

## Blue Devil Swim Girls Splash Red Devils in NJSIAA Semis

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Sullivan third (27.41). "We tried for some good times for a lot of our swimmers and that made it a pretty good day," said Reyes. "Since the injury to my shoulder, I have tried to cut back a little bit until state finals. I swam relaxed, however, hard because I wanted to win but I did hold back a little bit."

It was another one, two, three finish when Hawkins propelled the Devils to first place in the 100-yard fly in 1:07.40. Crissy Isabella touched second (1:09.44) and O'Neill, third (1:11.74).

"I tried to go all out long and strong

and then come back with whatever I had," said Hawkins. "My time was okay. I know that I can go faster and will do so in the state finals."

Stephanie Albright won the battle in the 100-yard freestyle in 59.50. In the 500-yard free, Morgan (5:52.26) and Cederroth (5:59.30) finished second and third, respectively.

"It was an okay day," summarized Morgan. "In the 200 medley, my goal really was to pull ahead, I did and I was happy with that. In the 200 IM, I was not expecting that girl (Nicole Wain - 2:17.72) at all. We had strategized earlier and found her best time to be 2:24. I still swam around my best time and really did not expect to beat her."

Blue Devils O'Neill, Lauren McCurdy, Reyes and Sullivan were the stars in the 200-free style relay touching first with a combined time of 1:48.38. Jean Metz delivered a second place performance in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:10.41.

Coach Kuszala put in one of her top guns in the 100-yard breaststroke and was not disappointed when McGuire won the event in 1:15.20. The Blue Devils behind O'Neill, Stephanie Albright, Cederroth and Isabella put the finishing touches on the last event, the 400-freestyle relay, finishing second with a time of 4:04.75.

## Devil Swim Girls Top BrH2O for Crown

The No. 8 Westfield High School girls swim team made it four North Jersey, Section 2, Public A titles in a row by downing No. 19 Bridgewater-Raritan, 104-66, at Lincoln Community School in Bayonne on February 20. The 10-2 Blue Devils, who also defeated the Panthers for the title last year, 98-72, won six of the seven individual events and touched first in all three relays.

Alexi Kuska and Kylie Fraser each won two individual events and swam on two winning relays. Kuska touched first in the 200-freestyle at 1:59.88 and the 100-free in 56.02. Fraser touched first in the 100-butterfly at 1:01.17 and the 100-backstroke at 1:03.48.

Kuska, Liz Hawkins, Katie Morgan and Brittany Reyes won the 200-freestyle relay with a time of 1:43.7. Kuska, DarrellAnn Smith, Reyes and Fraser won the 400-free relay with a time of 3:49.64. Fraser, Morgan, Reyes and Lauren McCurdy touched first in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:56.21.

50 free: Reyes (W) 26.04  
100 free: Kuska (W) 56.02  
200 free: Kuska (W) 1:59.88  
500 free: Morgan Sawin (B) 5:30.58  
100 breast: Morgan (W) 1:11.43  
100 fly: Fraser (W) 1:01.17  
100 back: Fraser (W) 1:03.48  
200 IM: Smith (W) 2:17.18  
200 free relay: W (Kuska, Hawkins, Morgan, Reyes) 1:43.7  
400 free relay: W (Kuska, Smith, Reyes, Fraser) 3:49.64  
200 medley relay: W (Fraser, Morgan, Reyes, McCurdy) 1:56.21

## Raider Girls Glide To Swim Finals

The No. 9 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls advanced to the NJ, Section 2, Public B finals by defeating Caldwell, 109-61, in the semifinals on February 16. On February 15, the Lady Raiders defeated Lenape Valley, 103-67.

50-free: Jillian Murphy (S) 26.27  
100-free: Mary Henkels (S) 58.35  
200-free: Kristen Henkels (S) 2:08.31  
500-free: Brittany Larkin (S) 5:52.23  
100-breast: Breanne Stillo (C) 1:12.16  
100-fly: Murphy (S) 1:01.16  
100-back: Courtney Trivino (C) 1:04.23  
200-IM: Kim Rizzo (S) 2:24.04  
200-free relay: S (Anne O'Halloran, Amanda Gianni, Stephanie Glover, Mary Poillon) 1:55.02  
400-free relay: S (Liz Ferraro, Avery Boettcher, Carol Montiero, Cheryl Montiero) 4:29.6  
200-medley relay: C (Casey Alon, Stillo, Trivino, Leanne Delosh) 1:59.52

## Blue Devil Icemens Level Summit, 6-3, in Van Cott

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The Westfield High School Blue Devils Ice hockey team began their week with a meaningless game against South Brunswick because the game fell after the February 13 deadline for state and conference tournament seeding. The Blue Devils were clearly more focused on their upcoming first round game of the Van Cott cup against the Summit Hilltoppers, whom they would defeat, 6-3, and lost 5-3 to South Brunswick, a team they beat 9-3 earlier in the year.

In their game against Summit, the Blue Devils realized it would not be an easy road to defend their title. The Hilltoppers was a team that had proven to be able to play with them. In their three previous meetings, the Blue Devils had won once and tied twice.

Summit jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, but Westfield responded with goals from Sal Esposito and sophomore Craig Esposito to take a 2-1 lead just five minutes later. The first period ended with Westfield still holding its 2-1 advantage.

The game became much more intense and physical in the second pe-

riod, with much more contact than in the opening period. Summit scored two consecutive goals to end the second period with a 3-2 lead.

Following a brief intermission for the Zamboni to cut the ice, the Devils came out flying to start the third period. On their first shift of the period, the second line of John Attanasio, Alex Hodara and Mike Foley got Westfield the tying goal it desired after Hodara and Foley executed a perfect two-on-one break in, finished off by a great pass from Hodara to Foley who put the puck in the net.

On the next shift less than a minute later, Sal Esposito scored his second goal of the game to put the Blue Devils in front, 4-3. Westfield denied the Hilltoppers any opportunity to get back in the game by controlling the play for the majority of the period. Jimmy Bender scored to give Westfield the first two-goal lead of the game. Later, Sal Esposito scored his third goal to put the game away.

The Blue Devils' second round opponent was to be No. 15-ranked Montgomery. Westfield's seeding and first round opponent in the NJISSA State Tournament will have been announced this week.



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JUST TOUCHED OUT FOR FIRST...Blue Devil Pat Daurio, front, just gets touched out by Morristown's Jeff Gomez in the 500-freestyle.

## BrH2O Nip Westfield For Boys Swim Title

Similar to last year's showdown between the No. 10 Westfield High School boys swim team and No. 4 Bridgewater-Raritan, the North Jersey, Section 2 Public A title was not decided until after the final event, the 400-free relay, in Bayonne on February 20. Last year's meet ended in an 85-85 tie but the Panthers won by virtue of power points. This time, the Panthers won 88.5-81.5.

50 free: Brandon Cuba (W) 22.64

100 free: Kevin Gallagher (B) 50.73  
200 free: John Benigno (B) 1:48.69  
500 free: P.J. Harley (W) 4:49.11  
100 breast: Pat Daurio (W) 1:02.54  
100 fly: Chris DeLaFuente (W) 54.59  
100 back: Benigno (B) 55.07  
200 IM: Daurio (W) 2:01.22  
200 free relay: W (Matt Green, Harley, Daurio, Cuba) 1:33.75  
400 free relay: B (Joe Knolmajer, Josh Gonzalez, Andrew Frank, Benigno) 3:22.57  
200 medley relay: D (David Yao, Jeff Reyes, Knolmajer, Frank Cuzzola) 1:40.01

## Blue Devil Swim Boys Whip Mo'town, 114-56, in Semis

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we swam against since I have been coach. Public school! I told them that I fully expected them to win the meet. Bridgewater knows it too. They follow every meet we swim. They know that we went with a crazy, mixed up lineup the first time (against them), Pat (Daurio) was in weird events, P.J. (Harley), who did not compete against Morristown, was in weird events. Everybody was in events they won't be in Monday night. I think they know it should be a barnburner like last year. They have improved some too, so it's not like we are the only team that improved. Historically, their kids tend to swim basically the same events in this meet coming up as they did in the earlier meet and our kids tend to swim way faster because they are all shaved and tapered."

TOP INDIVIDUALS:  
50-free: Brandon Cuba (W) 23.46  
100-free: Matt Green (W) 51.21  
200-free: Pat Daurio (W) 1:52.91  
500-free: Jeff Gomez (M) 5:05.98  
100-breast: Matt Morgan (W) 1:10.22  
100-fly: Mark Albright (M) 59.34  
100-back: Luke Baron (W) 57.13  
200-IM: Phil Anton (W) 2:10.98

## Raider Boys Stroke To Swimming Finals

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys advanced to the NJ, Section 2, Public B finals by defeating Chatham, 91-79, in the semifinals on February 16. On February 14, the Raiders defeated Caldwell, 95.5-74.5, in the quarterfinals.

50-free: Mike Miller (S) 23.23  
100-free: Mike Miller (S) 51.83  
200-free: Matt Miller (S) 1:53.21  
500-free: Matt Miller (S) 5:05.92  
100-breast: Jon Bender (C) 1:05.13  
100-fly: Chris Dart (C) 56.0  
100-back: Zach Peart (S) 1:00.09  
200-IM: Dart (C) 2:05.9  
200-free relay: S (Peart, Eric Walker, Matt Miller, Mike Miller) 1:38.51  
400-free relay: C (Nick Trojanowski, Ed Bradley, Joe McShane, Dart) 3:34.53  
200-medley relay: C (Dart, Bender, Scott Belfiore, David Lemons) 1:47.7

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