

**WTA Men's Singles  
Final Tennis Standings**

Long time ladder participant Robert Errazo claimed the top spot for the first time. Errazo used his masterful slice to best young gun Melvin Diep in straight sets 6-3, 6-4. Diep grabbed second with straight set wins over Tuyen Diep and Christopher Miller.

Robert Bins fought off challenges from Paul Newsome and Mike Gonella to hold on to third. Anthony Marotta climbed into the top five for the first time this year to claim fourth with 8-5 and 10-7 wins over Weldon Chin and Tuyen Diep, respectively. Tuyen Diep finished fifth and also was the most active participant this year with 24 matches played. The single elimination playoffs have already begun with a single bracket this year. All matches should be reported to Richard Pardo at rspardo531@msn.com.

**Final Ladder Standings:**

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| 1. Rob Errazo(9)*     | 22. F. Adriaens(9)*     |
| 2. Mel Diep (13)*     | 23. Vittorio Nisita(8)* |
| 3. Rob Bins(12)*      | 24. Josh Suri (14)*     |
| 4. A. Marotta(9)*     | 25. H. Williams(5)*     |
| 5. T. Diep(24)        | 26. Chris Blaise(1)*    |
| 6. Rod North (8)*     | 27. E. Bronander(8)*    |
| 7. P. Newsome(10)*    | 28. D. Loffredo(10)*    |
| 8. Chris Miller(10)*  | 29. Len Resnikoff(2)    |
| 9. Andy Herz(5)*      | 30. Mike Muroff(7)      |
| 10. M. Gonella(12)*   | 31. G. Brown (11)*      |
| 11. Weldon Chin(13)*  | 32. Steve Lee (9)*      |
| 12. L. Bouchouev(8)*  | 33. Pete Magierski(3)   |
| 13. Rich Pardo (10)*  | 34. Azim Saifee (3)     |
| 14. Stu Gruskin(10)*  | 35. Mike Manders(2)     |
| 15. Dan Siegel (4)    | 36. David Ferio (4)     |
| 16. Tom Bauer (7)     | 37. Tyler Cusick(2)     |
| 17. Zac Friss (8)*    | 38. D. Armstrong(3)     |
| 18. V. Bouchouev(4)   | 39. Vin Camuto(1)       |
| 19. C. Wendel(13)*    | 40. Andrew Ross(1)      |
| 20. Warren Friss(9)*  | 41. A. Winnicker(2)     |
| 21. T. Bigosinski(6)* | 42. George Sinciox(1)   |
- (\*) matches played  
\* matches in reporting period



**BLOCKING THE PUNT...** Westfield PAL B defensive lineman Frank Pinho, No. 65, and Tim Walsh, No. 79, rush to pick up a blocked punt against Perth Amboy. Pinho recovered and rumbled 40 yards for the score.

**Westfield PAL B Defeats  
Perth Amboy Grid Kids, 14-0**

Westfield's PAL B football team defeated Perth Amboy, 14-0, in its home opener. Westfield scored both touchdowns in the second half.

Westfield's defense received tough tackling from Frank Pinho, Mike Fitzhenry and Nick Arnold. Liam Devin charged the line to block and recover a punt, which gave Westfield excellent field position. Running back Brian Githens made some excellent moves and added two first downs early on. Robert O'Connor added a number of yards rushing and came up

with a fumble recovery.

Christian Burgdorf smothered the running back on the first play. Ryan Esposito and John Macik pressed the tackles behind the line of scrimmage, forcing Perth Amboy to throw. Kel Dolan knocked down the pass and Westfield took over.

In the second half, Macik came up with some huge tackles and stripped the quarterback of the ball. Jake Greenburg picked up the recovery. Later, Perth Amboy took possession but Westfield's special teams came up with a huge play. Tim Walsh and Devin blocked the punt, making way for Pinho to grab the ball and run in for a touchdown. Perth Amboy threw for a long pass but Githens made a saving tackle.

In the fourth quarter, Shakiyl Glasco intercepted and ran for 25 yards. Erik Demers and Daniel Luzzi forced another fumble. Thomas Ross recovered. The Big Blue offensive line, Scott Toresco, John Nanna and Brenton Harries opened up some holes to allow Westfield maneuvering room. Quarterback Quinn Dursee then connected with wide receiver Burgdorf for a touchdown. Burgdorf rushed in for the extra point.

**Brill, Barba Compete  
For Susquehanna Soccer**

SELINGROVE, Pa. — Freshmen Nicholas Barba and Andrew Brill, both from Westfield, are members of the Susquehanna University men's soccer team. Barba, a defender, is the son of Peter and Stephenie Barba and Brill, a midfielder, is the son of Robert and Nancy Brill. Both are 2007 graduates of Westfield High School.

At this point in the season, led the team defeated Pitt-Bradford (1-0), SUNY-Oneonta (2-1) and Lycoming (2-1), and suffered just one loss against Washington and Jefferson (0-1). The team competes in the Landmark Conference, formed in 2005, with Juniata College, Moravian College, Drew University, Goucher College, University of Scranton, the United States Merchant Marine Academy and the Catholic University of America.



**A SWEEPING RUN...** SPF PAL's Dominick Natale, No. 88, runs a sweep, with blocking from Joe Pagano, No. 9, and Thomas Walker, No. 86.

**SPF Raiders PAL C Batter  
Belleville Grid Kids, 14-0**

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL battered Belleville in the season opener on September 9.

The Raiders opened with three drives up the middle by James Lettieri. The Raider offense remained strong all day with QB Joe Pagano moving the ball well during each possession. The combination of Lettieri, Thomas Walker and Dominic Natale clearly kept the Belleville defense guessing. Natale's speed was tested, as he broke around the right side early in the first quarter to put six points on the board. He followed that great run for the extra point.

Danny Van Brunt, Robert Lewis and Sam McQuoid led the Raider defense that held strong throughout the game with exceptional contributions from Owen Monahan, Robert Lewis, Ryan Kalkstein, Gabe Giovannello and Brian Heath.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Raiders were determined to put the game to bed and opened up a drive down the field led by Walker and Lettieri. Four first downs later and another 15-yard gain by Natale, the Raiders were in a position to set up Lettieri for an 18-yard breakaway run for the TD. The extra point by Natale closed it out at 14-0.

**GILFEDDER GETS 5-YD TD; MULLEN, CAPOROSO TDs**

**ALJ Crusaders Win Opener,  
Stop GL Highlanders, 14-6**

By FRED LECOMTE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Fullback Mike Mullen hit pay dirt on a 29-yard touchdown (TD) run in the first quarter and Lou Caporaso burst 11-yards for a TD in the fourth quarter to lead the Arthur L. Johnson High School football team to a 14-6, season-opening win over Governor Livingston (1-1) before an estimated crowd of 4,000 in Clark on September 14.

In this key Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division match-up, the Highlanders totaled 176 yards rushing and 21 yards passing. Junior halfback Kevin Reavy rumbled 70 yards on 10 carries. Senior fullback Joe Gilfedder rushed 34 yards on seven carries, including a five-yard TD burst in the third quarter, hauled in a seven-yard pass and, from his linebacker, position made 10 tackles. Senior running back Matt Followan chewed up 50 yards on four carries and halfback Scott Mahoney carried the rock for 10 yards. Sophomore quarterback Max Machado (12 rushing yards) completed seven passes for 21 yards. Mike Morrissey had a 14-yard reception. Defensive tackle Ian Cunningham finished with 11 tackles.

Mullen, the game's leading rusher, rumbled 91 yards on 15 carries.

"Last year, they beat us up pretty well and blew us right out (19-7). This

year we lost by one touchdown. You know what? I think we can be a better team at the end of the year and beat these guys and that's what we're looking to do. We just have to wait for these linemen to get bigger, stronger and better," said Highlander Head Coach Terry Hanratty. "I was very impressed with their kids as well, while there was not one bad thing that happened. Everybody stayed focused. Everything was just so positive and that's what high school football is all about. When you have a rivalry like this, it means that it's important to these kids and we're just roll models for them and keep them going positive."

Johnson took the opening kickoff and proceeded to march 58 yards down the field scoring on Mullen's 29-yard plunge to take a 7-0 lead. The Highlanders appeared to be heading for a score in the second quarter when Reavy recovered a muffed punt at the Crusader 13-yard line and advanced the ball to the six. After a strong Crusader defensive stand, GL missed putting the ball through the uprights from 23-yards out. In the second half, the Highlander linemen opened holes at will and marched down the field, rumbling 56 yards in seven plays, capped by Gilfedder's five-yard TD run. The extra point, however, failed.

In the fourth quarter, the Crusaders

took a 14-6 lead when Caporaso, on a pitchout to the left, barreled 11-yards across the goal line.

"Our lineman made some adjustments. We were getting pushed down from a four-eye so we moved out to a five and we stopped their dive pretty well," said defensive end Tyler George after the game. "They had a couple of big plays with the pitch and the quarterback ran a couple of nice cuts, pretty good runners. However, Andrew Cunningham and Ian Cunningham; big boys, clogged up the holes."

"If we can drive down the field like we did in the third quarter, that tells me we have the ability to do that. They were driving the ball down the field on us and we had to make a few adjustments because our alignment was off a little and we stopped them," said Hanratty. "Then what happens in a game like this, you make one or two mistakes. We had a penalty that took us back a few yards. Right after that long drive for a touchdown we had the ball back again. If we just stayed away from penalties, we drive the ball right down the field again. We're in that same mindset. You make one or two mistakes that hurt you for the whole game that's high school football."

Gov. Livingston	0	0	6	0	6
AL Johnson	7	0	0	7	14



**STUBBORN ON DEFENSE...** A gang of Highlander tacklers smother the Crusader quarterback for no gain. Penalties and mistakes led to a, 14-6, Johnson season opening win in Clark on September 14.

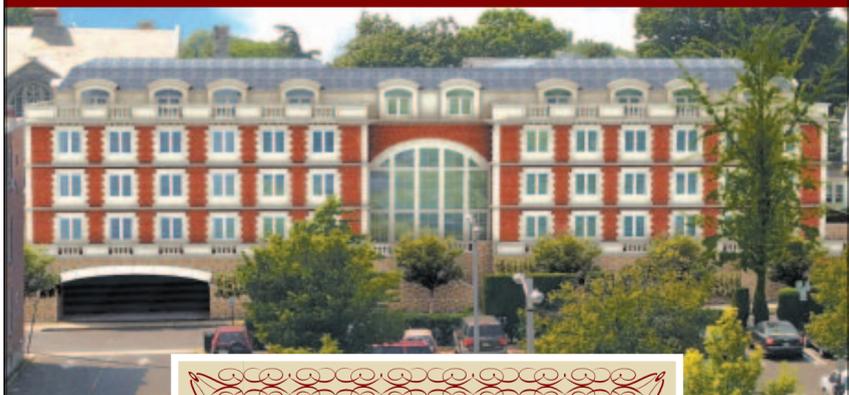
**WF Boca U10 Jrs Rout  
Colonia in Soccer, 8-2**

Westfield's U10 Club Boca Juniors soccer team opened its season with an 8-2 victory over Colonia. Boca took control early with Pat McCormack banging in a goal off a Sam Karmofsky shot. Billy Cook and Tyler Rocha quickly followed with goals to put Boca ahead for good.

Ben Sheppard, Michael Mobarakai and Kevin Bronander kept the pressure on until Eddy Encinas took an excellent pass from Tyler Roth and knocked the shot just under the goal for the fourth Boca goal.

Colonia came out strong in the second half and scored two goals to close the game to 5-2. Boca Jrs, however, woke up and Jack Cash broke down the field and ripped a well-placed shot for a goal. Luke Beaulieu had steal steals in the game and added an assist, as did Sam Brown, who led the team with two assists and three shots.

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