



TURNING THE CORNER...PAL C Raider Justin Giacona, No. 81, carries the ball during a reverse, led by Joe Pagano, no. 9, as linemen Dan Van Brunt, No. 68, Christian Lettieri, No. 50, Will Rosenberger, no. 54, and Robert Lewis, no. 62, look on.

Blue Devil Gymnasts Defeat Union Farmers, 107.75-95.525

Sophomore Jenna Rodrigues tied a Westfield High School (WHS) record in the vault and Lacy Cummings broke that record in the Westfield High School gymnastic team's 107.75-95.526 victory over Union on September 24 in Union. A previous showdown, scheduled for September 18, between the Blue Devils and Bishop Ahr had been rescheduled for October 8.

The friendly competition between Cummings and Rodrigues has been great for the Blue Devils' team totals. Cummings won the All-Around when the team totaled 108.575 in an opening-season victory over Union Catholic and Ridge on September 11. This time, Rodrigues had the high All-Around total of 36.85 while Cummings was second at 34.85. Rodrigues' WHS tying score on

the vault was 9.45 and Cummings followed with the record-setting 9.5. Rodrigues took top honors on the uneven bars with a 9.2 and the floor exercises with a 9.25, while placing second on the balance beam at 8.95. Cummings placed second on the floor with a 9.2, third on the beam at 8.5 and fifth on the bars at 7.65.

Tina Chabrier won the beam with a score of 9.4 and placed third on the floor at 9.05. Kelly Bohlinger took second for the Blue Devils on the bars with an 8.2 followed by Claire Stevens' Haas at 7.95 and Julia Valintin at 7.75. Stevens-Haas was third in the vault at 9.1 followed by Natalie Golokov at 8.7 and Valintin at 8.45. Stevens-Haas was fourth on the floor at 8.8 and Bohlinger was fifth at 8.6. Allie Barba took fourth on the beam at 8.1 and Golokov was fifth at 7.55.



WESTFIELD GANG TACKLE...Westfield PAL D players Luke Prybylski, No. 50, AJ Monaco, No. 72, and Colin Dursee, No. 40, sack the Irvington QB.

SPF Raiders PAL C Crush Parsippany Grid Kids, 12-0

The Scotch Plains Fanwood PAL C football team shut out Parsippany, 12-0, on September 22 to extend its record to 2-0-1.

The Raiders' defense forced Parsippany to punt three times in the game. Sam McQuoid was credited with six key tackles, including two in the backfield. Gabe Giovanello returned two of the three punts for a total of 20 yards, giving the Raider offense good field position. Dominick Natale returned the third punt for a 35-five yard touchdown. One quick set of downs later, Natale danced through two tackles to an open field for a 31-yard touchdown run.

The Raiders' backfield of James Lettieri, Alex Montagna, Thomas Walker, Justin Giacona and Natale drove over 200 yards with Lettieri barreling 60 yards up the middle. Quarterback Joe Pagano controlled the field, with strong protection from Will Rosenberger, Christian Lettieri, Brian Heath and Johnny Horre. During the second half, Pagano used two successful bootlegs, gaining a total of 22 yards, with lead blocks from Montagna and Lettieri.

Parsippany attempted to move the ball late in the first half and again later in the third quarter. Both drives ended with fumbles recovered by the Raiders. With help from Matt Ridge and McQuoid, Robert Lewis recovered the ball on the Raider 15-yard line, ending a Parsippany 35-five yard drive during the second quarter. Parsippany intercepted at the Raider 37 late in the third quarter, but Ryan Kalkstein recovered a fumble with

help from Tyler Bowman, Jacob Ramos, Zach Lipke and Danny Van Brunt. During the final minutes, Charles Taylor leaped to block a Parsippany pass.

Am. Legion Srs. Win Third Softball Tourney

The American Legion Post 209 Senior tournament team won its third softball tournament on September 16. After winning 50+ AAA tournaments in Wilmington, Del., Bridgewater, and finishing third in Manassas, Va., the team entered the "Yogi Berra Classic," played in Mercer County, and came away with their third first-place trophy of the season.

The Legion finished the weekend at 5-1 having defeated the NY/NJ Barracuda's 22-10, the Bandits from Delran, 24-18, the Gallerie from Drifton, Pa., 16-15, and twice beating Pat's Pizza from New Castle, Del., by scores of 16-13 in the semis and 18-15 in the finals. The only defeat of the weekend was to Sweet's Construction, 25-24.

Local players on the team are Keith Gibbons, Frank Pepe, Ed Belford, Larry Berra, Angelo Corbo, Frank Besterman, Tom DeRocco, Joe Massimino, Mike Menzer, Gary Pence, Tony Radace, Harry Semple, Tom Straniero and the Williams brothers Tony and Brian. The team has qualified for the World Series of Softball and will be traveling to Phoenix to compete in October.



READY TO BLOCK...Westfield PAL C player Thomas Anderson, No. 10, prepares to block for Chris Hogge, No. 22, during the game with Irvington.

Westfield PAL C Boys Edged By Irvington Grid Kids, 7-0

After falling to Millburn, 6-0, on September 9 and defeating Perth Amboy, 6-0, on September 14, the Westfield PAL C football team dropped a 7-0 decision to Irvington on September 23. Westfield's defense thwarted all scoring opportunities but Irvington's touchdown came in the first quarter when the ball was stripped from the hands of the Little Blue Devils' offense.

Chip Mulrooney, Chris Sweeney and Dillon Elliott made key tackles to restrict Irvington's progress. David Kane had a quarterback sack for loss of yards. Chris Wright caused a fumble and recovered it late in the game. Brennan Sumner picked up a fumble and refused to let three Irvington players knock him down or strip the ball away. Matt Lazzarotti, Michael Hughes, Sean Mullman, Noah Penders, Matt Charlton and Colin Studwell performed well.

Offensively, Chris Hogge ran the ball successfully, and had an interception return for 40 yards. Nick Velez had a 35-yard reception in the first half. Thomas Anderson had several runs, including a 30-yard sweep. Anderson and Matt Barber made outstanding blocks from the backfield. Jack Kessler was among the linemen who opened holes for the running backs.

Westfield PAL C team will be heading to Brooklyn this Sunday, September 30, to play Richmond Boro.

Westfield PAL D Ties Irvington PAL, 0-0

Westfield PAL D football traveled to Irvington and returned with a 0-0 tie on September 23. Westfield D visits Staten Island on September 30.

Luke Prybylski made five tackles behind the Irvington line of scrimmage. Linebacker Andrew Githens made a number of tackles. Sean Elliott, AJ Monaco and Colin Dursee recorded QB sacks. Harry Williamson, Nick Costa, Jeffrey Felter and Freddy Gladis played hardosed football against a big and strong Irvington offensive line. Linebackers

Andrew Malacrae and Ryan Harrington contributed tackles. Safety James Brucia made a TD saving tackle. Late in the final period, Kyle Rittendale had the hit of the game, causing a fumble that was recovered by Brian Johnson.

On offense, Danny Mitchell, while under heavy pressure throughout the day, scrambled a number of times for big gains. Dursee, Johnson, Sean Moore and Matt Catanzaro contributed additional runs behind the aggressive blocking of TE Patrick Aslanian.



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