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## J. DIORIO GETS SAFETY, SACK; JOE V. DUGAN SACK

# Blue Devils' 'D' Plows Under Union Football Farmers, 16-0

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Raging defense got the Westfield High School football team on the right track to a 16-0 victory over the Union Farmers in Union on September 28. Not only did the Blue Devils' pressing defense hold the Farmers to negative yardage in the first half and only three rushing yards in the second half but it also recorded four sacks, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

Defensive end John DiIorio shared a nine-yard sack with defensive end John Dugan then recorded the first score of the game with a six-yard toss for a loss in the end zone for a safety. "Our defense played awesome. We were doing everything correctly. We were on our game," stated DiIorio. Linebacker/tight end Joe Vall-Llobera had a lucrative evening on both ends of the ball, hauling in three passes for 38 yards, including an eight-yard touchdown (TD) reception, and delivering a key nine-yard sack that set up DiIorio's safety. Vall-

Llobera also made a saving tackle on a punt return. "We prepared so much physically last week. We wanted this one so much because these are the big guys. We popped them up and down the field," said Vall-Llobera. As to his sack he said, "That was phenomenal! That was one of the best feelings I ever had. Then DiIorio came back and put him in the end zone, so to know I contributed to that felt great." "They ran a certain play and the

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DEFINITELY GETTING A LEG UP... Blue Devil Christina Cognetti, No. 8, tries to get to the ball but her Linden opponent seems to get a leg up on her. The Blue Devils defeated the Tigers, 6-1.

## PARKINSON SCORES 2 GOALS, HAS 3RD NULLIFIED

# Westfield Blue Devils Outfox Linden Soccer Tigresses, 6-1

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Skilled forwards with speed killed an offside trap strategy used by Linden in the Westfield High School girls soccer team's, 6-1, victory at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on September 26. Although accumulating a number of offside calls, the 3-2-2 Blue Devils found the proper technique to outfox the 4-3 Tigers.

Corrine Parkinson, who netted two goals and had one goal nullified, drilled a shot off the post, she brought the ball down the left side, faked a shot to draw a defender and tapped it over the goal in the 28th minute. "My teammate played me the ball down the line. I brought my first touch to goal and beat one defender and took it to the near post," explained Parkinson. A minute later, junior Ariel Ziering, on an assist from junior Meredith Clark, slid one onto sacred ground. With six minutes remaining in the half, sophomore Robyn Knapp, assisted by junior Brittany Cortinhal, gave the Blue Devils a 4-0 lead.

Starting keeper Claire Bennett, who made three saves, was rested in the second half and in came sophomore goalie Meghan Brody. In the meantime, Parkinson nailed a beautiful header for a goal, but it was nullified by another offside call. "I think the ref called it after the ball went because I was behind the girl and made the run after the ball was in front of me," said Parkinson, who added, "They were playing an offside trap where you really need to have a fast defense. So, on those defenses, it's easy to slip balls through them, but you do get a lot of offside calls. If you know how to beat it, then

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SERIOUSLY DETERMINED TO WIN...Blue Devil freshman Melissa Morawski, front, has a very serious look and wants to make sure that her sister Kim, background, will win her fourth Union County Tournament tennis title.

## MORAWSKI GETS 4TH UCT TITLE, CRISCUOLO WINS 2ND

# Blue Devil Net Girls Capture Third Straight UCT Crown

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Lane Maloney became the first girl in Westfield High School history to win four Union County Tournament (UCT) tennis titles when she grabbed the second singles title last year. At Donald Van Blake Courts in Plainfield on September 28, senior Kim Morawski, pairing with her sister Melissa, captured her fourth UCT crown and helped the Blue Devils win their third straight team title, edging Kent Place (KP) 77-68. Governor Livingston (GL) placed third with 38 points. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) girls tied Linden (L) for seventh with 20 points.

The top-seeded Blue Devil sister act of Kim and Melissa Morawski won their first round, 6-0, 6-0, then advanced to the semifinals after stopping Union's (U) Luvyane Belizaire and Jaleesa Phillips with another blanking. Kim, a senior Tri-Captain who won a UCT doubles title three times, had mentioned in a pre-season interview that she would like to win a fourth UCT title and have Melissa, a freshman, as her partner. "It's very exciting and we wanted this for so long. We work well to-

gether, no fighting, which is surprising," laughed Kim. "No pressure. It's really fun. It would be really exciting if my sister and I won counties this year, especially since it would be my fourth one and with her. We are hoping to do well!" Well they did! The sister act rolled past Roselle Park's (RP) Michelle Casso and Brittany Stromko, 6-1, 6-0, in the semifinals then outlasted KP's Amanda Kusnierz and Nellie Lindecke, 6-3, 6-2, for the title. "It's especially exciting because I did it with my sister. We played pretty well. I was the consistent one again. Melissa hits the tough one that puts them away and she's consistent too," said Kim. "I thought it was a lot of fun. We tried to help each other, to motivate

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