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CRONIN, BALDWIN, REINHARDT, MATT DANIEL LEAD

Blue Devil Girls, Boys Stop Raider Swim Boys, Girls

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Sarah Cronin, Ellie Reinhardt and Caroline Baldwin led the Westfield High School girls swim team to a 116-54 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Wallace Pool in Westfield (W) on December 21. Matt Daniel and John Lindros each won two individual events and swam on two winning relays to propel the Blue Devils boys to a 112-58 victory.

Cronin won two individual events and swam on two winning relays. First, she touched first in a Westfield sweep in the 200 Individual Medley at 2:13.77, followed by Gwyn Devin at 2:17.31 and Audrey Bangs at 2:25.61. She also touched first in the 500-freestyle at 5:23.67, followed by Emily McGann (W) at 5:49.66 and Raider Darby DeBiase at 6:02.41.

Cronin, Devin, Ally McBrearty and Reinhardt won the 200-free relay at 1:43.55, followed by Raiders Jodi Thompson, Kate Thompson, Kate Musso and Sarah Davis at 1:45.22, and Blue Devils Baldwin, Courtney

Han, Erika Daniel and Amy West at 1:45.65.

Cronin, McBrearty, Caroline Basil and Reinhardt touched first in the 400-free relay at 3:52.04. Raiders Musso, Amanda Banasiak, Casey Daudlin and Isabella Iacona touched second at 3:59.47, followed by Blue Devils McGann, Daniel, Han and Julia Diamontopolos at 4:03.52.

"I swam the fly and the 5. I won them both, so that was good. My times were pretty good. I swim for Scotch Plains Club team, so I swim against my friends. It's weird, but it's fun," Cronin said.

Reinhardt also touched first in the 200-free with a time of 1:59.31. Basil took second at 2:03.83 and Raider Iacona touched third at 2:03.99.

"I think we did a great job. This is obviously one of the most exciting meets, because it's a rival and it's also a lot of fun. It showed how well some of the younger girls do under stress. Personally, this is my last Scotch Plains meet. It's a lot of fun with all the hype and excitement,"

Reinhardt said.

Baldwin led off the 200-medley relay followed by Kathleen Bond, Daniel and West to take first at 1:54.09. Raiders Iacona, Thompson, Melissa Harris and Davis touched second at 1:54.34. Diamontopolos, Becky Zhang, Devin and Lauren Schmeider touched third at 1:58.14.

Baldwin touched first in the 50-free at 24.21, followed by Raider Davis at 24.84 and McBrearty at 26.72. She also won the 100-free at 53.56. Davis was second at 55.12. Reinhardt was third at 55.52.

"I led off the 2-medley relay with backstroke, the 50-free, the 100-free and the 2-free relay. I was happy with them, because we are not rested or shaved," Baldwin said.

Raider Jodi Thompson took top honors in the 100-butterfly at 1:00.17, followed by Daniel at 1:01.46 and Devin at 1:02.18. Thompson also touched first in the 100-breaststroke at 1:07.08, followed by Zhang at 1:15.87 and Bond at 1:17.08.

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WORKING TO GET SOME BACK POINTS...Blue Devil Anthony Aldana works to get some back points on Raider Tommy Cunningham in his 126-lb bout. Aldana decisioned Cunningham, 6-2

VELEZ, ALDANA KEY WINS; KANIA, RICE PULL UPSETS

Devils Rock Raiders, 44-27, In Upset-Filled Mat Thriller

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Outcomes of several key bouts and two upsets highlighted the Westfield High School wrestling team's thriller against rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the packed gym at Westfield High School on December 21.

In the end, the Blue Devils won the majority of the key bouts and split the

two upsets to emerge with a 44-27 victory over the Raiders. It was a bit of a contrast to their disappointing, 33-21, loss to Roselle Park just a few days earlier.

"Our game plan has been to just go hard, wear people down. I thought we did tonight what we didn't do against Roselle Park. We did tonight what Roselle Park did to us. We did

tonight what we usually do. This kind of takes a little of the sting out of the Roselle Park loss. We've shown that we have some toughness, we can mix it up and we can persevere," Blue Devil Coach Glen Kurz said.

The first of two key bouts that did go in favor of the Blue Devils came at 126-lbs when Anthony Aldana broke

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TAKING TOP HONORS IN THE 200-FREESTYLE...Blue Devil Ellie Reinhardt touched first in the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:59.31. Reinhardt also swam on the winning 200-free relay and the 400-free relay.

KNAPP NETS 12 PTS, SCOTT SINKS 10, LUZZI LAYS UP 8

Basketball Blue Devils Rout Roselle Lady Rams, 54-15

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Quick hands led to a multitude of steals that led to a multitude of assists that led to a 54-15 Westfield High School girls basketball team triumph over the visiting Roselle Rams on December 18.

"They worked really well together as a whole team. They looked for each other. They were not greedy. They were not afraid to pass it off and give another person the chance to get some points. And they were moving very well," Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino said.

With their fast-paced attack style,

the 1-1 Lady Blue Devils created no less than 14 steals and dished out no less than 17 assists. With the exception of six successful free throws, because of their ability to easily penetrate the Lady Rams' defense, the remainder of the Blue Devils' points were two-pointers.

Sophomore guard Jackie Knapp became the chief thief with six steals and led the team with 12 points, but she was also the leading helper with six assists. But Knapp, who was 2-for-3 from the free throw line, was not the only thief and only helper. The entire starting five and several players from the bench were getting

into the act.

"They definitely were. They were jumping at everything and turning them into points," Coach Marino said.

Sophomore Lil Scott, who had a pair of assists and a pair of steals, bucketed 10 points, including 2-for-2 from the line. Junior Carly Friedman led the team with five rebounds and added six points and two steals. Senior Colleen Gallagher pulled four boards and added a steal, and senior Emily Brucia put in two points. Sophomore guard Megan Mondon had four points, four assists and two steals.

The bench players, who played

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DRIBBLING AROUND A RAM...Blue Devil Chrissy Ferrara, No. 4, dribbles around a Roselle Ram defender in Westfield on December 18. The Lady Blue Devils defeated the Rams, 54-15.

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