

# Lady Blue Devils Douse Mount St. Mary's

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3:54.51. Maloney, West, Day and Allie McBrearty touched second at 4:00.22. Baldwin touched first in the 50-freestyle at 24.35. Ball at 25.67 and Schneider at 26.64 touched 4-5. Baldwin also touched first in the 100-freestyle at 53.93, followed by Sarah Cronin at 54.44. The Blue Devils took 1-2-4 in the 100-breaststroke, beginning with Meg Myers who touched in 1:14.54, followed by Zhang at 1:14.87 and Krysta Huber at 1:17.49.

Lion Molly Gaynor touched first in the 200-individual medley at 2:13.51 followed by Blue Devils McBrearty at 2:19.73, Daniel at 2:21 and Zhang at 2:24.94. Lion Carly Witmer touched first in the 100-butterfly with a time of 59.32, followed by Blue Devils Daniel at 1:04.24, Day at 1:05.9 and West at 1:08.37. Lion Katy Comer touched first in the 100-backstroke at 1:02.97, followed by Blue Devils McBrearty at 1:04.04 and Jess Cronin at 1:07.18. Blue Devil Julia Diamantopolous touched fifth at 1:09.27.

The Union County Tournament will begin this Sunday, January 29, at Rutgers Pool, so according to Jess Cronin, the team's progress has con-

stantly been encouraged by Coach Knight. "There have been so many best swims during the season. After every meet, he makes us aware of our best times. He tries to keep us motivated by doing that. If people don't do it, he tells us we can do better or look forward to counties," Cronin said.

The Lady Blue Devils are highly favored to win their 20th straight Union County Tournament. The boys are looking to regain the title. In order

to accomplish that, they must defeat the very talented Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider boys, who narrowly defeated them, 88-82, after touching 1-2 in the final relay in a dual meet in late December.

"We are really pumped for it. We are still playing with our lineup for counties. Nothing is really definite yet. We are going in with a mindset, showing up to compete, going there to win, cheering our girls on and having a team effort," Cronin said.

## Raider Matmen Top Rahway Indians, 40-25

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team recovered quickly from its first loss and improved to 11-1 with a 40-25 victory over Rahway on January 18.

### WEIGHT CLASSES:

- 106: — Eric Melendez (R) d JT Beirne, 9-3
- 113: — Tom Cunningham (S) md Devin Jefferson, 15-4
- 120: — Sean Murphy (S) won forfeit
- 126: — Brian Lapham (S) d Isaac Valentin, 4-3
- 132: — Matt Harnett (S) p Brandon Daniel, 1-08
- 138: — Aly Hafez (R) d Jeff Lieblich, 8-6 OT
- 145: — Justin Becker (R) md Dion

- Natale, 10-1
- 152: — Mike Steinfeld (S) d Franco Mejia, 6-3
- 160: — Sean Cannon (S) p Christian Chavez, 3:24
- 170: — Nick Torres (R) p Luke Vuono, 1:47
- 182: — Josue Sosa (R) p Alex Mirabella, 3:59
- 195: — Eric David (R) d Mike McFarlane, 4-0
- 220: — Andrew Jacobs (S) p Austin Jackson, 5:26
- Hwt: — Anthony Tufaro (S) p Josh Nunnally, 3:38

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NOT JUST A SHOOTER BUT A THIEF...Raider Taylor Sebolao, left, snatches the ball away from a Golden Eagle and prepares to take the ball down court. Sebolao, who made three steals, also had a game-leading 21 points, including five 3-pointers.

## SEBOLAO 21 PTS, 9 BOARDS; HARPER 11 PTS, 4 STEALS

# Raider Lady Cagers Paralyze Morris Knolls Cagers, 48-31

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Morris Knolls entered the Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) High School gym on SPF Boosters Quarter Dip night, January 20, boasting a 9-4 record, but the Lady Raiders basketball team hit them early with a 1-2 punch of outside/inside shooting and danced to a 48-31 victory.

Junior guard Taylor Sebolao took care of the outside shooting and finished with a game-high 21 points, including five 3-pointers. Sebolao, who also led with nine rebounds, added three steals and a pair of assists, which she shuffled into 6'1" freshman Thabitha Dwumfour, who

finished with 10 points. "We have established that we have some freshmen who are unstoppable, and we have a junior who is really tall, so once we start hitting shots on the outside, they will start pressuring us then we will be able to penetrate the middle and dump it off," Sebolao said.

"We know what Taylor is capable of. She's got the green light to shoot. Today she was feeling it and really got us off on a great start," Raider Head Coach Jen Ryan said.

Dwumfour, who had six rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals, also returned the favor to Sebolao and finished with four assists.

"They are starting to have a feel for each other. They know where each other is, and they have confidence in each other. We don't mind Thabitha touching the ball as much as she is. We like her to shoot the ball, because she's capable of doing that. Now she's looking to kick it back out, which it gives our guards the confidence to take that shot. It makes us a really tough team to guard," Coach Ryan said.

"I thank her a lot, because I try to get her the ball as much as possible. Once they see that, they can't stop her. They put three men on her then my man goes in, so I get an easy shot. I pretty much owe my success to her," Sebolao explained.

"That's part of what this game is all about. If they are playing zone on you, and you can be a zone buster, they are going to collapse in on our big people. Our guards have to hit those open shots," Coach Ryan said.

Sophomore guard Katie Harper also gave the Golden Eagles headaches with her slight of hand. Harper committed five acts of theft and finished with 11 points, three assists and three rebounds.

"Katie is so fast! She's faster than she even knows she can be. She's got that speed, and she's still growing in to understanding how to use it. When she turns it on, it's scary, because you know she's going to get to that ball,"

Coach Ryan said. "She's just quick. She pretty much starts our offense, and she's one of our sparks on defense, along with Alyssa Riporti. She sets the tempo for our game," Sebolao said.

Riporti finished with two steals, two points, two rebounds and two assists. Guard Madison Maisel came off the bench, banged a 3-pointer, grabbed three rebounds and added a pair of assists. Junior forward Tara Sweeney had four rebounds and an assist. Alexis Venable had a point, a tipped ball and a rebound.

Sebolao, on an assist from Dwumfour, began the game with a 3-pointer, which ignited a 12-0 run, which concluded after she nailed her second 3-pointer, then Eagle Courtney Meola sank a free throw with three minutes left in the first quarter. When the Eagles concentrated on Sebolao, Dwumfour rolled in six straight points to win the quarter, 18-1.

Sparked by Sebolao's two 3-pointers and Harper's slight of hand, the 9-5 Raiders grabbed a 31-6 lead at the half. Sebolao and Harper each sank a 3-pointer as each team scored 10 points, which gave the Raiders a healthy, 25-point lead entering the fourth quarter.

As the Raiders began playing more members of their bench, the Golden Eagles managed to find the mark and rambled on a 14-point run in fourth quarter to make the contest appear more competitive.

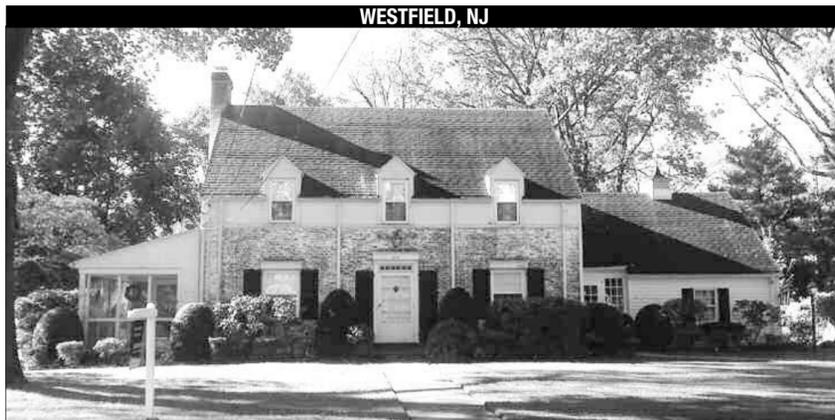
"It's important to mix kids in. When you have a 20-point lead, you can't just keep everybody in with four minutes left. This is a good team, so they saw some daylight, and they took advantage of it," Coach Ryan said.

"I think it was more because we are very young, so we don't take pressure very well, but that's what we have been working on in practice," Sebolao said.

"We moved the ball very well. With each game, we are maturing a little bit more," Coach Ryan added.

Morris Knolls	1	5	10	15	31
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	18	13	10	7	48

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