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LEAPING FOR THE SAVE...Raider keeper Bryan Meredith, right, leaps to make a save against the Cardinals.

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

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"Big plays! They made more than we did. Unfortunately, we didn't respond after we made big plays. We kept giving it back to them. We knew they were a talented offensive team. We knew they had a good running game and we knew they could throw," said Blue Devil Head Coach Jim DeSarno.

The Blue Devils' offense totaled only 91 yards rushing and Bonard completed six of 11 passes for 36 yards. Bonard was also sacked four times. Malcolm Allen (6 rushes for 20 yards, 2 receptions for 10 yards) had a six-yard TD reception and George Cornell had 14 carries for 45 yards.

"I credit their defense. Their defensive line was the best defensive line we've seen so far. We didn't finish our blocks," commented DeSarno.

On the second play from scrimmage, Abdul-Quddus dashed for his 48-yard TD run with only 51 seconds off the clock. Twelve seconds later, Johnson tied the score with his 92-yard TD kickoff return.

"We know Ricardo is special and he's slowly but surely working himself in. The kickoff return team is perfect for him right now. He's learning the offense. Who knows, by the end of the year what type of impact he could make for us? He's got a lot of speed. He got us back to zero-zero, basically," said DeSarno.

Bonard's field goal capped a 56-yard drive and gave the Blue Devils a 10-7 lead late in the second quarter but the Farmers responded with a 10-play, 78-yard TD march that ended with D'Andrea's one yard plunge.

The missed point after kept the Farmers' halftime lead at 13-10.

The Blue Devils failed to catch the Farmer defense off-guard with a zany fake punt attempt early in the third quarter then, on their second possession of the quarter, the Farmers took a 21-10 lead when Mitchell outran the defender and grabbed Melody's pass for a 72-yard TD. Eleven seconds later, Johnson completed his 91-yard TD kickoff return to make the score 21-17. Thirty-six seconds later, Simmons carried the Farmer fumble into the end zone to put the Blue Devils ahead, 24-17.

"That's his (Simmons) second of the year. He does a great job with those," commented DeSarno.

The Farmers answered 20 seconds later when D'Andrea weaved 68 yards for the TD then, with 7:19 remaining in the game, Lowe grabbed Melody's pass and sprinted 64-yards down the left sideline for the TD to give the Farmers a 35-24 lead.

"Lowe is a quality receiver. This was his breakout game. Other than being fast, he was hard to tackle," said DeSarno.

Still battling, the Blue Devils tightened the score to 35-30 with Allen's six-yard TD reception with 2:29 on the clock. An onside kick attempt failed and the Farmers simply ran out the clock.

"There is no quit in us! They have had enough rough seasons. They are going to play through," said DeSarno.

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IN ON MANY TACKLES...Blue Devil Will Harbaugh, No. 57, made 19 tackles against Union. John Dugan, No. 80, also made several tackles.



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GOING UP FOR THE BLOCK...Blue Devil Kristen Dilzell, No. 7, leaps to in hopes to make a block. See another picture on Page 18.

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

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"In the first game, we stopped talking to each other, we were not jelling as a team and that's when everything stopped," said team Co-Captain Tara Daly. "After the game, we talking how

we really needed to learn what had happened and it was good that we were really mad with ourselves. In the game, we came out strong, worked through getting to comfortable and then worked through the not-talking and executed."

### WF PAL Wrestling Registration Set:

Westfield PAL wrestling team registration has begun and will end on Wednesday, October 25. The programs focus on learning the fundamentals of wrestling, instilling solid values and having fun. PAL sponsors the following programs:

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In the championship match, the Bridgewater-Raritan Panthers, who earned the top seed after defeating Rahway, Livingston and Montclair Kimberley Academy, showed cohesiveness, worked well together and got every ball up in the game while the Blue Devils struggled a bit against their scrappy defense. However, the Devils did not go away easily, tying the match, 12-12. After the Panthers built a five-point bulge, a determined Westfield team executed its game plan well to narrow the lead, 24-22.

"Our defense is really consistent all throughout the day. Our offense is really on but Bridgewater is a very good team so we struggled a little bit at the end. I think we got a little nervous because we're not used to being down anymore," said the smiling senior co-captain/libero Anna Koehler, who was selected to the All-Tournament team. "We support each other. Win or lose, it does not matter and I'm very proud of all the girls."

"It was good for us to have that competition against a team like Bridgewater where we fought until the last point. We play them again on October 9, so that's kind of a big deal," added Daly.

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

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Breznitsky, the Raiders actually played a little stronger than the Cardinals in the first half and held a 5-4 edge in shots on goal. Raider senior keeper Bryan Meredith made four of his seven saves in the half, while Kardinal keeper Levey DeOliveira made four of his nine saves. Raider backup keeper Brandon Reddington made two second-half saves.

The second half, however, belonged to the Cardinals and it showed with a 10-6 difference in meaningful shots on goal, in addition to constant pressure in the goal area. After a scramble, the ball shifted to an open area in the middle of the box where Gamero tapped in a right-footed shot behind Meredith. From there, Meredith moved to the front and Reddington came in to goal. Then, with 3:03 on the clock, Gamero iced the game with his second goal.

"We gave the ball game away with two goalkeeping mistakes. The goalkeeper should have come for the ball down there (first goal). Bryan is a great goalkeeper but he needed to come and get that ball. He let it bounce in the box and they buried it. We made a change and put him on the field. The second goalkeeper let the ball go through his hands," commented Breznitsky who added, "We are starting to dig ourselves a hole. Where we have been accustomed to playing most of our state games at home, we are going to have a sixth of seventh seed. It's going to be a rough road. It's a game! We will get by it but we've got to stop making mistakes. We got to play through 80 minutes. And we got to find somebody who can put the ball in the net."

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### Devil Boys Place 8th At Shore Coaches XC

The Westfield High School boys finished eighth with 251 points and the Blue Devil girls placed 10th with a total of 216 in their respective A Divisions at the Shore Coaches Invitational cross-country meet at Holmdel Park on October 7. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys placed 18th in the B Division with a total of 383.

Raider sophomore Brittany Veeck finished 10th with a time of 19:45 in the girls race and Union Catholic's Brian Guteri crossed ninth with a time of 16:46.7 in the boys E Division race.

### Goldberg, Morawski Win in State Tennis

Westfield High School tennis players Lindsay Goldberg and Kim Morawski advanced to the fourth round of the NJSIAA doubles tournament at Mercer County Park in West Windsor on October 8.

Goldberg and Morawski defeated Kim Baker and Sarah Cheafsky of Ocean City, 6-3, 6-1, in the first round then stopped Colette Crines and Liz Odell of Wall, 6-0, 6-2, in the second round. Next, they topped Alexis Hitchner and Kelli McCarthy of Rumson, 6-3, 6-2.

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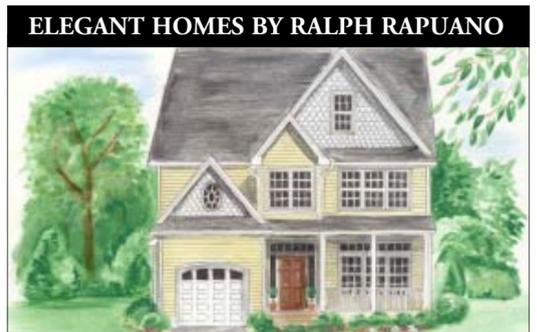
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