



RACKING UP THE POINTS... Blue Devil Michael Clark booted a 22-yard field goal and kicked five extra points against Kearny.

Blue Devils Prep for Farmers, Whip Kearny Gridders, 44-7

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the left sideline for his 75-yard TD with 6:24 left. Less than three minutes later, Dugan picked up the fumble and carried it into the end zone to make the score 27-0. After Blue Devil safety Emanuel Mills snagged an interception, Westfield took just three plays to make the score 34-0 when DiIorio slanted left for his 26-yard TD with 1:25 left of the quarter.

"We haven't really run Tony yet. We felt this was a really good week to run him. We ran some outside options and it worked. We didn't do a good job adjusting to what Cranford did last week," said coach DeSarno. "This week, we did a good job of adjusting. We made our blocks, got some nice holes and we took advantage of it."

"We saw in the film that they crashed down so we knew we would have the outside," DiIorio explained. "We really didn't get any pressure in the backfield. Everyone, of the line-men, was running well."

After an 11-play drive, Clark booted his 22-yard field goal with 2:48 left in the half. Just before the half, junior Andrew Wentta recovered a Kearny fumble. Williams wasted no time scampering for his 57-yard TD in the third quarter for the final Blue Devil score. Junior safety Tommy Maxwell added an interception early in the fourth quarter. The Cardinals' TD came on a 44-yard run by Nash with 3:22 remaining.

Looking forward to the Union football game tomorrow night in Union, coach DeSarno said, "They have a new coach. They have a new system so we got a lot of work ahead of us."

"We got to come out strong like we did today. The reason we lost to Cranford was our offense didn't start until the fourth quarter. Today, we scored on the first drive. We know we have to do the same thing against Union," said DiIorio.

Kearny	0	0	0	7	7
Westfield	34	3	7	0	44

Irvington Grid Boys Ground SPF Football Raiders, 42-20

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We need to evaluate it, put it behind us and move on."

The 2-1 Raiders marched 43 yards and hit pay dirt in five plays on its first possession in the first quarter when Green, behind some fine blocking, burst up the Blue Knights' gut for his 24-yard TD. John Domanski's point after was good to give the Raiders a 7-0 lead.

Irvington dominated the second quarter with 22 unanswered points. Evans hit Ameer Wright in the end zone with a 21-yard TD pass. Irvington followed by recovering a Raider fumble on the kickoff. Evans cashed in with a six-yard TD scoot. On Irvington's next possession, Evans slanted 12 yards into the end zone, opening up a 22-7 lead.

The Raiders closed to 22-13 to start the third quarter when Williams had a 53-yard kickoff return, then added an 11-yard up-the-middle TD burst with 2:31 left.

"It seemed as if Irvington came better prepared than we did," said Williams. "That touchdown, it was just one. It was a small spark but we needed a big one."

Irvington added its fifth touchdown after the ensuing kickoff. With just 10 Raider defenders on the field, Evans completed a screen pass to Ibn Morton, who turned it into a 66-yard

TD. The two-point conversion pass was successful.

"Our linebacker was hurt and nobody relayed it. We tell them to communicate with us if they are out of the game," said Ciccotelli.

Irvington extended the lead in the fourth quarter when a high snap sailed over Domanski's head, which set up Evan's one-yard TD run.

"You can't give two kicking game touchdowns. We did that," said Ciccotelli. "We fumbled the punt, a fumble kickoff, short fielded it. We had an eight-yard punt down there and gave them 28 points just like that on dumb stuff. We have to evaluate that."

The Raiders added their third TD when Taylor broke off a 9-yard run. Domanski nailed the point after. Leading 36-20, Irvington punched in another TD on a fourth down then went for two points on a run with 18 ticks left.

"We need to be more consistent with our play. Every once in a while we're in the right positions then the next time everyone will be in the wrong position," said Baker. "We need to come together more as a team also. Everyone is more as an individual right now and in practice this week we have to start working on that."

Irvington	0	22	8	12	42
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	7	0	6	7	20



SPRINTING AROUND THE CORNER LOOKING FOR A BIG GAIN... Senior quarterback Mike Chervenak, No. 9, sprints around the left side and picks up 19 yards against the Blue Knights of Irvington.



BOOTING IT OUT WITH A RED RAIDER... Senior Mike DeVizio, No. 7, controls the ball and the defender. DeVizio fired off four shots and scored a goal in the second half. The Raiders won, 2-0.

D'ANNUNZIO, DIVIZIO NET GOALS Soccer Raiders Ground Nwk Eastside Boys, 2-0

By FRED LECOMTE
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Two key shots resulting in goals is what it took for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' soccer team to ground the visiting Red Raiders of Newark East Side, 2-0, and lift its season record to five hundred on September 19. Sophomore Joe D'Annunzio provided the game's first goal off an assist by sophomore Johann Hernandez in the first half and senior Mike DeVizio, D'Annunzio's cousin, notched the second goal in the second half.

Raider goalkeeper Anthony Zukofsky, who cleared six shots, did so effectively and made three saves, which included a brilliant diving save and a great leaping save to earn his first shutout. By game's end, the brigade of Raiders finished with 14 serious shots on goal. East Side goalie John Batista, who also did a fine job, was put to the test, especially in the first half and finished with eight saves.

For nearly the entire first half, the 3-3 Raiders did control the tempo, demonstrated aggressiveness and were getting the ball down to the East Side corners. Their efforts went unrewarded until D'Annunzio, on a breakaway, cracked a shot that found its target with 26:03 left in the half to give the Raiders a 1-0 lead.

"We played a real good first half. We played possession ball and moved the ball nice and easy," said D'Annunzio. "As to the goal, Johann slipped a great ball through to me then I hit it inside the netting, which worked out."

With such a low scoring first half, the Raider defense also deserved plenty of credit by getting to the ball quickly and striking the ball hard down field. The Raiders, however, were a little

sluggish in the second half, which allowed the Red Raiders more of an opportunity to occupy their opponents' turf. But the Raiders did what they had to do when senior Tim Stuart broke down the right sideline and crossed to DeVizio, who scalded a shot past the keeper with 26:59 left.

"Tim played a great ball across and obviously I knocked it off my foot past the goalie," said DeVizio.

After the game, senior Tri-Captain Brian Hessemer, who returned to the lineup after missing three games, said, "The sprain to my left ankle is still a little frustrating right now but I'm feeling better."

When asked if the team is heading in the right direction, he said, "The main problem during the first three games was that we really looked disorganized. I came back at center mid position, tried to organize a little bit, but really, I do my best organization when I play sweeper. In the game against Elizabeth, my main job was to organize, keep the shape and I did that and we actually looked like we played better. Today, it was the same job and we did look organized during the first half."

Newark East Side	0	0	0
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	1	1	2

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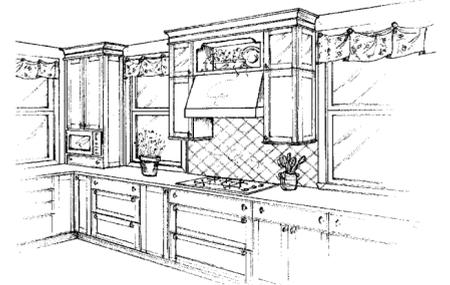
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