

## Blue Devil Hoop Boys Reject Basketball Warriors, 55-51

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We didn't take any bad shots and we were making easy lay-ups," commented Venezia.

"They couldn't have anybody who could handle Mike inside out. Our guards are good enough that we can shoot outside. If they were sagging, we would knock the threes down. They had to respect our threes so we would just dump it off to Mike or Santo (Nardi) down low," explained Bonard.

The third quarter was virtually a tradeoff of inside shooting with the Warriors whittling one point off the Blue Devils' lead to carve a 13-12 edge. Venezia and Ross each put in six points and Matisak netted five.

The Blue Devils stretched their five-point lead to nine when Venezia and Bonard banged back-to-back 3-pointers, which caused the Warriors to call timeout with 4:28 remaining in the game. Kane hit a 3-pointer and Jim Morrow hit a 2-pointer to cut Westfield's lead to 48-44 with 3:19 left. Timeout was called. Morrow hit a 3-pointer, cutting the lead to one. Timeout was

called with 2:24 left. Pritsker rolled in a lay-up but Ross tied the game at 50 with a 3-banger then Bonard added the comfort with his 3-pointer, causing the Warriors to creep into a foul mode. Venezia went to the line and sank both free throws to seal the deal.

"Sometimes, we will let a team back in. We hit two big threes and you think you want to put the peddle to the metal and kind of just close the door but, unfortunately, we left them hang around," said Bonard. "At the end of the game, Mike and I want the ball. If our team lets us have it, we want to make sure that we will get the win. I knew I was shooting it the whole way. I had my feet set under me, I felt good. I had to shoot it."

"The whole year, we just shot ourselves in the foot in the fourth quarter," said Venezia. "We will either have the lead or we will make a nice run then we will let the other team back into it. Luckily, we came out of it. Tommy hit a big three!"

Watchung Hills	14	8	13	16	51
Westfield	14	15	12	14	55



**HOCKEY ALL-STARS...** Westfield High School Ice Hockey juniors Jimmy Bender (forward), left, and goaltender Eric Zagorski have been selected to the Central White Second Team All-Stars. The Blue Devils finished with a 12-8-3 record.

### Blue Knights Oust Blue Devils in Hoops

The No. 14 Irvington High School boys basketball team ousted Westfield from the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tournament with a 49-39 victory in Irvington on February 26. Tom Bonard and Mike Venezia each netted 16 points for the 16-10 Blue Devils. Mike Galarce and Mike Johnson scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, for the 18-7 Blue Knights.

Westfield	12	10	6	11	39
Irvington	9	18	9	13	49

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## WF PAL Wrestlers Compete At NJGSWL Tournament

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Matt Albano, Christian Barber, Helen Delpopolo, Erik Gozdieski, Tony Pafumi, Troy Skibitsky, Tom Sweeney and Kyle Saggio all represented Westfield at the varsity level. Kieran Cline, Nick Knepper, Brendan Oster and Anthony Venckus participated at the Junior Varsity level.

All wrestlers were matched with 20 of the most competitive teams from New Jersey, including High Point, Kenilworth, South Plainfield, Phillipsburg and others. At the Varsity level, Matt Albano (90-lbs) completed his impressive 14-3 season record with additional match wins, one loss, and a major decision against his Randolph opponent to clutch seventh place. Troy Skibitsky (95-lbs) advanced with stout momentum in his 15-man stacked weight class to

place sixth. Christian Barber (107-lbs) made a strong advancement through a 16-man bracket to take fourth in a close one-point match against Randolph to finish 19-5. Tony Pafumi (140-lbs) hammered through his studded bracket, recording three pins on his way to his final match where he reversed his season loss beating North Hunterdon, 6-4, to place third. Helen Delpopolo (150-lb) recorded two pins and advanced to her final match to take sixth in her 13-person bracket. Erik Gozdieski (175-lbs) duplicated strong wins against his formidable opponents, advancing to meet Phillipsburg where he took seventh place.

At the Junior Varsity level, Nick Knepper (100-lbs) placed sixth, Anthony Venckus (124-lbs) took fourth and Kieran Cline (150-lbs) clinched first place, pinning his Watchung Hills opponent in the finals.

Led by committed coaches, the Westfield PAL Grade School team improved its NJGSWL record from last season to 9-11.

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