

# RC Lion Volleyball Girls Bite SPF Raiders in Three Games

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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' volleyball team got a jump on visiting Roselle Catholic by winning the first game, 25-21, but the Lions came charging back to win the second game, 25-23, and the third game, 26-17, on September 26.

Raider senior middle hitter Alyssa Karis notched three kills, 10 service

Nicole Kennedy zapped 11 kills and Amanda Almeida triggered eight kills.

The Raiders had all of their positions secured in Game 1 and provided plenty of sparks. Karis ran off three straight services but the game turned a bit shaky as the Lions proved to be worthy. With the score, 21-19, the Raiders powered up and rolled off four points to secure a 25-21 win.

when you hit seven serves into the net and that's tough. I do commend them for battling back and being tough and making them work for those points," said coach Stack.

"We had lots of intensity in the beginning because we came off a win but we did not fight or push as hard," added Blach. "As for myself, it took off some of the edge because we were losing, while I wanted to make sure



**Intensity with a purpose...**Scotch Plains-Fanwood senior middle hitter Izzy Blach delivers a vicious shot for a kill. Blach notched seven kills, 12 service points, two aces and seven blocks. The Raiders lost in three sets.

points, four blocks and 14 digs. Senior Izzy Blach zapped seven kills and triggered 12 service points, two aces, 12 digs and seven blocks. Junior outside hitter Nicole Colineri notched two kills, nine service points, two aces, 12 digs and two blocks. Brittany LaManna led the Lions with 24 assists, seven aces and four digs.

"We played amazingly well and they were intense from the beginning all the way through the first game and that is what you have to do as an athlete, not just a player. As an athlete you go out there, set the tone in the beginning, you set the tone in the end and that's what wins the game," said Raider Head Coach Adriene Stack.

that the ball did go in. Overall, I thought we played a really good game though."

In Game 3, the Raiders got their offense rolling and forced the Lions to make several own errors. With the score favoring the Raiders, 8-2, the Lions' intensity suddenly came alive that set the Raiders on their heels by rolling off eight points to take the lead. The Lions extended that margin on hitting errors and finished off the Raiders on a hard smash by Almeida.

"It's just as I said before. You have to set the tone, put the game out and set the tone at the end and show them that you want it more that they do. We're making mistakes where balls drop and that can't happen in a varsity game against caliber teams and those are mistakes that we are going to fix," said coach Stack.

Roselle Catholic took advantage of service errors and quickly jumped to a 11-5 advantage in Game 2, but the Raiders established more of a rhythm and got their attack back to tie the game at 15-15. The game turned into a back-and-forth battle until the bitter end when Kennedy ended it with a vicious kill.

"We lost it on serves. We were down by six. We battled back then did it again in the end but the problem is that it is very difficult to win a game



**MAKING A SPECTACULAR DIVING GRAB...**Raider fullback Marcus Green, No. 21, made six receptions for 62 yards and had a 14-yard touchdown bash. From his linebacker position, he delivered devastating tackles, including quarterback back and a saving tackle on a punt return.

## BAKER GRABS 2 TD PASSES, MARCUS GREEN 14-YD TD

# Football Raiders Shut Down Plainfield Cardinals, 21-0

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Two long scoring drives and smash-mouth defense by the entire Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team led to a 21-0 shutout triumph over Plainfield at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on September 29. Seniors Keith Baker and Tim Green, and junior Marcus Green led the furious defensive attack that held the Cardinals' offense to minus four yards.

The 3-1 Raiders chewed up 134 yards on the ground and 112 yards in the air. Quarterback Mike Chervenyak, who engineered a long touchdown (TD) drive in the first half and another in the third quarter, completed 13-of-19, including two TDs, and rushed for 19 yards on five carries.

Fullback/linebacker Marcus Green had 30 rushing yards, including a battering 14-yard TD run in the fourth quarter, and had six receptions for 62 yards due to his extra efforts after grabbing the passes. Baker had TD

grabs of nine yards and five yards to go with another six-yard reception. Junior tailback Anthony Taylor had 21 carries for 85 yards. Wide receivers J.J. D'Agostaro had two receptions for 15 yards and Kyle Mihansky added a nine-yard pass and an interception. Kameron Williams had a six-yard reception.

The 0-4 Cardinals had 26 rushing yards in the first half but were penalized 34 yards. They had minus 40 yards rushing in the second half to go with 25 yards in penalties but did total 66 yards in the air, including a 53-yard strike from quarterback Daniel Woods to Dontae Booth.

Linebacker Tim Green made four vicious tackles and added a fumble recovery and senior defensive lineman Mike Alleman knocked down three Cardinals and decked the quarterback for a 22-yard loss. Jason Boff and Joe Blaes each hammered two Cardinals to the turf. Marcus Green inflicted five tackles and made a saving tackle on a punt. Baker, who had a few throws for losses, was also

involved in two sacks, one with Aaron Miller, and Williams added a sack.

"Defensively, it was a team effort executing the package. We did a good job executing plays and good tackling," said Tim Green.

"Going back to last week, we emphasized a lot of the positive things we did. Today, one thing that pleased us, we did not give up any kicking touchdowns and that has been a nemesis for the last two weeks," said Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "On defense we emphasized the positive stuff we did and we did a good job playing coverage today. It was great today. Offensively, we ran the ball well. They're pretty big up front; we mixed it up and we executed well. We had some shots that we wasted but overall we made them when we had to."

The Raiders chewed nine minutes off the clock on their first scoring drive on a 16-play 80-yard march, which included five Chervenyak aeri-als, and was concluded with a nine-

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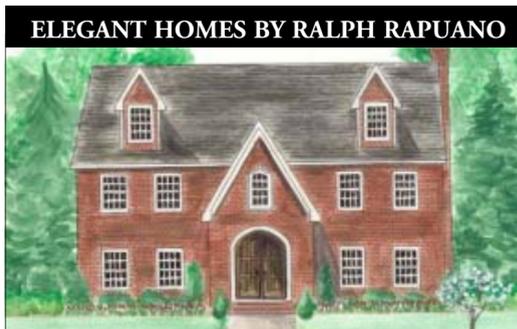
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