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DYLAN ELLIOTT GRABS 23-YARD TOUCHDOWN PASS

P-burg Stateliners Sideline Blue Devil Footballers, 35-7

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Three breakaway runs, a 60-yard punt return and a long pass play, all for touchdowns, spelled demise for the Westfield High School football team in a 35-7 setback to Phillipsburg at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on September 22.

It took the 2-1 Stateliners and quarterback Anthony Guarino an entire quarter to figure out that it was not wise to attempt to establish their running game through Blue Devil junior defensive tackle Joe Scaglione, who made numerous stops around the line of scrimmage. So instead, the Stateliners later found success running around him.

"We played three games against

three good teams, and he's one of the best players out there each week. He just dominated. I wish we had a couple more like him," Blue Devil Head Coach Jim DeSarno said.

"I think the tacklers need to keep clogging up the middle. We just got to figure it out and stop them outside then we are good to go," Scaglione said.

P-burg totaled 304 yards on the ground on 48 carries and Guarino hit two of seven pass attempts for 32 yards, one for no yardage and the other a 32-yard touchdown (TD) bomb to wide receiver Chris Trent. Guarino had a 54-yard TD run in the third quarter, and halfback Joe Maso followed shortly afterwards with a 68-yard TD sprint. Running back

DaJuan Lee had a 17-yard TD run on the first play of the second quarter.

"Our mindsets are there. It's just once they get a big play. They get another big play and the big plays start occurring more often. Once we stop that, I think we are going to be good. It's really up to the defense. The offense is doing their job. The defense has got to step it up and give the offense the ball a lot more. Everyone has got to do his job," Scaglione said.

The Blue Devils' defense consisted of just three seniors, the remainder being juniors and two sophomores. Half of the Blue Devils' offense consisted of underclassmen.

"These kids are out there fighting. They are out there to give it every-

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BREEZING HER WAY TO THE TITLE...Senior Lexi Borr won her third Union County Tournament first singles title to help the Blue Devils win their eighth straight team title at Don Van Blake Courts in Plainfield on September 21.

BORR, SISTO, CRISCUOLO, CUSICK, WU, KOVALENKO WIN

Lady Blue Devils Capture 8th Straight UCT Tennis Crown

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Stiff competition from Kent Place made for an exciting finale, but in the end, the Westfield High School girls won four of the five flights and took third in the other to claim its eighth straight Union County Tournament (UCT) championship at Don Van

Blake Courts in Plainfield on September 21.

The Lady Blue Devils finished with a total of 92 points, while Kent Place (KP) finished with 78. Summit (S) took third with 45 points and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders (SPF) took fourth with 39 points. The Cranford Cougars finished eighth

with a 10 total.

Blue Devil senior Lexi Borr, who took last year off to get her USTA ranking up to speed, picked up where she left off by winning her third UCT first singles title. Borr breezed to the semifinals by shutting out her first two opponents then blanked Audrey

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BRINGING DOWN A STATELINER...Blue Devil linebacker Chris Sweeney, No. 65, grabs the jersey of P-burg's Anthony Guarino as Blue Devil Dylan Elliott, No. 10, closes in for the tackle at Gary Kehler Stadium.

THOMAS GETS 85-YARD TD, WHITE SCORES 5-YD TD

Raider Gridders Get Baffled By Rahway Indians, 39-14

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A variety of successful offensive plays and remarkable defense in the first half allowed the Rahway High School Indians to glide to a 39-14 victory over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood football team at Veterans Memorial Field in Rahway on September 21.

The 2-1 Indians harvested 451 yards total offense - 300 rushing and 151 in the air, while their defense limited the 2-1 Raiders to 209 total rushing yards.

Raider halfback Kobe White had little chance to get into high gear as the Indian defense plugged the holes and limited him to 50-yards on 16 carries, including a five-yard touch-

down (TD). Sophomore Emendo Thomas had great success in his showing, galloping 85-yards for the TD. John Cunningham had 15 yards on three carries, James Letteri added 13-yards on three carries.

Indian quarterback Jeffrey Bost baffled the Raider defense with his crafty options and keepers, including TD runs of 14 and 34 yards in the first half. Bost completed 11 of 13 attempts for 151-yards. Indian tailback Mike Stradford galloped 27 yards on nine carries and provided two receptions for 33-yards, including a two-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

"Rahway obviously pounded us on both sides of the ball. All the credit goes to coach Mobley and his team,

because there wasn't much of a bright side for us whether it was on offense or defense. They physically controlled the line of scrimmage and their kids out-executed us," Raider Head Coach Jon Stack said.

The Raiders got the bad news four minutes after opening kickoff when Rahway engineered a 12-play, 82-yard TD march, capped by Gross's 14-yard TD run. Tyler West's PAT was good. After the Raiders went three-and-out, the Indians plundered their way on the ground with 82 yards to add another touchdown, highlighted by Gross's 34-yard rumble into the end zone with 2:28 left to make the score 13-0.

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SHAKING OFF AN INDIAN...Raider Kobe White, No. 3, shakes off one Rahway defender and looks to elude another at Veterans Stadium in Rahway on September 22. The Indians defeated the Raiders, 33-14.



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