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**INVOLVED IN A PHYSICAL SITUATION...** Raider junior Bryan Dougher, No. 21, clashes with Blue Devil Mike Venezia, right, in a very physical game on February 8. Venezia was successful in hitting 16 points and Dougher netted 17 points. Westfield won, 61-49.

## Blue Devil Boys Rumble Past Raider Cagers, 61-49

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stepped up and they made a little run at the end," said Raider Head Coach Dan Doherty.

"We really did not shoot all that well throughout the whole game. They played good defense and we didn't get many easy shots. Bayard, as everyone knows, is a good shooter so they covered him all over the floor," said Dougher.

The teams played virtually dead even with the lead changing throughout the first and second quarters. Venezia and Dougher each connected with two 3-pointers and 2-point jumpers as the team battled to a 23-23, halftime tie.

In the third quarter, Bayard nailed a 3-point jumper from the right flank. The Devils shadowed the Raiders with strong man-to-man defensive play but it was Bonard who was effective by swooshing in six points. Venezia and Nardi each bucketed four points and DiIorio netted one as the quarter ended 38-34 in favor of Westfield. Dougher scored four points, while Dortch and Maroney added four each.

"We knew what they were going to come out with from the last game and we shut them down, but towards the second half, we started letting up and that made the difference in the game," said Okarter. "We just couldn't con-

vert our shots. Things were not falling, so if you don't have an offense you can't win a game."

In the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils played hard-nosed defense, rebounded well and executed their shots to win the quarter, 23-15. Pritsker nailed his two 3-point jumpers from the left wing and added four inside the perimeter. Bonard knocked down seven points in the quarter and Venezia bagged four points. Bayard and Zabel each hit 3-pointers, Dougher netted five points and Maroney sank four.

"We had a tough week losing to Roselle Catholic and that really opened up our eyes. This is our biggest rivalry, you know with football and everything. I was really pumped up and we took it out on Scotch Plains," said Bonard. "We knew that they're a good 3-point shooting team, so we had to limit their looks. Dougher is a tough match-up. He's going to hit his shot no matter if you're in his face or you're ten feet off of him. In the second half, I can always depend on guys like Mike and Dan. Those guys stepped up big and I feed off them and they feed off me. Everything's good they do. I just wanted to match the intensity and that's not tough in a game like this."

"Like Tommy said, Dougher is a great player whether you're pressuring him or play off of him. There is no best way to guard him. He and Bayard are their two main guards and we wanted to slow them and everyone else down. We did and came out on top," said Venezia.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	11	12	11	15	49
Westfield	11	12	15	23	61

## Lady Blue Devils Burn Raider Cagers, 38-35

Trailing, 33-29, the Westfield High School girls basketball team went on a 9-2 tear in the final quarter to burn host Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 38-35, on February 8. Blue Devil Erin Miller hit seven of her 15 points in the quarter and teammate Katie Cronen sank two insurance free throws in the final second.

Allie Zazzali led the 11-8 Raiders with 13 points followed by Lauren Mains with seven, Jackie Law with six, Kaylan Jaichon with five and Laura Degman with four. Miller also had four rebounds and three assists. Cronen finished with seven points and five rebounds. Diana Venezia (6 points) pulled 10 rebounds. Gab O'Leary (3 points) had four assists. Kerri Pringle sank five points and Danielle Infantino (2 points) had four rebounds.

Westfield	14	6	9	9	38
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	10	11	12	2	35

## Lady Raiders Crush Royal B'ballers, 56-26

The third-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team advanced to the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament to face six-seeded New Providence by crushing 14th-seeded Oak Knoll, 56-26, in Cranford on February 12. Senior guard Allie Zazzali had a field day with 21 points, including four 3-pointers, six steals and four assists.

Jackie Law sank 10 points and pulled 10 rebounds for the 12-8 Raiders and Kaylin Jaichon had 12 rebounds and eight points. Emily Meehan had eight points. Mary Cummings scored nine points for the Royals.

Oak Knoll	7	7	8	4	26
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	19	12	15	10	56

## Lady Blue Devils Rap Dayton Cagers, 60-34

The top-seeded Westfield High School girls basketball team advanced to the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament by rapping Jonathan Dayton, 60-34, in Linden on February 12. Sophomore Tara Handza (2 steals, 2 assists, 3 rebounds) led the 16-6 Blue Devils with 18 points, including two 3-pointers.

Erin Miller (4 steals, 4 rebounds) netted 14 points and dished out 10 assists. Gab O'Leary (3 assists, 3 rebounds) sank six points and made seven steals. Diana Venezia hit eight points and pulled six rebounds. Gabby Jakub had four points and four rebounds. Jacqueline Kuczynski put in 25 points for the 14-8 Bulldogs. Westfield will face eighth-seeded Governor Livingston in Cranford tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Dayton	9	6	11	8	34
Westfield	14	12	20	14	60



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**GRINDING A MILLER...** Blue Devil Joe Panarese, top, recorded two takedowns, two reversals and two nearfalls to earn a 12-3, majority decision over Miller Derrick Weber at 125-lbs.

## Blue Devil Wrestlers Defeat MXS Bulldogs, Fall to Millers

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Once I scored my first takedown on him the confidence came. I thought, 'I can do this!' We wrestle hard in the room every day and that's why we can come back," said Reichbach.

"When he's on, he looks great. There are two Sam Reichbachs out there. Normally, we see one Sam in one match and the other in another one. Today, we saw both in the same match," said Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz. "He got himself behind because he did not have enough confidence in himself. Halfway through the match that changed."

At 152-lbs, Castrorao trailed Miller Eric Rice, 2-1, entering the second period then scored a reversal and an escape to tie the score, 4-4, in the third but Rice scored an escape, a penalty point and a takedown to grab an 8-4 decision. 160-lb Miller Noah Levin got the better of Boyd with three takedowns, two escapes and

two nearfalls to claim a 13-0, majority decision.

After the Millers won by fall at 189-lbs, Amer Perwez escaped late in the third period to defeat Blue Devil Zack Franz, 2-1, at 215-lbs. At 112-lbs, DeFreitas dropped a 2-1 heart-breaker when Sam Waters escaped in the third overtime to pull out the win.

"DeFreitas was all heart! He wrestled well. He was aggressive. He took it to that kid. Unfortunately, it didn't go his way but he has no reason to be upset," said Kurz.

At 119-lbs, Millburn's Greg Pollock, who placed third in Region 3 at 103-lbs last year, had a battle with John Barnes but managed to get a three-point cradle in the second period to come up with a 7-4 victory. Blue Devil Joe Panarese recorded two takedowns, two reversals and two nearfalls to earn a 12-3, majority decision over Derrick Weber at 125-lbs then Drew Bergin cranked Don Aurnhammer to his back in 1:59 to record a fall at 130-lbs.

Wrestling at 135-lbs, Blue Devil Colin MacKay scored a driving high pick takedown and a leg-trip reversal to defeat Alex Pelham-Webb, 4-1.

### WESTFIELD/MILLBURN:

- 140: — Reichbach (W) d Collingwood, 16-11
- 145: — Arty Pearl (M) won forfeit
- 152: — Rice (M) d Castrorao, 8-4
- 160: — Levin (M) d Boyd, 13-0
- 171: — Sam Swartz (M) won forfeit
- 189: — Kevin McCarville (M) p Willy Johnson, 5-7
- 215: — Perwez (M) d Franz, 2-1
- Hwt: — Mike Sista (M) won forfeit
- 103: — Andrew Panada (M) won forfeit
- 112: — Waters (M) d DeFreitas, 2-1, 3 OT
- 119: — Pollock (M) d Barnes, 7-4
- 125: — Panarese (W) d Derrick Weber, 12-3
- 130: — Bergin (W) p Aurnhammer, 1:59
- 135: — MacKay (W) d Pelham-Webb, 4-1



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**MANEUVERING AROUND A RIVAL...** Westfield senior Tom Bonard, left, tries to work his way around Raider senior Greg Bayard, right. Bonard was successful in hitting 15 points and Bayard scored 10 points with two 3-pointers.

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