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SHOWING HER BATTLE SCARS...Raider Lauren Mains seems not to be affected by the "shiner" that she received during the game with Roselle Catholic.

Group Sectional Wrestling Tourney:

Edison Matmen Top Blue Devils, 41-30

The Westfield High School wrestling team dropped a 41-30 decision to Edison in the first round of the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tournament at "The Pit" in Phillipsburg on February 14. The 12-4 Blue Devils received pins from Steve Cruikshank (215-lbs) and Colin MacKay (125-lbs), a technical fall from Andrew Shaffer (145-lbs), a majority decision from Colin Willard (171-lbs) and a decision from Andy Castrorao (152-lbs).

BOUET SEQUENCE:
171: — Willard (W) md James Sayben, 18-10
189: — Mark Best (E) p Andrew Wentz, 0:15
215: — Cruikshank (W) p Jeremy Klempner, 2:39
Hwt: — Dan Walker (E) md Zach Bullek, 16-8
103: — Mike Franco-Bandiero (E) tf Nick DeFreitas, 19-3, 5:15
112: — Tom Colon (E) tf John Barnes, 21-6, 4:30
119: — Jeff Peterson (E) p Sam Reichbach, 3:21
125: — MacKay (W) p Burang Joot, 1:27
130: — Gary Thompson (E) d Matt Kamel, 13-6
135: — J.C. Franco-Bandiero (E) p Matt Shaffer, 1:22
140: — Brandon Swift (E) p John Falzon, 3:31
145: — Swaffer (W) tf George Avila, 19-4, 4:21
152: — Castrorao (W) d Kevin Lenti, 10-4
160: — Matt Kouyoundian (E) p Mark Boyd, 0:49

N. Hunterdon Stops Raider Matmen, 42-24

Nick Giannaci and Pat Mineo, who each added Union County titles to their list of credentials, won big but the 14-9 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team fell short, 42-24, to 8-6 North Hunterdon in the first round of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 tournament at Glen Gardner on February 14. Giannaci won an 11-1, majority decision over Russ Korbul at 189-lbs and Mineo pinned Brady Argyle in 2:40 at 140-lbs.

BOUET SEQUENCE:
171: — Dan Shust (N) d Mike O'Neil, 10-4
189: — Giannaci (S) md Korbul, 11-1
215: — Keith Baker (S) p Colin Kurzi, 1:49
Hwt: — Sean Plaisted (N) p Joe Foote, 5:41
103: — Tony Fusco (N) p Gary Schardien, 4:32
112: — Jamie Mandaglio (N) d Mike Ferrara, 7-2
119: — Brian Levondowski (N) p Sal Gano, 0:48
125: — Chris Kane (N) d Trevor Cannon, 9-8
130: — Andrew Boyle (N) d Ricky Olsson, 4-1
135: — Kevin Catullo (N) p Rob Desiato, 3:29
140: — Mineo (S) p Argyle, 2:40
145: — Chris Huschke (N) p Joe Sette, 2:36
152: — Dave DeNichilo (S) p Ted Della, 3:23
160: — Joe Bachi (S) d Joe Shust, 9-6

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Fred K. Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SETTING UP A PLAY...Guard Brian Dougher looks to work his way past a defender. Dougher scorched the Indian net with 13-points. Rahway however won, 70-66, in overtime in the Union County quarters.

Lady Raiders Regroup, Stop Lion Cagers, 42-37, in UCT

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and made some bad passing decisions. Lioness Kerri Hickey scored six of her 10 points in that quarter and Torres put up four of her nine points in the 14-5 run.

Loni Kaye (2 points) got the Raiders off on the right foot in the second quarter, with a beautiful pass inside to Law who rolled in a lay-up. Zazzali followed with three straight assists and a driving lay-up and Molly Meehan (6 points, 2 steals) added a lay-up as the Raiders won the quarter 12-4 to trail only by one point at the half.

"She was real big coming in when Loni got in foul trouble," Davis said of Meehan.

The Lions were still reeling in the third quarter and the Raiders took advantage. Zazzali nailed a 3-pointer with three seconds remaining in the quarter to put her team up by five but the Lions fought back, closed the gap to 36-33 and had possession with 1:53 remaining. Zazzali regained possession, drew a foul and hit both free throws. Sheehy

answered with a 2-pointer but Raider Lauren Mains (6 points), who reentered the game after sustaining an impressive facial abrasion, was fouled and nailed both free throws. Sheehy added a lay-up but, with time dropping to single digits, Law went to the line and hit two free throws.

"We knew it was going to be good competition. They gave us a game," said Benovengo. "Our intensity was definitely not the same at the beginning of the game as we usually play. I don't know what it might have been. But once we kicked it up we were on. Everything was clicking. Thank God it clicked when it did!"

"We let them back into the game by making a couple of mental mistakes, taking shots we probably shouldn't have taken, forced a few things and had a couple of turnovers. But we made some foul shots when we needed," said Davis. "I think we were very lucky to win today."

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Sc. Pl.-Fanwood 5 12 11 14 42

Blue Devil Boys Buzz Minutemen, 57-55

Senior Josh Gerckens rolled in a lay-up at the buzzer to lead the eighth-seeded Westfield High School boys basketball team to a 57-55 victory over ninth-seeded Elizabeth in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Cranford on February 14. Gerckens scored eight of his game-high 18 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 10 rebounds.

Mike Venezia scored 17 points and Tom Bonard had nine assists and five points for the 12-7 Blue Devils. Dan Pritsker and Terron Rogers each netted eight points.

Elizabeth 10 16 10 19 55
Westfield 13 14 12 18 57

Raider Cagers Level Highlanders, 73-38

Sean Young, who grabbed 12 rebounds, scored 14 of his game-high 18 points in the first half to lead the 14-9 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team over the Highlanders of Governor Livingston, 73-38, in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Linden on February 14.

Greg Bayard put in 17 points, Darnell Dortch sank 10 and Brian Dougher netted nine for the Raiders. Tom Amalfe scored 11 points for the 11-10 Highlanders.

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Sc. Pl.-Fanwood 16 25 15 17 73

BAYARD SINKS 22 PTS., YOUNG NETS 15, DOUGHER 13

Rahway Trips Raider Boys In UCT Basketball, 70-66

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Earl Clark dropped in four of his game-high 27 points in overtime to lead the fourth-seeded Rahway High School boys basketball team past fifth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 70-66, in the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament at Cranford on February 17.

Junior guard Greg Bayard led the Raiders with 22 points (13 in the first quarter), including four 3-pointers, and added three assists. Forward Sean Young scored 15 points, grabbed five rebounds and had four assists. Guard Brian Dougher dropped in 13-points, including three 3-pointers, added four assists and took down two rebounds. Guards Darnell Dortch and Rob Lewis each netted four points and pulled in 11 rebounds.

The 14-10 Raiders rocked the 19-5 Indians back to their teepees in the first five minutes of the game triggered by Bayard's three 3-pointers. By the end of the quarter, the Raiders held a 20-16 lead. Bayard netted 13 points, Dougher added five points and Young two.

"Rahway has a Division 1 player that's pretty much unstoppable no matter what you do. We tried double

teaming him but they made clutch shots and we were not able to pull it out at the end," said Bayard who added, "We like to shoot the three-ball and usually hit them pretty well. That gets us an early lead and everyone else just comes right in and does a great job, so we have some pretty good chemistry with that."

In the second quarter, Young powered in a lay-up, Dortch followed with a rebound and dropped in a 2-pointer. The Indians, however, struck hard with Clark's drives to the basket and short jumpers, scoring eight points. Steven Keker's 3-pointer gave the Indians a 29-28 lead at halftime.

The Indians continued to hold the upper hand outscoring the Raiders 17-11 in the third quarter, highlighted by Clark's 3-pointer. Dougher sank two 3-pointers, Young netted three points and Lewis added two off a steal. By the end of the quarter, the Indian lead mushroomed to 46-39.

The Raiders battled back and outscored the Indians, 21-14, in the fourth quarter to force overtime. Young converted two steals into lay-ups and Bayard torched the net with eight points that included a steal and a bomb from downtown with 32 seconds left to give the Raiders a 58-57

lead. The Indians struck back when Jerelle Louis buried a 3-pointer. With just six ticks left in regulation, Young powered his way to the hoop for a lay-up but the ball spun around and off the back of the rim when he was fouled. Young hit both free throws as time expired.

In overtime, Rahway carried sufficient weaponry with a five-point run. Clark nailed a 3-pointer and that appeared to snuff the life out of the Raiders.

"They're a great team with a lot of great players and Jerelle hit the big shot for them at the end. We left it all on the floor but that is just not enough sometimes," said Dougher. "We used a lot of great plays that sets us up to get the open shot where Greg and I were able to hit them as did Sean. However, shots were not falling for us in the second and the third period. They started to fall again in the fourth when Sean also hit the open shots."

"I became a bit more aggressive in the second half. Earl Clark is a very good player," said Young. "He was guarding me tight in the second half, so I had to stay aggressive and tried to stay positive and work hard."

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