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ROSENBURGH, LANZANO, BOHROD NAMED CAPTAINS

Blue Devil Laxer Boys Have Depth, Experience, Talent

By **DAVID B. CORBIN**
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Outstanding athletes may have graduated, but several boys from the Westfield High School varsity lacrosse team that finished with a 9-10 record last year, returned to head a squad rich in depth and talent.

"We do have a very good team this year. We have most of our players returning. It will be tough to replace Jeff LaForge and some of the older defensemen, and we also have an all-state player in Ryan Rittendale, who is out for the season with an injury. Luckily, we have depth and experience. We just have to be resilient and overcome the obstacles," Blue Devil Head Coach Marc Silbergeld said.

Last year, Rittendale, who was named All-Fitch Division Second

Team and All-State Group 4 Second Team and won the Varsity Most Ground Balls award, handled the majority of the face-offs.

The Blue Devils have three solid goalies with senior Alex McHugh and juniors Garrett Williamson and Chris Stivala.

"Alex McHugh is a lefty, Garrett Williamson is a righty and Chris Stivala is a lefty. They all are very competitive. They are good vocal leaders. They have their strengths and their weaknesses. We are just trying to see who can be the best vocal leader out there on the field," Coach Silbergeld said.

Senior co-captain John Lanzano, who was a linebacker/tight end on the football team, and juniors Christian Burgdorf and Mike Fitzhenry will

sure up the defense.

"Our defense is outstanding. Great athleticism and very competitive players! We also have some strong defensive midfielders with Pat Johnson, also from the football team. We have a good scheme. They just have to learn how to play together and get on the same page then we should have an excellent defense," Coach Silbergeld said.

In addition to Johnson, seniors Pat Dyer, Peter Mebane and co-captain Ryan Bohrod, juniors Mark Frega, Nick Arnold and Matt Webb, and sophomore Pat Decker make up the midfield squad.

"We are actually going to try to have two-way middies, more old school where our midfielders are going to play both offense and defense.

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GEARING UP FOR THE SEASON...The Lady Raiders are gearing up for another fine season. Pictured, left to right, are: Jodie Cornwell, Erin Pierce, Isabel Crystal and Kathryn Cunningham.

PIERCE STRONG IN 800M, 1,600M; SALITURO HURDLES

Lady Raiders May See 'Shift' In Strength in Track & Field

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For several years, proficiency in the power field events and the jumping events have been the major point-getters for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls track & field team, but this season, the Raiders may find their strength in other events.

Last year, the Raiders' strength and depth in the power field events and jumps earned them top honors in the Union County (UC) Relays and the UC Watchung Division meet, and second place honors in the UC Individual and sectional meets.

But Danielle Schweizer and Osa Ebose, who were very strong in the power events, and Camille Handy, who was very strong in the jumps, along with several additional fine competitors have graduated, so new faces must be put to the test.

"We did lose a lot. We lost three of our best throwers to graduation. We lost Kat Leeper in the 16 and 32, but we do have a lot of young girls, who are going to help us. For some, it is to find a place for them. Some are going to be able to contribute. Others are going to be a long-term project. We just have to fill in the places where we lost," Raider Head Coach Jeff Koegel said.

Junior Sam Renfree, however, returns for the power events.

"Sam is the only one back, who has significant varsity experience. Her best event is the javelin. She's not built like a shot [put] or discus thrower, but we need her to be the leader there also," Coach Koegel said.

Thabitha Dwunfour, a 6'2" freshman, may add some depth in the throwing events.

"Hopefully we will get some tech-

nique for her, and it will pan out," Coach Koegel commented.

The shift of depth this season has come in the sprints, the 100, 200 and 400 meters. Sophomores Dariana Devore, who will also compete in the long jump, and Devora Ward, and freshman Amber Simmons have been looking strong. Also Justine Valdes and Isabel Crystal have been promising in the 400 and 800.

"For the first time in a while, we have a really solid crew in the 100 and 200. Dariana will do very well. She is just starting to run the 400, so she doesn't know how to do it yet," Coach Koegel said.

Senior Erin Pierce, however, has been a known factor for her achievements in the 800 and 1,600 meters. Last year, Pierce qualified for the Meet of Champions in the 800. Fresh-

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BEGINNING THE SEASON WITH A BANG...The Blue Devil boys lacrosse team will host powerhouse Summit in their home opener this Saturday, March 31, at 12:30. Team captains, pictured, left to right, are: Sam Rosenburgh, John Lanzano and Ryan Bohrod.

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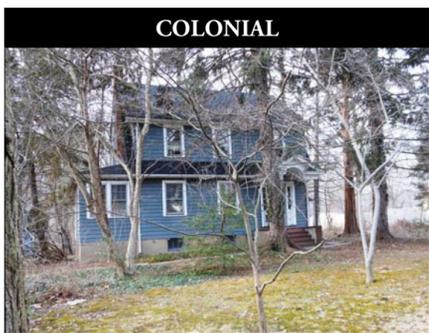
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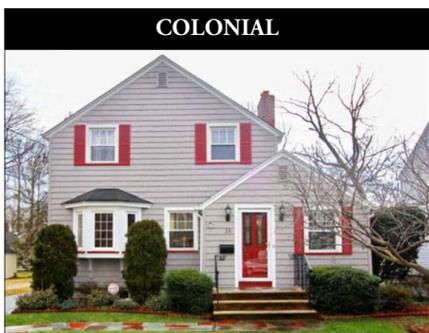


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