

**Lady Raiders Win Swim Titles**

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IM and breaststroke for us and was on the 400-free relay and 200-medley at most of our meets. Mary Henkels has also had a great year. She has been a key performer for us in the sprint freestyles and the backstroke events."

But Hulnik noted that she received great performances across the board. "Our captains Kristen Henkels and Kate Kosenick have done well this year too. They always step it up around this time of year. Kristen in the sprint freestyles and Kate in backstroke and fly. They have also provided exceptional leadership to the team. Freshman Allison Haggan and Kim Rizzo have contributed greatly to our team's success. They are very versatile performing well in the sprint, stroke and distance events, and can also swim events, which are close together."

**NJ SECTION 2, PUBLIC B FINALS:**  
**SPF 118.5, MONTGOMERY 51.5**  
 50 free: Murphy (S) 25.44  
 100 free: Murphy (S) 56.57  
 200 free: Helock (S) 2:01.77  
 500 free: Helock (S) 5:33.04  
 100 breast: Fox (S) 1:11.77  
 100 fly: Michelle D'Aguillo (M) 1:04.01  
 100 back: Mary Henkels (S) 1:03.32  
 200 IM: Fox (S) 2:19.48  
 200 free relay: S (Kristen Henkels, Britany Larkin, Allison Haggan, Murphy) 1:48.33  
 400 free relay: S (Kristen Henkels, Larkin, Fox, Mary Henkels) 3:57.68  
 200 medley relay: S (Kate Johnson, Fox, Murphy, Mary Henkels) 1:55.52

**SPF 95, PRINCETON 75**  
 50 free: Nina Rossi (P) 25.08  
 100 free: Rossi (P) 53.07  
 200 free: Helock (S) 2:03.52  
 500 free: Kathleen Morrison (P) 5:18.61  
 100 breast: Fox (S) 1:12.21  
 100 fly: Jillian Murphy (S) 1:01.58  
 100 back: Kate Johnson (S) 1:04.63  
 200 IM: Morrison (P) 2:16.3  
 200 free relay: S (Kristen Henkels, Britany Larkin, Kim Rizzo, Mary Henkels) 1:45.57  
 400 free relay: P (Elizabeth Cava, Morrison, Gabby Cifuentes, Rossi) 3:52.34  
 200 medley relay: S (Kate Johnson, Fox, Murphy, Mary Henkels) 1:55.98

**PUBLIC B CHAMPIONSHIPS:**  
**SPF 88, HADDONFIELD 82**  
 50 free: Murphy (S) 24.72  
 100 free: Emily Creran (H) 53.77  
 200 free: Helock (S) 1:59.54  
 500 free: Larkin (S) 5:37.9  
 100 breast: Erika Wendel (H) 1:06.96  
 100 fly: Murphy (S) 1:00.53  
 100 back: Creran (H) 59.57  
 200 IM: Wendel (H) 2:09.26  
 200 free relay: H (Wendel, Taylor Moore, Jen Clark, Helene Nicoletti) 1:42.1  
 400 free relay: S (Helock, Mary Henkels, Fox, Murphy) 3:43.97  
 200 medley relay: H (Allison Walker, Wendel, Creran, Clark) 1:51.94

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**ROLLING PAST A COMET... Junior point guard Greg Bayard, No. 24, got hot in the fourth quarter and struck for six points and a steal to help Scotch Plains-Fanwood defeat Roselle, 46-44.**

**DOUGHER BUCKETS 19, BAYARD NETS 11, GARRETT 8**

**Raiders' Late Strike Defeats Comet Basketballers, 46-44**

By FRED LECOMTE  
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Stifling man-to-man defense and a 14-8 run in the final quarter by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team resulted in a thrilling, 46-44, triumph and took the glow out of a good Hillside Comet team in Scotch Plains on February 23. The deciding factor came from Lordley Okarter (6 rebounds) who tattered the net with a 15-foot jumper with 37 ticks remaining in the game.

Raider sophomore guard Brian Dougher combined hustle with shooting success and bucketed 19 points, including four from beyond 3-point range. He also grabbed seven rebounds and finished with two assists and two steals. Junior point guard Greg Bayard poured in six of his 11 points in the fourth quarter and pulled down two offensive boards. Senior guard DJ Garrett nailed a 3-pointer and finished with eight points, three rebounds and two assists. Senior forward Sean Young sank five points and added one assist. Senior guard Rob Lewis added two points and pulled five rebounds. Justin Matthews led the Comets with 12 points.

"There was absolutely no intensity

and there was no feel to the game at all. It was almost like, 'let's get it over with and get to the state tournament', so after the first quarter I told them whoever plays intense is going to play," said Raider Head Dan Doherty. "Lewis and Garrett gave us a great spark defensively. Dougher just played consistently and we got Bayard going. Young was not feeling that well, so we left Okarter in there to see how he can handle it. He hit a big jumper. I don't know if I want him to take that jumper, but he hit it."

The Raiders struck first with the accuracy of Dougher who connected from 3-point range, then struck the Comet basket again with a lay-up off a feed by Bayard to give the Raiders a 5-0 edge. The Comets responded with an eight-point run. Bayard later banged in a 3-pointer and Garrett hit from downtown. Hillside composed itself, took control under the glass and went to work netting 11 points to take a 19-11 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Raiders cut the lead to five after the second quarter by tightening their defensive perimeters. Garrett struck the target with a 3-pointer and a jumper, Dougher took to the air

from 3-point range and Bayard netted a 2-point jumper. By halftime, Hillside led, 26-21.

It was the "Dougher Show" in the third quarter, as he sprayed the net with 10 or the Raiders' 11 points. Hillside scored 10 points and had a 36-32 lead ending the quarter. In the final quarter, Young hit a spin-around lay-up and Dougher banged a 3-pointer. Okarter delivered a timely screen and fed Bayard who knocked in a 3-point jumper that tied the game at 40. With three minutes remaining, Bayard struck a clutch basket. With the Comets forced to foul, Bayard hit one-of-two from the stripe for a three-point lead. Comet Matthews hit a 2-pointer that trimmed the lead to one. Dougher, on a foul, connected one-of-two. With 45 seconds left, Lewis hauled down a rebound, worked his way up court and found Okarter who sank his only basket, a jumper that sealed the victory.

"We talked about it the whole year long and now they need to come out and play hard in the states which I think we will. I'm not worried about that however," concluded Doherty.

Hillside	19	7	10	8	44
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	11	10	11	14	46

**Blue Devil Icemen Fall To No. 15 Montgomery**

By ANDREW GOLDMAN  
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The Westfield High School Ice Hockey team fell short in its quest to repeat as Van Cott Cup champions after a 3-0 loss to top-seeded, 15th-ranked Montgomery on February 21.

In the game's opening minutes, it was clear the Cougars were the stronger team. Their players were faster and bigger but the Blue Devils made up for these disadvantages in determination and managed to stay relatively even with the Cougars. Montgomery controlled the play but sophomore goalie Eric Zagorski could not be beat until the Cougars managed to get a rebounding puck past him to take a 1-0 lead.

In the second period, Westfield had more offensive opportunities. The team's defensemen did a superlative job stopping Montgomery's talented forwards and moved the puck around the ice, smoothly executing the transition to offense. However, the speed of the Montgomery team made it difficult for the Blue Devils to generate quality offensive chances. A key moment for the Blue Devils was shutting down the Cougar power play, not giving them a chance to take a two-goal lead. The second period ended, 1-0.

Westfield experienced more of the same difficulties in the third period, as it was unable to out-skate the back-

checking Cougar forwards. Midway through the period, a Cougar broke free of the Westfield defense for a breakaway shot at Zagorski. Despite a post-to-post split by Zagorski, he could not stop the shot from finding the upper corner, giving Montgomery a 2-0 lead. After falling behind by two goals, the Blue Devils continued to give it their all. With 10 seconds remaining, Montgomery scored an empty-net goal. Montgomery out-shot the Blue Devils, 37-11.

Junior Seth Davidson remarked, "Montgomery is a solid team. They have talented players on all of their lines."

On February 24, the Blue Devils played Pingry, in order to stay fresh for their state tournament games. They fell behind, 4-1, and made a valiant effort to come back and earn a tie or win but they were unable to do so losing, 5-4. Sal Esposito had three goals and junior Jeff Mysel had one.

The Blue Devils will conclude their season with the NJSSA State Tournament. On March 1, the state tournament seeds were announced. Westfield received the No. 32 seed and will play No 33 seed Glen Rock, winner of the Northern Blue Division. If Westfield defeats Glen Rock, it will have to face No. 1 seeded, defending state champion Morris Knolls.

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