

See it all in color at!
www.goleader.com

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

Sports Section
Pages 13-18

No. 10 Kardinal Boys Silence No. 16 Soccer Raiders, 2-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Forward Franco Gamero tapped in a goal with 13:20 left in the second half then added another with three minutes remaining to give the No. 10-ranked Kearny Cardinals a 2-0 victory over the No. 16 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team in Scotch Plains on October 4. The 7-1-1 Cardinals turned on the offensive heat in the second half, while the 6-3 Raiders seemed to be a bit choppy in their passing rhythm.

"The majority of the game was absolutely terrible. We don't have enough soccer brains. We can't make the right decision at the right time. It's back to square one. I thought we were ahead in this game as far as the work we did this summer. Brazil! It seemed to have totally deteriorated," said a disappointed Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky.

With the absence of junior starters Tom Sutter (torn MCL) and Rob Cunningham (hip re-injury) and sophomore David Gigiel (concus-

sion), the Raiders had to reach deep with their reserve units and juggle their positions, which may have accounted for the inconsistency.

"We have three guys, who would be on the field, hurt. That really has taken its toll," said Breznitsky. "It's mistakes that we are making. We haven't played very consistently. There's maybe one or two players who have played consistently through the first nine games."

Although not impressing coach

CONTINUED ON PAGE 16



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
INSERTING A LITTLE SLIDE TACKLE...Raider Taylor Molinari, No. 14, slides underneath a Kardinal in an attempt to have his team gain control of the ball.

KOEHLER SELECTED TO ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

BridgeH2O Nips Blue Devils In 'Healing Children' V'ball

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

The sixth-ranked Westfield High School girls' volleyball team worked its way through Pascaek Hills, Cranford and Immaculate Heart Academy in Pool C bracket play to advance as the No. 3 seed in the Gold playoff bracket in the Healing Children tournament at the Rahway Recreation Center on October 7. After defeating fourth-seeded Passaic Valley in the quarterfinal round and knocking out second-seeded IHA, the Blue Devils came up two points short in the championship game against top-seeded Bridgewater-Raritan.

In the first qualifying match in Pool C, the Blue Devils easily pushed past Pascaek Hills, 25-14, 25-12. Westfield then followed with back-to-back wins in the battle against archrival Cranford, 25-21, 25-12 in the second round.

"Volleyball is very much a momentum game. Cranford's game got it together, got some momentum rolling and took a little wind out of our sails. Luckily we regrouped and tried to find some of the weaknesses," said Blue Devil Head Coach Bev Torok.

In the third playoff match, the Blue Devils split with IHA, winning the first game, 25-21, then losing their steam in Game 2 by dropping a 25-18 decision.

"They're a well-coached team, they had a good variety of attacks, picked up a lot of balls and we needed to pass a little better than the second time we played them," said Torok. "The kids want to face them again because they

want revenge. They want to show that they are the better team."

In the Gold playoff quarterfinal bracket, the Blue Devils made short order by ousting Passaic Valley Indians, 25-12, who defeated Union Catholic earlier in Pool B, 25-20, 25-19.

"They were missing one of their better players but they still controlled the ball and they still served well. In order to beat them, you have to perform," said Torok.

Next, the Blue Devils made their wish come true when they staggered IHA in the semifinal round, 25-15.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 16

Raider Football On SP TV34

All Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School varsity football games (previous week's game) will be aired on SPTV34 at the times listed below. Also, there will be a pre-game discussion between Head Coach Steve Cicotelli and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times and The Westfield Leader Sports Editor/Assistant Publisher Dave Corbin.

Tuesday 10 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Thursday 1 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. & 10 p.m.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LEANING TOWARD THE GOAL LINE...Blue Devil running back Malcolm Allen, No. 33, leans toward the goal line in the game against the Union Farmers. Allen had a six-yard touchdown reception.

JOHNSON HAS TD KICKOFF RETURNS OF 92, 91 YARDS

Farmers Hold Off Blue Devils In Wild Grid Shootout, 35-30

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Big plays, wild plays and interesting plays caused a tidal wave of shifting emotions in Union's 35-30 victory over the Westfield High School football team at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 7. The 2-2 Farmers got all of their big plays through an impressive offensive display while the 2-2 Blue Devils made their big plays through defensive alertness and an outstanding special team performance.

Farmer quarterback James Melody engineered an evenly balanced passing and rushing attack that totaled 518 yards in offense. Melody, who was intercepted once, completed 11 of 16 passes for 249 yards, including a 72-yard touchdown (TD) strike to wide receiver Dwight Mitchell and a 64-yard TD hookup with speedster Andre Lowe. Fullback Isa Abdul-Quddus, who was also outstanding from his linebacker position, had 79 rushing yards, which included a 48-yard TD sprint. Running back Chris D'Andrea amassed 139 rushing yards, which included a one-yard TD plunge and a momentum shifting 68-yard TD run.

The Farmers' dominance on offense kept the Blue Devils' defense on the field, which paved the way for senior linebacker Will Harbaugh to record 19 tackles. Linebacker Scott Newman and corner Mike Henry each recorded 13 tackles.

The biggest head-turner of the day,

however, came with the performance of Blue Devil sophomore Ricardo Johnson, who had respective kickoff returns of 92 and 91 yards for TDs - WHS record. His explosive bursts forced the Farmers to resort to squibble kicks or onside kicks later in the game.

The Blue Devil defense came up with several big plays. The first came when Henry intercepted Melody's

pass in the Blue Devils' end zone and returned it to the 19. JT Sheehan and Malcolm Allen recovered fumbles that perpetuated a Blue Devil drive and enabled quarterback Tom Bonard to kick a 25-yard field goal. The final big play came when Tyrell Simmons scooped up a Farmer fumble and returned it 26 yards for a TD.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 16



OWEN BRAND
Your Home-Town
MORTGAGE BANKER



**Residential - Construction
Commercial - Bridge Loans**

Local: (908) 789-2730
Toll Free: (888) 256-4447 ext. 26

obrand@isbmortgageco.com

Licensed Mortgage Bankers - NJ Dept. of Banking
Equal Housing Lender

Alpha Insurance Agency
605 South Avenue, Westfield

AUTO INSURANCE

Visit our website:
www.AlphaofWestfield.com

For a Competitive
Auto Insurance Quote
In Just 60 Seconds

We have great rates for house insurance policies,
small businesses, restaurants & contractors

908-232-1955

John Mancini

The Westfield Leader - The Times

Serving the Town Since 1890
PO Box 250 • Westfield, New Jersey 07091
Tele - (908) 232-4407 • Fax - (908) 232-0473

□ The Leader • □ The Times
□ New Subscriber • □ Renewal

□ One Year - \$28 • □ Two Years - \$52 • □ Three Years - \$76
□ College \$20 (September - May)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone # _____
Payment _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Charge _____
CC # _____
Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

Subscriptions Are Pre-Paid and Are Non-Refundable

press@goleader.com • www.goleader.com
We Reach People... Not Driveways!

RWJ RAHWAY
FITNESS & WELLNESS CENTER
An Affiliate of RWJ University Hospital - Rahway

The area's most comprehensive fitness and wellness center is under construction in Scotch Plains

**Hurry In! Construction Discounts
Now Available**

\$150 Off Membership

With this ad. Hurry, offer ends 10/24/06.
Cannot be combined with any other offer.
First time visitors. Must be 21 years or older. Some restrictions apply.

**New Extended Hours!
Now Open Sundays!**
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10-8, Sat. 9-4
& Sun. 10-2

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway invites you to learn more about the region's most spectacular, professional and comprehensive Fitness and Wellness Center. Take advantage of our construction discounts as we discuss with you how the proper environment, education, nutrition and professional instruction will help you achieve all your fitness and health goals.

FEATURES & AMENITIES:

- Over 200 Group Fitness Classes offered each week
- Aquatic Center
- Jr. Olympic Pool
- Therapy Pool
- Spa Pool
- Personalized Programs
- Certified Trainers / Exercise Physiologists
- Nurses
- Medical Advisory Board
- Full Service Day Spa
- Child Care
- Beautifully Appointed Locker Rooms
- Sauna
- Steamroom
- Aqua Therapy
- Physical/Occupational Therapy
- Cardiac Rehab Phase III
- Cooking Classroom
- Healthy Café

STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT:

- Treadmills
- Stair Steppers
- Upright/Recumbent Bikes
- Ellipticals
- Rowers
- Free Weights
- SelectORIZED Equipment
- Pilates Reformers
- Cybox
- Stretch Stations
- FreeMotion
- TechnoGym
- Kinesis
- Nautilus
- HammerStrength
- Keiser
- LifeFitness
- Precor
- NordicTrack
- BodyMasters
- and much more...

EDUCATIONAL LECTURES & PROGRAMS / SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:

- Healthy Cooking Classes
- Nutritional Counseling
- Registered Dietician
- Adolescent Programs
- Speakers Bureau
- AED/CPR Training
- Physician Lectures
- Diabetes Education
- Health Screenings
- Stress Management
- Variety of Weight Management Courses
- Wellness Health Fairs
- Youth Programs
- Parent & Me
- Swim Instruction
- Lifesaving Training

RWJ RAHWAY
FITNESS & WELLNESS CENTER
An Affiliate of RWJ University Hospital - Rahway

Our Information and Enrollment Center is now open at our Scotch Plains location!
Mon.-Fri. 10-8, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 10-2

2120 Lamberts Mill Rd.
Scotch Plains
(908) 232-6100