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KRAEMER, WILLIAMS, PROSUK SELECTED CAPTAINS

Blue Devil Soccer Boys Look Strongest in Midfield & Goal

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Proven experience and talent in the midfield, along with recent adjustments in the attacking third could make this year's Westfield High School boys soccer team a difficult force for opposing defenses to handle. Last year, under first-year Head Coach Eric Shaw, the Blue Devils, who finished 13-6, focused primarily on defense and recorded eight shut-outs, allowing only 18 goals in 19 games, while scoring 44 goals. With senior veteran/co-captain Mike Prosek commanding the midfield, along with senior Kevin Irving and juniors Sam Karnofsky and Luke Beaulieu, and senior backups Dave Lavelle and Tyler Banský on the outside, Matt Friedman and Dan

strong in the middle. That's our act," Coach Shaw said.

Last year, Prosek made good use of his height and leaping ability to notch seven goals, while adding four assists. Prosek was selected First Team Union County and All-Conference. Prosek became the beneficiary of many fine throw-ins from Zach Sheil, who has since graduated.

"That was an asset that we dealt with and we tried to use it to our advantage in the attacking third. We will have someone, who can get the ball in, whether it's to Mike's head in that deep. I still think whether it's short or long, we will get balls served to Mike's head whether it's on the corner, and he is able to use his body well. It's something that we will try to use as much as possible," Coach Shaw said.

plays lacrosse. We are trying to get him into the rhythm, because he has been away playing a lot of lacrosse. We are looking for big things from him. We took a freshman, who is very talented with the ball, Mike Birle. Loukas played in the back last year," Coach Shaw explained.

Coach Shaw has a lot of confidence in senior/co-captain goalkeeper Koryn Kraemer.

"Koryn is a big part of our defense. He started last year, so he has a lot of experience. He will be the leader back there, as well as a captain," he said.

The backup goalkeepers are junior Ed Mebane and sophomore Cullen Birkel.

The defensive backfield is an area still being honed to coordinate with Kraemer.



RAIDER TEAM CAPTAINS...Pictured, left to right, are: seniors Zach Lipshitz, Justin Rodrigues and Dan Babis, and junior Jake Longo, who have been selected team captains of the Raider boys soccer team.

CAPTAINS — LIPSHITZ, RODRIGUES, BABIS, LONGO

Experience & Depth Returns For Raiders in Boys Soccer

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Returning experience and depth means that this year's Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team will enjoy the luxury of hustling a large number of quality players on and off the field to wear down their opponents, while still maintaining a high level of pressure.

"All the pieces are there to have a very, very outstanding season," said Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky, whose career record stands at 653-156-56 (.810 percent).

Last year, the Raiders, who finished 17-5-1, won Union County Tournament championship No. 17 (15th under Coach Breznitsky), but their quest for a sectional title came up a little short with a shocking, 1-0, loss to nemesis Millburn.

Over the summer, most of the Raiders expanded their experience with a venture to Costa Rica for some interesting action.

"We were back to Costa Rica this summer for 10 days. We played six games against youth professional sides and a couple of high school teams, and we were 4-1-1. We saw some good signs there, and we were without several guys like Jassiem [Wahtuse], Justin [Rodrigues] and Joey Bianco," Coach Breznitsky said.

The Raiders will present a formidable forward front with senior co-captains Rodrigues and Dan Babis, who may also shift to the midfield

from time to time, seniors Wahtuse, Connor Danik and Chris Gibbons, and juniors Bianco (Second Team All-State Central I) and Alex Guevera. "We are looking to make some changes. In the front, I feel that we are going to be stronger or just as strong as we were last year. Justin, Jassiem and Joey, among those three guys alone, I think we could get, at least, 40 goals," Coach Breznitsky said.

One individual, who will not be in a Raiders uniform this season, will be First Team All-State center midfielder James Murphy, who will be competing for the United States Men's National U-18 program.

"We have probably the most depth that we've had in quite a few years with experienced and returning starters. The addition of Jassiem coming back from Academy is good. It will take a little bit to grow out of losing James Murphy, but other guys have stepped up. Some of the attributes are experience. We are big and I think we have eight guys six foot or bigger," Coach Breznitsky said.

Senior co-captain Zach Lipshitz (All-State Central I Honorable Mention) will head the midfield, which will also consist of seniors Dave Valian and John DelSordi, and junior Zach Helma.

The defense will consist of junior co-captain Jake Longo, seniors Garrett Zito and Brian Howard, junior Julian Korduba and sophomore Patrick Ellman.

"One of the things we were also

able to do in Costa Rica was we got our defense together. We were able to defend with Howard, Longo and Ellman right now as the primary defenders. They worked well as a unit and gave up only five, six goals in six games," said Coach Breznitsky, who added, "Some of the juniors have come on really strong and filled some needs for us. Daniel Babis on the trip was exceptional. Zack Lipshitz, big strong guy!"

Junior Tyler O'Brien and sophomore Sean Murray will be the Raiders' goalkeepers.

"Right now, our front runner is Tyler, who played quite well when [Dan] Korduba was hurt, and he is being challenged by Sean Murray, who played at one of the Academy teams. He has good size. He's six foot, 160-lbs and growing. Reminds me of a young [Brian] Meredith [2007 graduate]," Coach Breznitsky said.

The Raiders will have some new opponents on their schedule and there has been a slight shift in the conference.

"We have Old Bridge, Columbia, Kenilworth, Bridgewater. This year, the Union County Conference will have four divisions. We're in the Watchung with Union, Elizabeth, Westfield and Governor Livingston. Every two years, they make changes in all four divisions," Coach Breznitsky said.

The Raiders will open their season at Union on Friday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m.



BLUE DEVIL TEAM CAPTAINS...Pictured, left to right, are: seniors Koryn Kraemer, Matt Williams and Mike Prosek, who have been selected team captains of the Blue Devil boys soccer team.

DoCampo, the Blue Devils look to dominate possession. Sophomore Gabriel Romano may also be in the midfield.

"We have a very good midfield with Sam Karnofsky, who is coming back from an Academy program. Mike Prosek and Kevin Irving had significant results last year. We have another Academy player with Luke Beaulieu, so we are significantly

Senior co-captain Matt Williams will lead the forward push with assistance from senior Rafik Galal and sophomore Owen Prybylski. Also, sophomore Loukas Caryannopoulos has moved forward from his defensive position last year, and freshman Mike Birle could add some punch.

"We have Matt up front. We have Rafik, who transferred in from Egypt. Owen Prybylski is very athletic. He

"We have pretty much new backs. A few returners, Brendan Curry, Austin Kronik and Nick Monahan [all seniors]. Austin and Nick will be our center backs most likely," Coach Shaw said.

Others on the defense are seniors Mike Dabulas and Alex Shorrock, and junior Santiago Correa.

"We are excited about it. This is my second year, so I will have a better handle on it. We did some things in the winter and a lot of stuff in the summer together," Coach Shaw added.

The Blue Devils were to get a real test in a scrimmage game held August 22 with St. Benedict's Prep, ranked No. 1 in the nation.

"The reason we got that game is to show where we stand as a team. As players, we always want to be challenged. We want to see what we are doing and what we can fix right off the bat. This will expose things we do well and, hopefully, expose a few weaknesses we need to correct for our Cranford game," Coach Shaw said.

The Blue Devils will open at Cranford on Friday, September 5.

"They had a down year last year, lost one of their better players, but any team in our conference is tough, Union, Elizabeth, Cranford, Scotch Plains. On any given day, they all can be competitive, and we need to be ready for that," Coach Shaw said.



BLUE DEVIL SOCCER CLINIC...All third through eighth grade girls are invited to join the Westfield Girls varsity soccer team for their Annual Clinic on September 6 at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield from 9 to 11 a.m. Go to lbdosoccer.com to sign up. The photo shows Little Lady Blue Devils from past clinics, who are now varsity players running the clinic.

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