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BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY...Highlander John Manganiello, front, battles a broken nose and Pioneer Ben Carroll but still wins his 215-lb bout, 5-2.

## GL Highlanders Outdo NP Pioneer Matmen, 42-34

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quick," said Mattingly. Scott Mack (160-lbs) built a 12-0 lead before pinning Pioneer Dimitry Myasnikov in 2:38. Highlander Matt Fullowan (171-lbs) dimmed the lights on Matt Serillo in 1:08. "I used a sweep from my feet, threw legs and put him to his back with a power half," said Fullowan. Manganiello, broken nose and all, pulled out a crucial 5-2 decision over Ben Carroll to put the Highlanders ahead, 24-6. "He got me down early then, with my nose filled of blood, I could not pay attention, but I came back," said Manganiello. "I hit a nice cut back roll and thought I had the two points but the ref called it a little too quick I thought. Late in the third period, I got the takedown, looked up and saw like ten seconds left. I knew I had the victory." Pioneer 125-lb Andrew Lucid recorded a fall in 1:56 over Nick Ragazzo and Wade Baldwin (130-lbs) out-pointed GL's Steve Reedy, 15-7. Down, 34-27, GL won the final three bouts. Colder battled to a 3-2 decision over Gallino, Erik Midtbo (140-lbs) smothered Daniel Umada

in 1:32 and Rob Coughlin (145-lbs) decked Connor Moroney in 2:56. "I came out, used front headlock takedown and, from there, I tried to use cross leverage series but he was tough and would not let me turn him," said Coughlin. "Second period, I dug into our bottom arsenal, hit a shrug and put him to his back." "The big factor was that they won the coin toss. I knew right there that we were in trouble. If we would have won it, we controlled 112, 189 and we could have gotten better matchups. We had an uphill battle but the kids almost pulled it out," said Pioneer Head Coach Bremer. **BOUNT SEQUENCE:**  
152: Mattingly (G) p Kourakos, 2:46  
160: Mack (G) p Myasnikov, 2:38  
171: Fullowan (G) p Serillo, 1:08  
189: Trevor Martin (N) won forfeit  
215: Manganiello (G) d Carroll, 5-2  
Hwt: Michael Carone (N) p Mike Adashev, 3:4  
103: Nick Webber (N) won forfeit  
112: Andrew Reichard (G) won forfeit  
119: Peter Terrezza (N) won forfeit  
125: Lucid (N) p Ragazzo, 1:56  
130: Baldwin (N) d Reedy, 15-7  
135: Colder (G) d Gallino, 3-2  
140: Midtbo (G) p Umana, 1:32  
145: Coughlin (G) p Moroney, 2:56

## Blue Devil Keglers Clinch Watchung Conference Title

The Westfield High School varsity and junior varsity bowling teams clinched Watchung Conference Titles by defeating Linden on February 1. The varsity, 5-2, (3,097-2,932 total pins) and the JVs won, 7-0, (2,789-2,474 total pins). In the varsity match, Westfield overcame a 257 game by Linden bowler Keith Bulle to, 1,018-971. Eric Curialle rolled a 235, Alex Wronski had a 226 and Harrison Mercado rolled a 211. In Game 2, Linden won, 1,023-1,001, despite strong games from Wronski (198), Mercado (236), Bryan Elsasser (195) and Brett Ettinger (216). Tiger Kent Henderson rolled a 254, Nick Provenzano rolled 224 and Keith Bulle had a 211. Game 3 went to Westfield, 1,078-938. All five Blue Devils rolled 200+ games - Wronski (232), Ettinger (223), Curialle (215), Mercado (205) and Elsasser (203). The 1078 total was three pins higher than the day before when Westfield won the Union County Tournament with a 1,075 finish. Wronski had a high series of 656, Mercado had a 652, Curialle was 606, Ettinger totaled 597 and Elsasser totaled 586. Bulle led Linden with the high series of the day at 682. "This was a team effort as all five bowlers helped to carry the team at different times," commented Blue Devil Head Coach Mike Tirone. The JVs (defending conference champs) entered the match in second place behind Linden had to win all the games to repeat as conference champions. In the Game 1, Westfield won, 891-837. Junior Arley Rojas and sophomore Matt Marcus led the team with 231 and 184 games, respectively. In Game 2, Westfield won, 922-831, which put the team in temporarily first place by one point. Junior Trevor Yee rolled a 207 and Marcus rolled 201. The Blue Devils ruled Game 3,

976-806. Yee (247), Rojas (203), Jesse Embre (192), sophomore Justin Frazier Wright (176) and Marcus (158) all contributed to clinch the championship. Rojas rolled a high series of 622, followed by Yee (589), Embre (551) and Marcus (543). "Our JV team has been sensational all year. They have risen to every challenge that has come their way. I am proud of their efforts," Tirone stated. Next, the Blue Devil varsity will compete in the state sectional tournament to be held on February 10, at 9 a.m. at Eagle Rock Lanes in West Orange. Westfield has won four out of the last five years.



Courtesy of Tola Murphy Baron for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
UCT SWIM CHAMPIONS...Members of the Blue Devil boys swim team reach for the UCT trophy. It was the 50th UCT trophy captured by the Blue Devil boys.

## WF 6th Cagers Defeat Cranford, N. Providence

After losing to an undefeated Ocean Township team in the finals of the Red Bank "Battle of the 5's" Tournament, 40-30, the Westfield sixth grade A basketball team rebounded with league victories over a 6-1 Cranford team and a team from New Providence to improve to 12-7 overall and 5-5 in league play. In the 42-37 win over Cranford, Keegan Hess and Jake Heroux each sank 10 points. Peter Ianelli ran the team from his point guard position and also chipped in seven points. David Solomon had six points. Hess bucketed six straight points late in the fourth quarter to provide the final margin of victory. In the 48-36 victory over New Providence at the Millburn Sports Academy, 10 boys scored four points or more. Brian Githens put in five points and Kevin Mikovits had four points and three steals.

## Blue Devil Boys Capture 50th Union County Swim Crown

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DeLaFuente and Green on the 200 free, and Green, DeLaFuente, Baran and Harley on the 400 free. SP-F's main scorers were Mike Miller (fourth 50 free, third 100 fly), Zach Peart (fourth 200 IM and 100 back), Matt Miller (third 500 free), Eric Walker (sixth 200 free), Jon Kosenick (sixth 100 back), Brian Pesin (fifth 100 breast) and Matt Plagge (sixth 100 breast). After yesterday's meet at Peddie and today's trip to Elizabeth, the WHS boys will be gearing up for a run at their 21st state championship. After winning state titles in 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004, the boys have lost heart-wrenching meets to

Bridgewater-Raritan the past two years in the North 2 Public A sectional finals. If WHS wins its first two sectional meets, there's a likely rematch with Bridgewater at Bayonne, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. "This is what we've worked hard for all year, another shot at Bridgewater," Baran said. "The last two years have been great meets, unforgettable and exciting. But it's more fun to win those meets. We won states when I was a freshman. Hopefully we can find a way to do that this year. I can't wait."

- TEAM SCORES:**  
1. Westfield 342, 2. Scotch Plains-Fanwood 227, 3. Summit 168, 4. Oratory 131, 5. Union Catholic 109, 6. Governor Livingston 88, 7. Cranford 71, 8. New Providence 69, 9. Plainfield 34, 10. Union 28, 11. Elizabeth 24, 12. Roselle Catholic 14, 13. A.L. Johnson 8.  
**TOP 3 FINISHERS:**  
200-yard medley relay: 1. Westfield (Matt Meserole, Phil Anton, Matt Bluffield, Luke Baran) 1:44.91, 2. Summit 1:47.29, 3. SP-F 1:47.45.  
200 free: 1. P.J. Harley (Westfield) 1:48.01, 2. Brian O'Donnell (Union Catholic) 1:50.18, 3. Bill Haley (Oratory) 1:52.93.  
200 IM: 1. Brendan Floyd (Oratory) 2:02.28, 2. Chris DeLaFuente (Westfield) 2:02.58, 3. Jon Denby (Governor Livingston) 2:07.99.  
50 free: 1. Matt Green (Westfield) 22.58, 2. Sean French (Cranford) 23.05, 3. Jason Toffey (Summit) 23.12, 100 fly: 1. Chris DeLaFuente (Westfield) 54.45, 2. Alex Morrison (Oratory) 54.61, 3. Mike Miller (SP-F) 55.10.  
100 free: 1. Brian O'Donnell (Union Catholic) 50.42, 2. Matt Green (Westfield) 50.45, 3. Brendan Floyd (Oratory) 51.03.  
500 free: 1. P.J. Harley (Westfield) 4:46.29, 2. Bill Haley (Oratory) 4:59.19, 3. Matt Miller (SP-F) 5:17.73.  
200 free relay: 1. Westfield (P.J. Harley, Michael Oster, Chris DeLaFuente, Matt Green) 1:33.74, 2. Summit 1:35.08, 3. SP-F 1:38.81.  
100 back: 1. Matt Meserole (Westfield) 56.45, 2. Alex Morrison (Oratory) 56.89, 3. Luke Baran (Westfield) 57.72.  
100 breast: 1. Jon Denby (Governor Livingston) 1:02.97, 2. Phil Anton (Westfield) 1:04.97, 3. Jason Toffey (Summit) 1:06.85.  
400 free relay: 1. Westfield (Matt Green, Chris DeLaFuente, Luke Baran, P.J. Harley) 3:24.47, 2. SP-F 3:31.19, 3. Oratory 3:31.54.

## Devilfish 'A' Swim Girls Top Hunterdon County Y Girls

The Westfield Area Y Girls "A" swim team improved to 3-1-1 with a win over Hunterdon County Y. Head coach Paul Casazza opened the meet by recognizing graduating seniors Julie Cederroth, Lauren McCurdy and Katie Morgan for their contributions. IM: 9-10s Lutz and Whitmer placed 1-3 followed by 11-12s Sweeney capturing first. Krakora, Rose and Scrofani swept the 13-14s event. 15+ Lemberg and Cederroth placed 1-2. Freestyle: 8Us Felix and Devin out-touched HCY swimmers. 9-10s Daniel, 11-12s Whitmer, 13-14s

Smith and Higgins and 15+s Morgan and Budnick also scored. Breaststroke: 8Us Basil, D'Amore and Oster swept. 9-10s Daniel and Sokolow, 11-12s Huber and Myers, 13-14s Krakora and Scrofani and 15+ Morgan and Lemberg touched 1-3. Backstroke: 8Us Pyle and Basil nailed 1-2. 9-10s Larche and Day and 13-14s Smith and Wilson placed 2-3. 11-12s Maloney, Bangs and Huber swept, while 15-plus Johnson placed first in the 200 backstroke. Butterfly: 8Us Pyle, Thomas and Devin and 13-14s Higgins, Steller and O'Neill swept. 9-10s Morello and Duffy delivered a 1-2 punch. 11-12s Alexander and Kerr touched 1-3. 15+s Cederroth placed third. Medley Relay: 8Us Pyle, Basil, Devin and Felix; 9-10s Day, Daniel, West and Larche; 11-12s Sweeney, Pires, Alexander and Ball, 13-14s Smith, Krakora, Higgins and Wilson; 15-plus Johnson, Morgan, Lemberg and Cederroth all placed first. Swimmers with personal bests included Anderson, Korba, J. Myers and E. Smith.



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