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## BENCIVENGO, CORNWELL, MEEHAN TO LEAD TEAM

### Lady Soccer Raiders Envision County, State Championships

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Matching the accomplishments of last year may be a monumental task but this year's Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team can envision success on the county and state levels.

Last year, the Lady Raiders captured the Watchung Conference title, shared the Union County tournament title with Westfield after a 1-1, over-

time draw and won their first ever North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 crown with a 1-0 victory over Mendham. After being stopped by Ramapo, 1-0, in the Group 3 tournament, the Raiders finished with an 18-3-2 record, the highest in school history.

"It was nice to have that success over the past few years, however, we do want to continue working towards capturing county and state titles and

see where we go," said Raider Head Coach Kevin Ewing.

Outstanding players, who have graduated, included midfielder Allie Hambleton, Colleen LaForge and sweeper Allie Zazzali, who led the Raiders' march to the top may prove to be just a bit more difficult one after having had the luxury of 11 highly experienced seniors. Perhaps one of

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RAIDER SOCCER LEADERSHIP...Pictured, left to right, are: Bridget Cornwell, Molly Meehan and Alana Bencivengo, who have been selected Raider Tri-captains and envision County and State championships.

## DRISCOLL, MUMFORD, REINHARDT NAMED CAPTAINS

### Lady Blue Devils Set Sights On WC, UC Crowns in X-C

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Wave after wave of runners make up this year's Westfield High School girls cross-country team and the intention is to overwhelm opponents at the Watchung Conference and Union County championships, as well as to repeat an undefeated dual meet record. The lady Blue Devils have their largest ever squad of 90 to 100 strong.

Last year, the Lady Blue Devils finished the regular season with another undefeated, 9-0 record, including a victory over rival Scotch Plains-

Fanwood. As a result, the team's total record from 1980-2006 has risen to 201-70. They also finished second in both the Watchung Conference (WC) and State Sectional meets.

"We have a very talented group, a plethora of returning varsity runners," stated Head Coach Thom Hornish, in his 36th season as cross-country coach (29th for the girls). "Given the strength of the frosh and JV teams and a solid eight returning varsity runners from last year's top-12, we look forward to a strong competitive season."

Part of that powerful running group

are team captains Josey Reinhardt, Marissa Mumford and Rose Driscoll who have been with the program since their freshman year. Senior veteran Tessa Schaaf, juniors Aileen and Bridget Grogan, and sophomore Allie Lowenstein fit into that equation also. Sophomore Megan Pulliam and senior Jaclyn Kirna, a transfer from soccer, will add to the depth.

The addition of a strong freshman group also insures years of future success for the Blue Devils.

"What's exciting about the number

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PREPPING FOR ANOTHER EXCITING SEASON...Blue Devil team captains Scott Newman (No. 53), John Dugan (No. 80), Malcolm Allen (No. 33) and Ryan Scanlon (No. 54) look to lead their football team to another winning season.

## DUGAN, ALLEN, SCANLON, NEWMAN TO LEAD DEVILS

### Blue Devil Footballers Look To 'Keep Momentum Going'

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Westfield High School football fans had something to cheer about last season. After two straight 1-9 sea-

sons, the Blue Devils had a promising beginning, weathered a midseason storm of very tough teams then rolled on a four-game winning streak to complete the season 6-4. Now, the Blue Devils look to keep that momentum going.

Last year, the Blue Devils defeated Cranford, Kearny, Shabazz, Bridgewater-Raritan, Plainfield and, probably the most memorable, a 28-21 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood on November 4 at Gary Kehler Stadium. Adjusting to a new offensive scheme was a little rough in the beginning but it paid off in dividends as the season progressed. Versatile senior quarterback Tom Bonard broke loose on several occasions, es-

pecially in the last half of the season, and scampered for five touchdowns (TDs). He also kicked three field goals and 23 extra points.

Junior Tony DiIorio has taken the reins as quarterback and will introduce a different style.

"It's a little different style of quarterback. He will throw the ball a little better and reads defenses. He does a good job at that. He will control the game more," said Blue Devil Head Coach Jim DeSarno. "We needed Tom to be a playmaker last year. We are a little bit better at the tailback position and those guys are going to have to step up and provide some of those big plays that Tommy gave us last year."

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**ALL-CORBIN TEAM ARRIVES SEPT. 13**

The 10th annual All-Corbin Team will appear in the September 13 issue of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*. The All-Corbin Team features photos of fine or unusual plays, umpires and fan shots taken at local softball league and youth baseball games.

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