



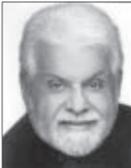
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**READY TO ENJOY THE DINNER...** Pictured, left to right, are: Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team captains John Badala, Tom Pennella, Greg Brand and Colin Campbell who are about to enjoy the meal and festivities that were held in the cafeteria on December 11.



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**SP-F RAIDERS AIM THEIR GUNS...** Pictured, left to right, senior co-captain Darnell Dortch, Head Coach Brian Doherty and senior co-captain Greg Bayard who hope to get a shot at a state sectional crown.

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*Devil's Den*  
**Winter Sports Season Kicks Into High Gear**

By **BRUCE JOHNSON**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

**Devil of the Week**  
**Jesse Embry**  
**Bowling**

The winter sports season "officially" opens up this weekend with the "big-time" sports — boys and girls basketball, and wrestling — kicking off their seasons, two weeks after boys and girls swimming, ice hockey and bowling actually began things. And it appears that it's going to be another very interesting winter, so the Den will now take a mini-look at the possibilities.

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** With Tom Bonard dishin', Mike Venezia and Dan Pritsker swishin' and Chris Jenkins wiskin', things could get pretty exciting at the old gymnasium this winter. Add athletic defender Mike Lessner, footballer Santo Nardi for muscle and talented underclassmen like junior Manny Mills and sophomores Jihaad Billups, Chris Sheehan and Tony Dilorio, and this should be a fun-to-watch team.  
**Opener:** at Linden (tomorrow, 7 p.m.)  
**Key game(s):** Scotch Plains (Jan. 4, Feb. 8).

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** If they play good defense and get everybody involved in the offense, this could be the girls best year in a decade, maybe ever. The last time WHS was truly on the girls hoops map was 1988-90, when players like Krissy Jeremiah, Claudia Carnevale, Kim Kumpf and Marcie Williams led the team to a three-year combined 48-19 record, winning at least one game each year in both the county and state tournaments. With juniors Erin Miller, Gabby O'Leary and Danielle Infantino, and seniors Casey El Koury and Katie Cronen all returning starters, improved sophomores Tara Handza, Keri Pringle and Gabby Jakobs and freshman Diana Venezia, the talent is there for a memorable season. And there's the hoped-for return of junior Stephanie Slodyczka, who missed all of last year after a knee injury. She was the team's No. 2 scorer and No. 1 rebounder as a freshman.  
**Opener:** Linden (tomorrow, 7 p.m.)  
**Key game(s):** Scotch Plains (Jan. 4, Feb. 8), Cranford (Feb. 17).

**BOWLING:** During last year's sectionals victory, Brett Ettinger, Bryan Elsasser, Harrison Mercado, Eric Curialle and Arley Rojas rolled a school record 1,134 one-game pin total. They're all back. Veteran Mike Tirone's 26th season as the ol' keglin' coach should be another good one. It's been 13 years since the '94 team won the only state bowling title in school history. That team featured the hard-rockin' Masino brothers, Dan and Matt, along with Greg Rhodes, Shaun McNamara and Jason Smith.  
**Key match:** Scotch Plains (today, Jan. 23).

**ICE HOCKEY:** Will season No. 13 of WHS ice hockey bring better luck? The previous 12 seasons have seen only three winning seasons. Goalie Eric Zagorski will keep the Devils in most games, while Adam Becker, Craig Esposito and the Davidsons, Brian and Seth, are key veterans.

**Key game(s):** Scotch Plains (Dec. 22, Jan. 11).

**BOYS SWIMMING:** There is potential here for both county and state honors. Seniors Phil Anton, Luke Baran and P.J. Harley, along with junior Matt Green and sophomore Chris DeLaFuente, are the best bets for top individual honors. But, as usual, the team's strength is in its depth. An 88-82 win over Mountain Lakes in its opener shows a much-improved team, as Mountain Lakes won 118-52 a year ago.  
**Key meet(s):** Scotch Plains (Saturday) sectional final (Feb. 20).

years. Two of them are Hall of Famers Lee Waring and Rick McGinley. Who are the other two?

**FOOTBALL UPDATE**  
 Congratulations to Will Harbaugh and Santo Nardi, both first-team All-Area selections by the Courier-News, whose circulation area includes western Union County, Piscataway, and all of Somerset and Hunterdon counties. Both Harbaugh and Nardi had years that couldn't be overlooked. Harbaugh started three years at line-backer (one outside, two inside) plus two at offensive guard; Nardi started three years on the O-line (two attack, this year at guard) and two years as a defensive tackle.

Others who should get some All-County and All-Area consideration include Tom Bonard, as a kicker and all-around pain-in-the-neck for opponents, Malcolm Allen, Sean Ferro, Ryan Yarusi, Scott Newman, Joe Dugan, Joe Schurig and Jack

800 for his coaching career when the boys soccer team went 13-7-1. With a powerhouse tennis team expected this spring, he should reach the magic number in two meets.

The girls tennis team reached the 600-victory mark for its history in its opening win and finished the season at 614 wins, 109 losses.

Bev Torok came into the volleyball season with 200 victories so her 25-4 team pushed her record to 225-75, and moved the school to 395 victories and 171 losses in 26 seasons.

Upcoming milestones:  
 The girls swim team posted the 300th win in its 31st year when it defeated Plainfield last week. That's 300 wins against just 59 losses and three ties, with nine state titles.

At some point this season, the girls basketball program will notch the 300th win since the program was "re-started" in 1973. The modern record is 294 wins, 407 losses. That does not include any wins from back in the 1912-26 era, when the WHS girls were a powerhouse, including a runnerup finish to Lawton, Okla., in the "national" championships.

Kevin Everly comes into his 10th season as WHS boys basketball coach with an 88-107 record — that mark is 64-50 over the last five seasons. With a nice returning team this winter, there's a good chance that Everly will become the fourth Blue Devil boys coach to post 100 victories. The others are John Lay (179-87), Joe Soviero (119-150) and Neil Horne (107-69).

The ice hockey program started in 1995 and has posted a 92-168-24 record in its 12 seasons. Last year's team won nine games and the year before won 13, so it's possible the Devils could reach No. 100 this winter.

**DOUBLE WHOOPS**  
 In last week's Den, we mentioned that the WHS-SPF swim meet is Jan. 16 ... that should have been Dec. 16, this Saturday, 7 p.m.

And we neglected to include Bill Dlouhy and Jerry Gigon on the list of Embree Crescent athletes.

**FOOD UPDATE**  
 Younger brother C.J. — yes, he of C.J.'s Extra's Innings baseball card store fame — is an Italian food expert and has found another fine eating establishment. After sampling the Italian hot dog, the Den agrees and recommends you order some takeout from Isabel's Pizzeria, 124 Locust Avenue, Roselle, a block off South Avenue (turn right at the Wendy's). The prices are good, they deliver, and the food is great (awesome French fries).

**TRIVIA ANSWER**  
 Bobby Dougherty in 1944-45-46, and Terence Jenkins in 1999-2000-01.

**DEVIL OF THE WEEK**  
 This week's free sub from Al the Owner at Westfield Subs (261 South Ave.) goes to bowler Jesse Embry. At last weekend's Westfield Invitational, the junior rolled a 729 series, helping the Blue Devils finish second, to Woodbridge.  
*The Devil's Den appears Thursday in The Westfield Leader during the scholastic season. Contact us with comments, complaints, story ideas or note-type items at bj1019@aol.com. GO DEVILS!*



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*  
**GETTING SOME CHUCKLES...** Blue Devil team captains Ryan Yarusi, front, and Will Harbaugh get a few laughs at the football dinner held at the Westwood on December 11.

**GIRLS SWIMMING:** Another potential county and state champion team, if it can beat neighboring Scotch Plains-Fanwood in both cases. The team has standouts (Kylie Fraser, Katie Morgan, Brittany Reyes, Lauren McCurdy, Darrell Ann Smith, Julie Cederroth, Liz Hawkins, Alexi Kuska, Suzanne Lemberg) and depth out the wazoo!

**Key meet(s):** Scotch Plains (Saturday, Feb. 4 at counties, Feb. 20 at sectionals).

**WRESTLING:** A slight rebuilding year for Glen (G.K. III) Kurz, but seniors Colin MacKay and Mark Boyd are returning district champions, and there are lots of returnees at the lower and middle weights, like Nick DeFreitas, John Barnes, Sam Reichbach, Matt Shaffer, Andy Castrorao and John Falzon. The upper weights sure would look nice with guys like George Cornell, Ryan Yarusi, Scott Newman, Will Harbaugh and Tom Wansaw.

**Opener:** Shabazz (tomorrow, 4:30 p.m.)  
**Key match:** Scotch Plains (Jan. 5).

**DEN TRIVIA**  
 Only four football players have ever led WHS in scoring for three straight

Meagher. Any newspaper's most improved player list would have to include fullback George Cornell. And if anybody gives out long-snapper honors, I'd argue for Pete Antonelli.

Harbaugh was named Booster Senior MVP at the team's annual dinner Monday night at the Westwood, while Harbaugh (defense) and Bonard (offense) won top honors.

**MILESTONES**  
 Maggie McFadden's final field hockey team posted a 7-9-1 record, but that included the 300th win in the program's 35-year history. And McFadden ended up with a 179-162-72 mark in 24 years coaching WHS field hockey. Combine that with her 237-104 mark in 14 years as softball coach and Maggie retires with a career mark of 416 wins, 266 losses and 72 ties. She joins George (G.K. II) Kapner, Gary Kehler, Walt Clarkson, Carol Donner and Bob Brewster in the 400-Win Club.

Thom Hornish, the only girls cross country coach WHS has known since the program started in 1980, passed the 200-victory plateau during a 9-0 dual-meet campaign. His and the program's record is 202 up and just 34 down. Kapner got within two victories of

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Westfield, New Jersey, November 21, 2006 — Mary McEnerney, a Sales Associate in the Coldwell Banker Westfield office attended the company's Elite Retreat in August, a three-day conference held at Hyatt Regency in Chicago. This is the 11th time McEnerney has been selected to participate in this prestigious event.

The event is a privilege awarded to the top 1% of Coldwell Banker Sales Associates, who have earned membership in the International President's Elite sales club. During the event, Sales Associates experienced a dynamic combination of powerful and inspirational speakers who addressed the latest trends in industry technology, and a superstar panel offering valuable insights into the practices of top real estate industry leaders.

"We are proud to honor Mary McEnerney and value her affiliation with the Westfield Coldwell Banker office," said Jim Gillespie, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer. "The individual members of the President's Premier and Elite represent the very best of the Coldwell Banker system."

A licensed real estate veteran of 31 years and a consistent top producer in the Westfield office, Mary is one of 250 Previews Property Specialists in New Jersey/Rockland County of which there are approximately 3,500 active agents. She holds a SRES designation as well, which qualifies her to advise seniors in her service areas about their homes and rental properties. She is a Relocation Specialist

and a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), a designation earned by only 2% of licensed agents nationally who have met specific course, years of service and total volume requirements.

Mary earned membership in the International President's Premier by achieving such a high volume of sales and providing exceptional service to all of her clients," said Michael Scott, Manager of the Westfield office. "She is maintaining our tradition of excellence while helping people to complete one of the most stressful transactions — buying or selling a home — with ease."

For information on buying or selling a home in the Westfield area, please call Mary McEnerney at the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage at 908-233-5555. The office is located at 209 Central Avenue in Westfield. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey/Rockland County, N.Y., is a member of the Coldwell Banker® system, which has 3,500 offices and more than 114,500 Sales Associates worldwide. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is part of the NRT family of companies, which owns and operates companies in the nation's largest metropolitan markets. NRT Incorporated, a subsidiary of Central Corporation (NYSE: CD), is the nation's leading real estate brokerage company with more than 950 offices and 50,000 sales associates.



**Pictured: Mary McEnerney, Sales Associate and Jim Gillespie, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation President & CEO**

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