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BRAND RUNS FOR TD, ROWBOTHAM GRABS TD PASS

Minutemen Footballers Stuff Raiders in 'Turkey' Classic

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Quarterback Michael Eargle and running back Raymond Graham had to be stopped if the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team were to knock off No. 6 Elizabeth at Williams Field in Elizabeth on November 22. However, the 10-1 Minutemen's speedy offense and dominant defense did what it had to do

to grab an impressive 34-14 victory. Eargle and Graham each plowed in for two touchdowns. Graham compiled 79 yards on 15 carries.

Greg Brand led the 4-6 Raiders with 74 rushing yards, including a one-yard touchdown in the second quarter, and Tom Pennella carried five times for 36 yards. Junior quarterback Mike Chervenak completed four passes for 57 yards, including a

nine-yard TD strike to wide receiver Kyle Rowbotham. Junior Keith Baker recorded 13 tackles, senior Dave Belford had seven and senior defensive linemen Colin Campbell had five.

"It's disappointing to lose in sports. Not everyone can win but the one thing about this group is that they play hard and I love them. They show up, they're coachable and they are

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RAIDERS GANG TACKLING A MINUTEMAN...The Raider defense, including John Badala (No. 67), Joe Blas (No. 58), Colin Campbell (No. 64), Greg Brand (No. 22) and Tom Pennella (No. 34) gang tackle a Minuteman.

ST. LIFER CONNECTS TO COGNETTI FOR 48-YARD TD

Junior Girls Seize 7-0 Victory In Annual Powder Puff Game

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Youth outlasted age in the Westfield High School Annual Powder Puff game when the junior girls scored late in the final quarter and held off a last minute challenge to claim a 7-0 victory at Gary Kehler Stadium on Thanksgiving Eve. Junior Tina Cognetti grabbed quarterback Rachel St. Lifer's sharp pass and bulleted 48 yards for the winning touchdown (TD).

Last year, as confused juniors, with respect to football strategy, the senior girls failed miserably, using four quarterbacks, in a 28-0 shellacking by the 2005 seniors.

"Like the football team was re-born, the seniors this year are re-born," stated coach Will Harbaugh prior to the game. "We have a lot of pride at stake and we are not going to let this one slip away."

This time, they relied mainly on the

quarterbacking of soccer standout Julie Shelman.

"Julie's got a great arm, quite a cannon. She's tough," commented Harbaugh who was anticipating a wipeout in favor of the seniors.

Shelman was expected to throw to Erin Roudebush, who Harbaugh noted, "is a dominant force," Lindsay Sauerwein, Erin McCarthy and Marly Frankel.

Junior coach John Wilt had other ideas. "I think they are pretty full of themselves just because they are seniors. We got a lot accomplished in practice. Our girls have a lot of heart,

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GETTING THE ONLY TOUCHDOWN...Junior Tina Cognetti, front, with great blocking from Catherine Cognetti, scored on a 48-yard TD pass from Rachel St. Lifer. The juniors defeated the seniors, 7-0, in the Powder Puff game.



BIG YARDAGE AND GREAT BLOCKING...Blue Devil George Cornell, No. 8, gained 121 yards and got great blocking from the offensive line, especially Will Harbaugh, No. 57, and Tom Wansaw, No. 74.

CORNELL RUSHES 121 YARDS, TD; FERRO TD CATCH

Blue Devils Devour Cardinals In 'Turkey' Grid Classic, 17-7

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Senior running back George Cornell picked the right time to have his best game when the Westfield High School football team defeated Plainfield, 17-7, in the Annual Thanksgiving Day Classic that was actually held on November 25 at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield.

Inclement weather forced the game to be moved back two days but the 6-4 Blue Devils, who grabbed their 51st victory against 44 defeats and seven ties in the meeting of the two teams, which dates back to 1900 (Westfield won 26-0), were happy to settle for a tasty Doggy Bag.

The line made huge holes. I was running hard. It was hard for anybody not to get a bunch of yards today," said Cornell.

"We had to pound the ball. We weren't real effective offensively, so we had to pound, and that's what George does. We had to get him in the end zone at the end," commented DeSarno.

run that laid the foundation for Ferro's TD reception. Bonard also booted a 22-yard field goal for the first score of the game.

The rigid Blue Devil defense limited the 1-9 Cardinals to 35 total yards on the ground - minus 10 in the first half - and forced quarterback Yuhanna Clark, who was sacked four times, to go to the air 24 times to make eight completions totaling 110 yards, including a six-yard TD pass to Dyshaun Allen.

The Blue Devils totaled 188 yards on the ground and quarterback Tom Bonard completed five of 10 passes for 26 yards, including a 10-yard TD strike to receiver Sean Ferro. Allen had 19 carries for 62 yards and Bonard made a crucial 10-yard first-down

Blue Devils Ricardo Johnson and Jack Meagher recovered Cardinal fumbles. Ryan Yarusi recorded a

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