



TAKING OUT THE OPPOSITION...Mudturtles Fabien Janus, Stephen Mulhall and Maarten Meinez watch as teammate Frank Kirchner nails an opposing player of the Village Lions. The Union rugby teamed opened the fall season with a 20-8 victory.

Deegan Roofing Sweeps Two In Linden Fall Softball Play

Scotch Plains' Deegan Roofing swept a doubleheader against a strong Elizabeth team, United Fence, in the Linden Fall Softball League by scores of 31-17 and 15-12.

Deegan Roofing is the sponsor of the county softball powerhouse that won the Rahway Summer League while establishing a 24-0 record, a feat never accomplished in the league's 20-plus year history. Deegan's deeds also include winning the Scotch Plains "A" League and they were the 2006 Tournament Champions of the Ninth Annual Dick Archer Classic.

Deegan Roofing is a team pulled together by local players, including Keith Gibbons and Frank Pepe of Westfield and Pat Nigro of Scotch Plains. The fall league team is co-

managed by Pepe and Nigro and consists of Scotch Plains players including SP's Mayor Martin Marks, Steve Brainard, Matt Walsh, Bob Guy and Tom Straneiro. Westfield is represented by four residents; besides Pepe and Gibbons are Kevin Woodring and Scott Smith. The team is rounded out with elite players from around the county.

Deegan Roofing is closing the year with two fall leagues. Besides weekdays in Linden the team will also compete on Sundays in Union in another double-header league.

"Looks like we'll end the season here," declared Frank Pepe. "Although we're hoping for a late run of people needing roof repairs, I can get us in a winter league in Florida."



SOLID DEFENSE...Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL "D" defenders Jacob Ramos (No. 71), Robert Lewis (No. 43), Danny Van Brunt (No. 68) and Grant Brown (No. 89) pursue a Millburn runner.

SP-F PAL 'D' Dominates Millburn Grid Kids, 20-7

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL "D" football team whipped host Millburn, 20-7, on September 17.

SP-F's defense, led by tackles from Robert Lewis, Sam McQuoid and Gabe Giovanello, took command of the game quickly by limiting Millburn to eight plays before turning over the ball. Then, SP-F quarterback Joe Pagano engineered a touchdown (TD) drive. Halfbacks Justin Giacona and Matt Ridge moved the ball up the middle. Pagano ran an option to the right side for 19 yards. He then pitched out to Steven Deduck who scored on a 17-yards sprint.

SP-F's defense shut down Millburn in three plays with constant backfield pressure by Grant Brown. SP-F re-

sponded when Giacona broke a tackle and ran 61 yards for the TD. Ridge added the extra point for a 13-0 lead.

Millburn came back strongly and on the first play after the kickoff, ran a sweep off the right tackle a 65-yard TD. Millburn threatened again before halftime, but Dan Van Brunt recorded a 15-yard sack on a fourth-and-5 conversion.

In the second half, Giacona, averaging 7.4 yards per carry for the day, systematically marched the ball downfield, carrying the ball 11 out of 16 plays to finish with a one-yard TD. Millburn fought back, only to be faced with punishing tackles by Brian Heath, Sean Duthie and Christian Lettieri.

Westfield 'B' Grid Kids Beat Perth Amboy PAL, 16-7

The Westfield PAL B Football team defeated Perth Amboy (PA), 16-7, in the Suburban Youth Football league on September 10.

Paul Werner followed the blocking of tight end Jonnie Gribbin and scampered 20 yards around the right end for the touchdown (TD). Robert Capaldo recovered a fumble at the PA 20-yard line to set up the TD. Fullback Brendan Dugan added the extra point behind the blocking of Kevin Anderson and Daniel Bigelow.

In the second quarter, Quarterback (QB) Patrick Dyer engineered a drive behind the great blocking of guards Nick Calleso and Michael Mondon, allowing Werner to score again around the left end. Werner converted the point after, making the score 14-0.

Just before halftime, Westfield's defense had PA pinned down on its two. Linebackers Joe Rinaldi and

Bill Hedley blitzed and defensive lineman Ryan Elliott sacked the QB in the end zone for a safety, making the score 16-0.

In the third quarter, Perth Amboy scored on a long run and converted the extra point. Perth Amboy threatened again on several long runs, but each time, Westfield linebackers Hedley, Rinaldi, Pat Johnson, John Dooley and Ryan Rittendale made key tackles. Defensive ends Mondon and Alex McHugh contained the outside running game with several hard-hitting tackles.

Safety Justin Ricardo saved a TD by forcing a PA running back out of bounds. Lineman Anthony Amatucci and cornerback Kurt Kowlaski made key tackles to prevent PA from converting third downs. Punter Geoff Scognamiglio, with a well-paced punt late in the game, buried Perth Amboy deep in its own territory.



OFFENSIVE STAR OF GAME...Eugene Rawls, No. 82, scored both touchdowns in the Westfield PAL "D" football team's, 14-0, victory over Livingston. Rawls broke loose for a 45-yard touchdown in the first half and added a 38-yard touchdown later in the first half.

Lady Blue Devils Ice Field Hky Farmers, 3-0

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head," said Isabella. "We like to pass up the wing and move up field, center the ball and hopefully have someone there to flick it in."

At 25:05 in the second half, Healey, off a corner shot, tapped the ball to Isabella who flicked it high into the air and into the left side of the net to make the score 2-0. With 16:08 remaining, Healey scorched the net off a corner shot from Maureen Hughes.

"I moved in between several defenders where I was able to get good position, stood my ground and tucked the ball into the right corner of the net, said Healey.

"I see this team as being a lot more comfortable with each other so we'll be pretty competitive," concluded McFadden.



FOUR IN A ROW...Over Labor Day weekend, Caroline Steller, a senior and co-captain of the golf team at Westfield High School, captured her fourth straight Junior Club Championship at Echo Lake Country Club. Kevin Shallcross won the Boys' Junior Club title. Pictured, left to right, are: professional instructors Bryan Costello and Ed Walls, Steller and professional instructor Derek McDonald.

WF PAL 'D' Defeats Livingston PAL, 14-0

Eugene Rawls broke a number of tackles on a 45-yard run early in the first half and Eric Schor ran in the extra point to lead the Westfield PAL "D" football team to a 14-0 victory over Livingston on September 17.

Also in the half, Schor connected with Chris Hogge for a 20-yard pass then Rawls followed with a 38-yard touchdown sprint. Thomas Anderson delivered a crushing block on the play. Schor passed to Hogge, converting the point after.

Mark Trinkle contributed a couple of good runs throughout the game. Westfield's defense played solid football all afternoon. Patrick Aslanian pounced on a Livingston fumble in the first half. Cornerback Thomas Geris made a number of tackles. Linebackers Colin Studwell, Chris Sweeney, Jack Simcox and Chris Callahan made tackles for losses. Luke Iorio, Ian Hutchinson and Sean Bohrod made impressive tackles from the defensive secondary.

Westfield PAL D will play at Kehler Stadium on Sunday at 9 a.m. against Cranford.



GETTING THE TOUCHDOWN...Westfield PAL "A" team tailback Jack Kephart, No. 22, scored the Blue Devils' only TD in a 6-6 tie with the East Side Red Raiders.



GOLFING PARTNERS...Westfield resident Angelo Ciullo, right, and Daniel McLaughlin of Chatham were among the more than 120 golfers who participated in the Villa Enterprises Management's annual charity golf outing, held September 11 at the New Jersey National Golf Club in Basking Ridge for the Matheny Medical and Educational Center in Peapack.



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