



REACHING A MILESTONE... Blue Devil baseball Head Coach Bob Brewster is presented with a cake to celebrate his 500th career victory after a dramatic, 8-7, 10-inning victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood on April 3 at Bob Brewster, Sr. Field in Westfield. After a 2-2, pitchers' duel, the Raiders scored five runs in the top of the 10th and Brewster's hopes of No. 500 seemed to be dashed, at least for the moment. However, the Blue Devils reached into their bag of magical tricks left over from last year's magical season and found the solution. The Blue Devils staged a two-out rally, when James O'Rourke, on his birthday, ripped an RBI single, Matt Varakian thumped a two-run triple, and after the bases were loaded, Jon Gribbin slashed a two-run double to deep left-center to pull the rabbit completely out of the hat. See complete story in the April 12 edition of *The Westfield Leader and The Times*.

Blue Devil Lady Laxers Prep

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Tanji, so we have a well-balanced attack. If a team overplays one attacker, we have seven other players, who can score," Coach Behrens explained. "We are more balanced this year than we were last year, and we are more experienced."

Another threat, sophomore Alexis Kardias, who was injured last year, "will be helping out our midfield and our attack. I haven't seen her play in a year-and-a-half, so I can't wait to see her play a real game," Coach Behrens said.

Senior Caroline Bertoni and junior Mariah Baker (7 goals in 2011) will add more experience in the midfield. Sophomores Bell Hutchens and Natalie Brennan will add depth to the attack force.

"We are returning a lot of experienced midfield players and attack players. That's going to really help us," said Coach Behrens, who added, "Freshmen Samantha Paoletti and Lauren D'Amico also look to con-

tribute to the midfield this season with their strong stick skills and speed."

Senior Ella Claire D'Amico, junior Betsy Crossland, sophomores Rebecca Kraus and Una Heinzerling, and freshmen Alyssa Cox and Jen Frega will cover the defensive end. Freshman Mallory Weisse will protect the last line of defense as goalkeeper.

"We have a few freshmen, who will be contributing, starting with our goalie Mallory Weisse. She is going to help us gain momentum from the defensive end. She played her position starting at a really young age, so I am happy to have her and see how she does this year at the high school level," Coach Behrens said.

Weisse and the rest of the Blue Devils got to experience the high level of play when they hosted Ridge on March 31 and experienced a 13-11 setback.



SIX GOALS IN OPENER... Elizabeth Cusick stickhandles against Ridge in Saturday's season-opener at Kehler Stadium. Westfield built a 9-5 halftime lead but could not hold on and fell, 13-11. Cusick had six goals and an assist. Courtney Weisse had four goals and four assists.

Raiders May Be Sleeping Giant

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"That's what I have been telling my guys! I think our defense is the strength of our team. It is the bread and butter for us. The 1-2 punch is our juniors Tyler Haack and Sam Brouse. They were starters last year. Senior Joe Kostecki will definitely be a valuable part and has great experience," Coach Miceli said.

The midfield positions remain underevaluated. Sophomore long-stick middies Brian Heath and Justin Giacone both played as freshmen.

"The midfield is where we have our question mark. Possession is going to be key for us, especially on face-offs. Sophomore James Littieri will be doing a lot of face-offs. Our long-sticks we play on the wings will help us control between the lines," Coach Miceli said.

Juniors Matt Greenberg and Simon Johnson will also be taking face-offs. Seniors Kevin Lewis and John Mahoney, and sophomores Tom Walker and Alex Cimering will also be in the midfield.

Senior Rich Polhamus and fresh-

man Cole Webber will man the goalie position.

A strong attack force can make its defense look even stronger when it is controlling the ball in opposition territory.

"Our attack is another strength with all starters coming back. They are very sound. We think that we have one of the best attacks. They make our defense better every day, and our defense makes them better every day," Coach Miceli said.

Nizolak, along with juniors Jack Cunningham and Nate Woerner, and sophomore Christian Gordon offer a varied attack.

"Danny and Jack Cunningham are a great 1-2 punch on attack. Christian Gordon provides a great threat from the left side, and Nate is a hardnose kid. He does a lot of dirty work," Coach Miceli said.

The Raiders were to have their opportunity to do their dirty work and apply their 1-2 punch when they faced All-Johnson in their season opener in Scotch Plains on March 31.

Blue Devils Expect More Depth

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Buccino, "is doing well in her first season on the team," will compete in the pole vault.

In the sprints, "[sophomore] Jenna Helfand had a stellar indoor season in the 55 meters, setting a new school record at the county meet, so expectations are high in the 100 and 200 this season," said Coach Buccino, who added, "Amanda Fischer [sophomore] had some breakthrough performances this winter as well and is looking strong."

Grimes and sophomores Beth

Neylan and Erica Fischer had breakthrough performances in the 3,200. Newcomer Ellie Callinan, a senior, looks to be strong for the 400, 800 and hurdles. Junior Emily McBain could add depth in the 800 and 1,600. Freshman Johanna Mermer, the top Blue Devil at the UC cross-country meet last fall, is expected to be strong in distance events. Other freshmen, who could make and impact are: Elise Ballan, Natalie Marcotullio, and Elena Chermak in the sprints and jumps.

All-State, All-UC Honorees:

Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF), Westfield (W), Cranford (C):

BOYS SWIMMING:

All-State 3rd Team: Greg Baliko (SPF) 100-fly, SPF 200-free relay & SPF 200-medley relay

All-Union County:
First Team: Joe Dunn (SPF) 50-free, Ryan Gajszisz (SPF) 200-free, Baliko (SPF) 100-bread, SPF in 200-free relay and 200-medley relay. Matt Daniel (W) 100-free, Brennan Haley (W) 500-free, W 400-free relay.

Second Team: Nick Kalafatis (C) 100-free, John Lindros (W) 500-free, Max Shin (W) 100-fly, Tyler Lessner 100-bread, W 200-free relay, Dan Pesin (SPF) 100-bc.

Third Team: Luke McGrory (W) 100-free, Matt Trinkle (W) 100-fly, Stephen Husch (W) 100-bread, W in 200-medley relay, Brian Woo (C) 200-free, Keith Monteiro (SPF) 100-bc, Alex Skoog (SPF) 500-free, SPF in 400-free relay Baliko - UC Swimmer of Year Westfield - UC Team of Year

GIRLS SWIMMING:

All-State First Team: (W) - Caroline Baldwin 50-free - Sarah Cronin, Loren Ball, Ellie Reinhardt, Baldwin in 200-free relay.

Second Team: Sarah Cronin (W) 200-free, W in 400-free relay.

All-Union County:
First Team: Ball (W) 50-free, Sarah Cronin (W) 200-free, Reinhardt (W) 500-free, Baldwin (W) 100-bc, W in 200 & 400-free relays & 200-medley relay, Julie Byrne (C) 100-fly, Jodie Thompson (SPF) 100-bread

Second Team: Jessica Cronin (W) 100-bc, Erika Daniel (W) 200-individual medley (IM), SPF in 400-free relay & 200-

medley relay.

Third Team: Lauren Schneider (W) 50-free, Allie McBrearty (W) 200IM, Caitlin English (SPF) 200-free.

Westfield - UC Team of Year & No. 1 ranking in state.

BOYS WINTER TRACK:

All-Union County:
First Team: Jack Leahy (W) 3,200 meters

Second Team: John Kirna (W) 3,200, Mike DePaolo (W) high jump, Pete Fagan (W) pole vault.

Third Team: Kevin Smith (W) 800, John Stelmach (W) pole vault, Billy Castore (SPF) shot put.

GIRLS WINTER TRACK:

All-Union County:

First Team: Erin Pierce (SPF) 800, Kristen VanBenschoten (C) Shot Put

Second Team: Kaitlyn Johnson (W) 1,600, SPF in 4x400

Third Team: Jenna Helfand (W) 55, Samantha Renfrew (SPF) shot put, Ashley McGuire (C) pole vault.

Bryanna Grant - Eastern States champ in triple jump (39-9)

BOYS BASKETBALL:

All-Union County:

Third Team: Tom Bonacum (SPF)

GIRLS BASKETBALL:

All-Union County:

First Team: Morgan Miller (C) also Group 3 Third Team

Third Team: Jessica McCoy (C)

WRESTLING:

All-Union County:

First Team: Mike Kalintzis (W - 120-lbs), Andrew Jacobs (SPF - 220-lbs)

Second Team: Ellis Opoku (W - 138-lbs), Colin Barber (W - 152-lbs), Anthony Tufaro (SPF - heavyweight - placed eighth in state), Ian Henry (C - 126-lbs) JP Christiano (C - 170-lbs).

Third Team: Brian Lapham (SPF - 126-lbs), Mike Steinfeld (SPF - 145-lbs), Sean Cannon (SPF - 152-lbs), Gavin Murray (C - 120-lbs), Jeff Weiss (C - 220-lbs), Kyle Kania (W - heavyweight).

BOWLING:

Nick Strawicki (SPF - All-Central Jersey Third Team)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Planning Board, at its meeting on April 2, 2012, adopted the following resolutions for the applications decided at the March 5, 2012 meeting.

PB 11-17(V) 137 Elmer Street Real Est., LLC, 137 Elmer Street, Block 3108, Lot 22

Applicant sought preliminary and final major site plan approval with a variance relief to construct a two-story addition to the existing building. Applicant sought variance relief from the following sections of the Land Use Ordinance: §11.28E2 - to allow a side yard setback of 3.3 feet (5.0 feet to the building addition) where a setback of 9.83 feet is required; §11.28E6 - to allow an all improvement coverage of 73.6% where 70% is allowed and §17.02C5.6 - to allow 6 parking spaces where 15 are required. Application approved with conditions.

Plans and applications are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kris McAloon
Planning Board Secretary
1 T - 4/5/12, The Leader Fee: \$28.05

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains has changed the date of their APRIL Council Business Meetings. The regularly scheduled meeting of April 16, 2012 has been changed to APRIL 17, 2012. The meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

The Township of Scotch Plains does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Those individuals requiring auxiliary aids and services where necessary must notify the ADA Coordinator of the Township of Scotch Plains at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting.

BOZENA LACINA
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 4/5/12, The Times Fee: \$19.89



AVOIDING A CHECK... Blue Devil Ryan Bohrod, No. 18, avoids being checked by a Summit defender. On April 2, the Blue Devils beat Cranford, 10-3.

Hilltoppers Down Blue Devils

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Even though the Blue Devils had a 28-24 edge on ground balls, the Hilltoppers were scooping them at key periods, which gave them the edge in ball possession.

"We were winning the draws. Pete [Mebane] and Mark [Frega] did a really nice job. We were just not picking up the ground balls. Possession is huge in this game, and penalties didn't help us either. We were in the box way too much today," Coach Silbergeld said.

Accuracy especially came off the stick of attacker Austin Carbone, who led the Hilltoppers with four goals, while adding an assist. Ryan Bringewatt added a pair of second-half goals. Nick Kilkowski, Dave Kalin and Chris McNally each had a goal and an assist, while Tom Celmer added a goal.

Blue Devil attacker Jackson O'Leary stuffed in two goals. Attacker Sam Rosenburgh and midfielder Matt Webb each notched a goal, while attacker Paul DeVita contributed a pair of assists. O'Leary took the lion's share of the Blue Devils' shots on goal.

"Jackson got a lot of looks today. He's a good shooter, but we just have to capitalize on our opportunities," Coach Silbergeld said.

Despite the Hilltoppers' accuracy, Blue Devil goaltender Alex McHugh (8 saves) made several point-blank saves, especially in the first half, which ended 3-1 in favor of Summit.

"Alex did a great job. He's a senior

goaltender. That's what we expect. He stepped up. He was a good leader," Coach Silbergeld said.

After McHugh deflected two close-range shots early in the first quarter, Carbone found the mark to give the Hilltoppers a 1-0 lead with 8:24 on the clock. Four minutes later, O'Leary, on DeVita's assist, knotted the score, but with 42 seconds left, Kilkowski ripped in a goal. Celmer, assisted by Carbone, scored the sole goal of the second quarter.

Within the first minute of the second half, the DeVita-to-O'Leary combination narrowed Summit's lead to 3-2, but the Blue Devils' defense seemed to stumble as the Hilltoppers responded with four unanswered goals to extend their lead to 7-2.

The Blue Devils went on the attack early in the fourth quarter, and O'Leary got off three of Westfield's four shots before the Hilltoppers could get possession; however, none found the net. Carbone and Bringewatt added goals to up Summit's lead to 9-2 then Rosenburgh and Webb found the net late in the quarter. Carbone scored the final goal with 13 seconds remaining.

"We have to turn it right around. We have a scrappy Cranford team in two days [April 2], so we have to get right back out there. These guys are resilient. They are fighters, and we will learn from this," Coach Silbergeld said.

Westfield beat Cranford, 10-3.

Summit	2	1	4	3	10
Westfield	1	0	1	2	4

Raider Track Boys Have Talent

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ing to make an impact on the team," Schauer said.

Senior Chris Burke and junior Billy Castore will provide the bulk of the power field events, however, there are several boys learning the skills.

"Both of them have already placed in the sections and in the counties in the relays. They won a gold medal at the county relays in the shot put. Billy has thrown 49 feet in the wintertime. Obviously, we are expecting those guys to do well. I am expecting them to score points for us," Coach McGriff said.

Presently sophomore Sam McQuoid and freshmen Kobe White (also long jump), Cameron Smith and Emendo Thomas will be competing in the sprints.

The middle and long distance events (800, 1,600 and 3,200) are lacking in experience, but senior Jon

Kerby will be working to bring the young runners along.

"As for the distance guys, we have one senior and no juniors, so it's going to be tough, but we all have been working hard. As the guys get more experienced and more training, we are going to do better," Kerby said.

With all the young personnel, the challenge is to see who will fit well in which events.

"We have a lot of potential. We have guys, who can do things and they have a very good attitude, so they will come along. Right now, we have talent, but they are raw. Our job as coaches, you have to hone that talent and coach them so that they are skilled athletes at the end of the season," Coach McGriff said.

Probitas Verus Honos

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that separate sealed bids will be received by the Township Clerk, Township of Scotch Plains, until 1:00 p.m. (prevailing time) on April 12, 2012 at the Scotch Plains Township Municipal Building for the following:

TREE REMOVAL AND RELATED TREE SERVICES

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, bearing the name and address of the bidder and plainly marked to indicate the subject of the bid, and addressed to the Township Clerks Office, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 08820.

The bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Proposal Form, and must conform to the specifications, terms and conditions for a fair and open contract, all of which are contained herein.

Bidders must review the bid specifications for any applicable bonding requirements.

Bidders must have any and all required approvals, qualifications, certifications, and/or licenses necessary to perform the services or provide the products as contained in the bid specifications.

Bidders must comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. Other requirements as well as these described above are fully detailed in the bid documents.

The Township of Scotch Plains reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, waive informalities therein, and to award the bid in the best interest of its members.

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Township Clerks Office
Township of Scotch Plains
1 T - 4/5/12, The Times Fee: \$40.80

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted a Resolution at a special meeting on March 28, 2012 for the following application decided at a special meeting on February 29, 2012.

YMCA of Westfield, 220 Clark Street/ 138 Ferris Place. Applicant sought preliminary and final major site plan approval with c and d variance relief to construct a three story elevator tower, a new hallway and restrooms on the third floor, a new stairway and lift for access to the Wallace Pool; to remove and reconstruct a safety walk and safety stairway in the rear of the building; to remove and reconstruct the entrance ramp and vestibule in the front of the existing building and to lift a portion of the existing roof to accommodate new interior racquetball courts. Applicant is seeking variance relief from the following sections of the Land Use Ordinance: §11.12E8 - to allow a building height of 3 stories, 43 feet 6 inches where 2.5 stories and 32 feet is allowed, §11.12E9 - to allow and FAR of 140% where 20% is allowed, §11.12E13 - to allow a wall length of 76 feet 2 inches where 25 feet is allowed, §18.11C - to allow a lot area of 51,622 square feet where 745,560 square feet is required. §18.11E - to allow a building coverage of 59.2% where 20% is allowed, §18.11F - to allow an all improvement coverage of 76.6% where 50% is allowed, §18.11H - to allow side yard setbacks of 23.31 feet, 7.39 feet, and 26.64 feet where 54 feet is required and §17.02C8a - to allow 77 parking spaces where 289 spaces are required. Application approved with conditions.

Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen Nemeth
Secretary, Board of Adjustment
1 T - 4/5/12, The Leader Fee: \$41.82