer look to have a great shot, while girls cross-country, gymnastics and boys soccer all have legitimate title hopes.

NOVA-BOUND
Strong-armed Tom Ricciuti, who this spring will become the first four-year starter at shortstop in WHS baseball history, has verbally committed to Villanova University.

Ricciuti has hit .254, .395 and .325 and also compiled a 9-5 pitching record while helping WHS compile a 45-27 record during his career.

A WILD, WILD GAME
Rivalry games bring out the absolute best in teams ... and that was brought out recently in Oklahoma's biggest rivalry games - Jenks vs. Union. The teams have won the past nine Oklahoma state championships, Jenks winning seven, and most years the one who doesn't win is the runnerup.

They met on September 9, and the shootout, before over 25,000 at the University of Tulsa's Skelly Stadium, was one for the record books.

Union led 30-20 going into the fourth quarter and it was 37-20 with six minutes to play ... then Jenks scored 21 points to take a 41-37 lead. Union converted on a fourth-and-15 and hit a couple passes to go up 44-41 with just 34 seconds left. But Jenks got the ball back and scored on a 64-yard touchdown pass with 18 seconds left for a 48-44 win!

(Amazingly, Jenks gave up 44 points in its next game, a 44-0 loss to Springdale, Ark.)

TRIVIA ANSWER
Walt Hansgen, Class of 1940. He finished 13th in 1964 and 14th in 1965. He died April 7, 1966 during a practice run during the 24 Hours of LeMans in France.

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