

St. Helen's HS Boys Qualify For State Hoops Tournament

The St. Helen's high school boys basketball team claimed its eighth straight victory by running past OL Fatima of Piscataway, 83-61, on February 21 in Perth Amboy and qualified for the State Tournament that was to start March 1.

After shooting a dismal 5-for-21 from the floor, St. Helen's trailed by eight at the end of the first quarter. Hitting 8-for-19 in the second quarter, St. Helen cut the deficit to four by halftime.

Defense took hold in the third quarter. St. Helen's held their opponents to only nine points while netting 7-for-15 from the floor to garner a nine-point lead. In the fourth quarter, outscored Piscataway, 27-14.

In the end, St. Helen's shot a dependable 66 percent (21-32) from the charity stripe. In free throws, Tad Walsh nailed nine of 13 followed by Eric Scrudato, Woody Handza and Mike Manders who combined for 12 of 19. Manders, Dan Melillo and Walsh controlled the rebounding followed closely by Scott Dyer, Scrudato and Handza. Mike Amjody and Bobby Molson made important offensive contributions. Amjody proved he is a finisher

on breakaway lay-ups and Molson supplied several stops to Piscataway fast breaks. Seven players found the scoring column on team shooting of 30-for-68 (44 percent). Handza led in scoring with 34 points. Walsh sank 21, Dyer had 13 Scrudato put in 11. Melillo, Manders and Amjody combined for the remaining points.

WF Boosters to Honor Roger Love, Bill Jordan

The Westfield School Boosters Association will honor Booster Advisers Roger Love and Bill Jordan by inducting them into its Hall of Fame at its 2006 Spring Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 11, at the Temple Emanu El in Westfield.

The Dinner Dance is open to the public and features a Sports Memorabilia Auction. Music will be provided by the renowned Topaz Orchestra. A hot buffet and wine and beer will be served.

Tickets are \$60 each and can be obtained from Taylor and Love (Century 21 Realtors) and from Nick Gismondi at (908) 654-1753 and Mike Toth at (732) 680-0425.



REACHING THAT MAGIC NUMBER... Cougar Pat Hogan, top, snarls as he grasps his 100th career victory in the 171-lb finals of the District 11 tournament.

TCNJ To Host NCAA Div. 3 Wrestling Championships

EWING - The College of New Jersey will serve as host for the 2006 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships on March 3-4. The event will bring 160 of the nation's best

Division III wrestlers, their coaches, families and friends to campus. The two-day event will crown the 2006 NCAA Division III Team Champion as well as the 10 individual weight class champions.

The tournament marks the fourth time in the tournament's 33-year history that TCNJ has served as the host for the prestigious event. TCNJ has served as the host of the tournament in 1986, 1992, and 1999. Wartburg College (Waverly, IA) captured the NCAA Division III crown. Augsburg College (Minneapolis, MN) is the tournament's defending team champion having bested Wartburg last year, 162-104.5 in the team standings.

TCNJ has finished in the Top 25 in each of the tournament's previous 32 years, a feat no other Division III program has attained.

Action opens on Friday, March 3, with the first session at 11 a.m. and continues through March 4 with the championship matches on Saturday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, March 2, the National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III Hall of Fame will take place in conjunction with the tournament, as the newest members will be enshrined. The class of 2006 includes: The 2006 NCWA Division III Hall of Fame class includes wrestlers, TCNJ's Glen Sandull (Kenilworth, NJ), Jamal Fox of Wartburg College (IA), Mike Helm of Messiah College (PA) as well as coaches Kevin Pueblo of Augustana College (IL), Rusty Carlson of Rhode Island College.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, please contact TCNJ's department of athletics at (609) 771-2517. More about the tournament is on the web at www.tcnjathletics.com and click on the tournament's logo.

WESTFIELD Recreation Department Events

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Daddy-Daughter Dance (1st-5th grades): Mark your calendar for our annual dance, to be held on Friday, March 10 at L'Affaire from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This special evening will consist of a 5x7 father/daughter photographed portrait, hot buffet dinner, dessert and a disc jockey to play the hottest tunes, along with an entire evening of dancing and fun! Fee: \$40/per person. Register now to secure your spot!

Field Hockey Indoor Clinics: (5th-8th Grade) Learn the fundamentals of field hockey from coaches Molly Phelan and Melissa Piegaro on Mondays February 27 to March 20 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for seventh and eighth grades and 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. for fifth and sixth grades. All levels welcome. Participants will receive a t-shirt and mouth guard. Fee: \$20.

Culinary Institute and Millbrook Vineyard Trip: Master-chefs-in-training will prepare a complete luncheon fare at the world famous Culinary Institute. Participants will experience an informative tour, guided tour of the Millbrook Winery and receive a souvenir wineglass to take home. Bus departs at 8 a.m. and will return at 7 p.m. Fee: \$80.

Lift Tickets: Purchase lift tickets at discount prices to Camelback, Shawnee, Jack Frost/Big Boulder, Mountain Creek and Blue Mountain.

5-Miler and 1-Mile Road Race: will be held on Saturday, April 29 in Tamaques Park beginning at 9 a.m. Obtain a registration form on our website, www.westfieldtoday.com/WRD, or register on-line at www.raceforum.com (click on "Events 2006")

Manners Class (Ages 8-12): This informative, age-appropriate program teaches children about etiquette and how it should be practiced in today's world in a fun, interactive manner. Hosted by Patti Manning of "Mannersations". Offered 6-7:30 p.m. on Fridays March 31 and April 7. Fee: tbd.

Mommy & Me Fitness/Play Class (Ages 2-5): Children along with their parent or caretaker will be introduced to yoga, movement, dancing and musical play. Offered on Fridays beginning January 20 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$55.

Senior Social: This informative program is an opportunity to get the latest information on different topics and to meet new people. Guest speakers will inform participants about a variety of issues related to today's seniors. Held the first Thursday of each month beginning at

12:30 p.m. Call for details.
Sport Squirts (Ages 3-5): Mondays April 24 through June 5 from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. or 12 - 1 p.m. This enjoyable class will introduce children to a variety of sports from around the world. Instructors will provide top-notch instruction and fun! Fee: \$99.

Strollersize/Fitness: This popular class is held in Tamaques Park on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. April 26 through June 28. Participants will enjoy a brisk walk around the park followed by some toning and mild strength training using a resistance band for Mom, then end with some circle time for Mommy and baby singing songs and playing games. Everyone can meet at the playground after class for free play! Fee: \$55.

Multi-Sports Spring Break Indoor Camp (Ages 5-14): Instructors from US Sports Institute will provide a week filled with fun and games. Offered April 10 through April 13 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fee: \$125.

Soccer Squirts (Ages 3-6): Tuesdays 4/25-6/6. Join professional coaches to experience an innovative curriculum that ensures maximum participation. Class times: 10 - 11 a.m. or 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Fee: \$99.

Tennis (Ages 3-Adult): A five-week spring tennis program is offered May 9 through June 8 for beginning and intermediate levels. Obtain a tennis registration form on our website www.westfieldtoday.com/WRD.

The Teen Center: Open on most Friday evenings during the school year from 7-11 p.m. for all Westfield High School students. The center features pool tables, ping-pong, air hockey, video games, large TV, VCR, stereo system, vending machines and more. Student I.D. is required. Municipal Building.

The Night Place: For sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade Westfield residents from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Edison School. Featured activities include a live DJ with dancing, movies, passive games, basketball, refreshments and more. The cost is \$2 in advance or \$3 at the door. The remaining 2006 dates are March 31 and May 12.

Teen Time: Open to Westfield resident teens in grades six through eight on February 25, March 25 and April 22. Teens will enjoy themselves in a supervised environment filled with fun. The program is offered at the YMCA's East Broad Street Family Branch and at the Municipal Building Teen Center. Registration will take place on the scheduled nights at the YMCA's East Broad Street Branch. Fee: \$5 per date.



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