



WAY AHEAD OF THE PACK...Blue Devil Jeff Perrella crosses the finish line way ahead of his nearest opponent in the Stewart Memorial Invitational cross-country meet.

## Blue Devil X-C Boys Finish Fourth at Stewart Memorial

After a very strong start of the season, the Westfield High School boys cross-country team, ranked fifth in the state at the time, were stunned at the Stewart Memorial Invitational on the 3.2-mile course at Warinanco Park in Roselle on September 24 by 15th-ranked Phillipsburg. The State Liners took top honors with a total of 61 followed by Don Bosco Prep at 86, Cristian Brothers with 88 and Westfield at 114. The Blue Devil girls also placed fourth with a total of 94 even though not placing any individuals in the top-10. Morristown took first at 35.

The Blue Devil boys began their season with a win at their first dual meet against Scotch Plains and Shabazz on September 13 at Warinanco Park. The Blue Devils captured the first five placements with Jeff Perrella leading the way, along

with Evan Friedman, Ameer Rogers, Alex Tarlow and Jay Hoban.

At the Bernie Magee Memorial Class Meet on September 17 at Warinanco Park, Westfield won the overall trophy and got a strong showing from the seniors, who placed first, including Perrella, who had the second best time in the meet at 16:42.

At the Stewart Invitational, Perrella won handily with his personal-best time at Warinanco of 16:19.13 followed by Dale Taylor of North Hunterdon at 16:36.97. Although not finishing in the top-10, Hoban was the next Blue Devil to cross the finish line followed by Kris Kagan (17:56), Rogers (18:03.4) and Brent Souders (18:03.64).

The Blue Devil Junior Varsity led by Evan Friedman (18:01), Alex Tarlow (18:03), Tyler Maccubbin (18:12), Matt Harris (18:22) and Dave Ackerman (18:43) earned a first place trophy.

## Blue Devil XC Boys Rock Cranford Cougars, 19-44

Senior Jeff Perrella set a course record on the three-mile course at Tamaques Park in Westfield with a time of 15:30 to lead the Westfield High School boys cross-country team to a 19-44 victory over Union County rival Cranford on September 20. The Blue Devils' victory not only was their first over the Cougars since 1997 but it also ended the Cougars' dual meet-winning streak at 48.

The expected neck-and-neck battle to the finish between Cougar Joe McKinney and Perrella, who set the previous course record last year at 15:38, did not happen and Cougar No. 2 runner Kevin Brown dropped out of the race. Blue Devils Jay Hoban (16:46), Evan Friedman (16:51), Ameer Rogers (16:56), Alex Tarlow (17:10), Brent Souders (17:11) and Tyler Maccubbin (17:18), respectively, finished in the third through nine slots.

Next on the showdown list with the Cougars will be the Watchung Conference meet on October 20 and the

Union County meet on October 26. Last year, the Cougars, who edged Westfield in both tournaments, won their eighth straight county title with a total of 34 to top the Blue Devils who finished second with a total of 43. In both events, McKinney took top individual honors, nudging Perrella both times.

Presently, the Blue Devils' large squad of 90+ runners are ranked 18th in New Jersey while Cranford is unranked.

### UC Viking Boys Rap Soccer Canucks, 4-1

Senior Mike Seamon fired in all four of his team's goals to lead the 5-0 Union Catholic High School boys soccer team to a 4-1 victory over North Plainfield in Scotch Plains on September 22. Brian Kratyk had two assists and Danny Rodrigues had one assist. Seamon upped his season goal total to 13.

## Blue Devil V'ballers Halt Raiders in Two Games

By FRED LECOMTE  
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They knew their assignments. They played with determination and intensity as the Westfield High School girls' volleyball team won convincingly in two games over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in Westfield on September 26. The Blue Devils sparked throughout and won the two-game battle convincingly, 25-13 and 25-12.

Westfield jumped ahead quickly in both games and never looked back as they connected on all cylinders, with top-notch passing, setting and hitting. Unfortunately for the Raiders, it was the Blue Devils they were playing, and no matter how great they played, somehow Westfield always found a way to dominate.

Leading the successful outing were the trio of Kristina Fietkiewics, Kaitlyn Shulman and outside hitter Erin Roudebush, who returned to the lineup making the Blue Devils a for-

defensive plays so that in our next match we play more comfortable, we communicating better and we're able to run our plays, which is key. Our goal is to be the offensive team, not always on defense. With Roudebush's strong hitting and good knowledge of the game, it fills an hitting void that we had."

After the game, senior Raider Kelli Kasiv said, "Westfield always has been a real strong team. We always look to beat them. They are one of our favorite teams to play because when we play a good team we match up and play rather well. However, today was not one of them. What we need to do more than skills is to bring us together. Our main focus, I believe, is that everyone needs to get around each other, help each other and pick one another up. As to the game, when we get on top with two or three plays, we get pumped and it appears as if nothing can stop us. However with



TAKING CHARGE...Junior forward Christine Isabella gets into the heat of battle with a Royal. Despite an outstanding effort by the Blue Devils, Oak Knoll won the battle, 4-0.

## Field Hockey Royals Top Blue Devil Ladies, 4-0

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Host Westfield High School found the going tough as the Oak Knoll High School field hockey team proved to be a vicious foe with the sticks. A crisp passing and disciplined attack in the first half sent the visitors home with a 4-0 victory at Westfield's Gary Kehler Stadium on September 22.

The Royals did everything right by firing 21 shots off their sticks. Allie Hubschmann knocked in three feeds and Jessie Gardner flipped in the fourth, all in the first half. Despite the shelling, Blue Devil first half goalkeeper Katherine Taylor did what she had to do by halting four shots.

Blue Devil Head Coach Maggie McFadden turned the keeper duties over to Maresa Hughes, who shut down the net by making six saves, including two acrobatic dives. Meghan Murphy guarded the Royal net but never faced a serious challenge.

The game was highlighted by some marvelous defensive performances by Sam Manetti, Christine DeSerio and Becky DeFazio who played well getting the ball out of the zone. Hard working Augusta Healy dogged the Royals and made numerous steals.

Oak Knoll got on the board early when Gardner, situated in front of the goal, received a cross from Michelle Cesan and poked it the net at 19:47. Hubschmann stuffed the Blue Devil net on an assist from Bridgett O'Keefe at 7:50 then duplicated the feat less than two minutes later. With two ticks remaining, it was Hubschmann who

again terrorized the Blue Devil net and scored off an assist by Cesan.

"Defensively they took the advantage by passing the ball across, balls which we should of intercepted," said Co-Captain DeFazio.

In the second half, the Blue Devil offensive forces re-organized and worked hard by penetrating the zone better while the defense shut off the Royal penetration. Sam Manetti, Alyson Guerriero, Christine Isabella, Julie Bennett, Eunice Park and DeFazio's aggressive style of play and good ball movement played well over time and got better as the game progressed.

"We pulled ourselves together and played strong with a lot more intensity," said Co-Captain Manetti. "We played more to our speed and on their side and slammed the door shut on them in the second half. Taylor did an amazing job and saved us numerous times."

"We came out stronger and with a lot more intensity in the second half," added DeFazio. "Some good passes were made, however we did not capitalize on what was needed."

DeFazio and Manetti both agreed that the record does not reflect their quality of play and that better things lie ahead.

"We do have people who work well together, however more of that is needed along with a little more communication and cooperation. Our heads are up and better play is our objective," concluded DeFazio.

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LEADING THE CHARGE...Despite the dominating play by the Blue Devil V'ballers, senior Kelli Kasiv feels that the Raiders will turn the season around.

midable opponent. Roudebush's all-around play victimized her opponents with three kills while chalking up three formidable service aces. Shulman struck with two while Anna Koehler tallied three digs. Tara Daly and Molly Williams took care of distribution with five assists apiece. Defensively, Paige Roudebush accounted for two blocks. Senior Elaine Piniat led the Devils with two services aces and three digs and Izzy Blach notched two kills, two service aces and three blocks.

After the victory, Blue Devil Head Coach Beverly Torok said, "We try to improve on all of our offensive and

### Soccer Vikings Rock Somerville Boys, 4-1

Mike Seamon upped his season goal total to 15 with two goals as the Union Catholic High School boys soccer team rocked Somerville, 4-1, in Scotch Plains on September 24. Danny Rodrigues had three assists for the 6-0 Vikings.

just one miscue, the whole tempo goes down from that point. Westfield is good at that. They keep it up, play after play and that really affects our game. As long as we can keep it together, that is all we need and I believe we're not far away from that."

### Vernon Boys Shock Soccer Raiders, 1-0

The No. 1 ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team received quite a shock as Vernon pulled off a 1-0 victory on its home turf on September 24 when James Gibson headed in a direct kick. Raider keeper Brian Meredith made nine saves and Vernon keeper Conrad Rusnak also made nine.

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