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**WINNING THE 145-LB CROWN...**Raider Brian Lapham, top, captured the 145-lb crown at the John Goles Tournament in Washington on December 27.

## SPF Raider Wrestlers Place Sixth At John Goles Holiday Mat Tournament

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team placed sixth at the John Goles Invitational Tournament in Washington on December 27. Hosting Warren Hills won the team title with 182 points, North

Hunterdon (NH) took second at 174 and Delaware Valley placed third at 148, followed by Edison at 138, West Morris at 115 and the Raiders at 96 in the 10-team tournament. Brian Lapham claimed the 145-lb

title with a 3-1, overtime tiebreaker against Dave Magliaccio. Dom Natale placed second at 152-lbs after dropping a 12-4 majority decision to Mike Ciavarrò (NH). Matt Ridge placed second at 182-lbs.



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**PLACING SECOND AT 182-LBS...**Raider Matt Ridge, top, placed second at 182-lbs at the John Goles Tournament in Washington on December 27.

## Lady Raider Cagers Muffle Mother Seton, 45-30

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tion ourselves defensively, we started creating the steals and making the points," Harper said.

Featuring two sophomore starters, Williams and forward Miciah Battle, with one junior, center Tabitha Dwumfour, and seniors Harper and Maisel, the 1-3 Raiders had some coordination problems in their first three games but appeared to be ironing them out from the second quarter onward against the 1-1 Setters.

"It was good to get that first win.

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We needed it. We have two good sophomores and this will help build their confidence," Harper said.

Dwumfour proved to be very productive under the boards and pulled down 14 rebounds, most being under the offensive boards to set up more Raider opportunities to score. She also added six blocked shots, four steals and three assists and finished with seven points.

"Tabitha is our tallest girl. She is big and strong, and this year she wants to show what she can do," Raider Head Coach Camille Mammolite said.

The Raiders' pressure defense really came to life in the second quarter with numerous acts of theft by Harper, Williams and Maisel. The Raiders won the quarter, 16-6, to grab a 24-14 lead at the half. Williams and Kara Foley each sank six points, while Dwumfour and Harper scored two points each.

Half of the Raiders' eight points in the third quarter came via the free throw line, but the Setters scored 12

to tighten the score to 32-26, but that tightening loosened up quickly in the fourth when Harper converted three steals to six points, Dwumfour drew a foul while rolling in a lay-up and made the free throw, and Carolina Babis and Maisel each sank a 2-point.

Throughout the game, the Raiders did have difficulty scoring from the outside. The shots were just not finding the mark.

According to Coach Mammolite, "We are a very young team. That's one thing we have to work on. Once we start hitting our shots, we will be alright."

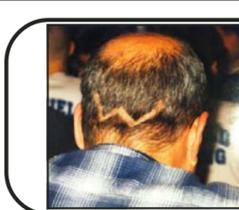
Lena Buccigrossi led Mother Seton with 12 points, while Shannon McCarthy and Nickey Melie each sank six points. Brittany Sielski had four points. Williams finished with eight steals, while Maisel finished with four steals, four assists and five points.

<b>Mother Seton</b>	8	6	12	4	30
<b>Sc. Pl.-Fanwood</b>	8	16	8	13	45



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**A MASTER UNDER THE BOARDS...**Raider Tabitha Dwumfour, front, pulled down 14 rebounds, blocked six shots and added three assists against the Mother Seton Setters in the first round of the Keith Benovegno Memorial Tournament.



### Devil's Den

## Parker Wastes No Time In Showing He Belongs

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It didn't even take one full minute into his varsity career for Parker Hess to show he was ready to continue the legacy.

And we aren't talking a legacy like Flounder in the movie "Animal House." We're talking more along the lines of something handed down by a predecessor.

Older brothers Ryan ('11) and Keegan ('13) Hess graduated WHS as the Nos. 10 and 24 all-time scorers with 859 and 622 points, respectively. That's 1,481 points, a school record for brothers (see next item). In addition, Keegan Hess graduated with a school record 112 3-pointers, breaking Mike Venezia's record of 109.

So, that's some pretty big Chuck Taylors or Keds to fill for young Parker. But with Keegan, home on break from playing at Catholic University, cheering wildly in the stands, Parker quickly nailed another 3-pointer 40 seconds later - that's two in the first 90 seconds - and had three by the end of the first period. The sophomore finished with 14 points in a 50-49 victory over Cranford on Dec. 20.

And, like his brothers, he's much more than just a mad bomber. Hess took it strong to the hoop several times, including once where he drove the baseline and switched hands at the last second to draw a foul while shooting left-handed. There must be some serious 1-on-1 games at their house.

Also having a nice debut was sophomore Owen Murray. There had been concern about the point guard position, with returnee Danny Mitchell sidelined by an ACL injury and especially after Nick Mele transferred just prior to the season. But Murray showed everything you'd want to see in a point guard... including several no-look passes that set up easy lay-ups for Dylan Elliott and Ben Schuman, and a keen interest in making sure everybody else touched the ball. His seven assists helped Schuman and Chris Boutsikaris hit double figures with 10 each.

Hess came back with 12 points, including a couple of threes, against SP-F in a 61-40 romp the following night. As important, Dave Kane added 12, Sean Elliott 10, Boutsikaris nine and Murray eight. The team went nine deep opening weekend and that's going to help when Chris Wright becomes eligible on Jan. 16.

(Sophomore Pat McCormack and freshman Matt LaCorte showed that the future of WHS basketball could be really exciting during the jayvee's opening night win over Cranford. McCormack slashed, dashed and crashed to a bunch of what ended up easy lay-ups, while LaCorte showed range and court awareness far beyond a normal ninth-grader.)

Senior Dylan Elliott, who played some as a freshman and has started the last three years, showed his right-place-at-the-right-time ability on Saturday night against SP-F, coming up with 10 steals. Interesting, his father Rick had three steals (well, interceptions) in one football game against SP-F back in 1979. He also nailed four 3-pointers Saturday night as WHS went 1-2 at Ridge's Len Sepanak Tournament.

Who knows how the season will play out? It definitely could not have gotten off to a better start than that opening weekend, beating Cranford and Scotch Plains-Fanwood. You only get one chance to make a first impression. Hess and Murray - in fact, the entire team - made a good one.

### FOR THE RECORD

Here is the completely unofficial breakdown of sibling scoring at WHS (please email me at bj1019@aol.com with corrections):

Brothers: Trailing the Hess brothers' 1481 career points are Tim and Rich Goski had 1,289 points, Mike and Matt Comandini 1,246, Scott and Todd Novacek 1,233, Lamont and Eric Turner 968, and the Reddy brothers, Tom, Mark and Steve, with 947. Sisters: The Millers - Erin, Danielle and Jamie - have the sibling/sisters record with 1,848.

Brothers and sisters: Lisa, Mike and Diana Venezia combined for 2,088 points, ahead of James and Liz McKeon's 1,676, and Rich and Krissy Jeremiah's 1,275 (note: Bill Jeremiah's totals not available).

Fathers and son: Jim and Kevin Kane combined for 898 points (note: Jim's 1939 totals not available).

Father and daughter: Boo Bowers and Tamecka Dixon combined for 1,175 points, edging out George and Tara Handza's 982; add in brother/uncle Tom Handza's 181 points for a 1,163 total.)

Grandfather and grandson: Roger

### Lady Blue Devils Maul Mendham Girls, 45-28

The Westfield High School girls basketball team improved to 3-0 with a 45-28 victory over Mendham in the opening round of the Len Sepanak Memorial Tournament in Basking Ridge on December 27. Jackie Knapp netted 20 points and had seven rebounds. Lil Scott sank 12 points and swiped six steals.

Love and Pat Gray combined for 451 points.

### IN THE HOUSE

Since becoming the athletic supervisor prior to the 2010-11 school year, Sandy Mamary has tried to fill her coaching roster with as many WHS graduates as possible. It would appear she's having success, too.

Former Blue Devils including Ron Allen, Matt Andzel, Tom Bonard, Owen Brand, Don Cassett, Elise Cognetti (Borja), Jay Cook, Amanda Diaz, David Duels, Lindsey El Koury, Katherine Frega, Jenny Hayes, Doug Kehler, Glen Kurz, Andrew Levy, Caitlin MacDonald, Sean Mack, Chris Mattes, Kevin McCormack, James McKeon, Michele McLaughlin, Ken Miller, Mike Murray, Chris Partelow, Jeff Perrella, Adam Pizzi, Ethan Powell, Joclyn Puschel, Alex Schmidt, Mike Schwebel, Chris Tafelski, Pat Tuohy, Boomer Wertheimer and Katie Wertheimer have been involved coaching their old WHS sports in some capacity - varsity, jayvee, assistant or volunteer - over the past few years.

Mamary recently added two of the school's all-timers as "volunteer coaches" with the boys and girls basketball teams.

Jan Coccoziello ('04) is assisting Daryl Palmieri and McKeon on the boys team. During his playing career at WHS, Coccoziello was Mr. Excitement as a football and basketball standout, and also was exceptional in track and baseball. Now he's fist-bumping players, as a flashy dressing hoops helper.

Liz McKeon ('99) starred in field hockey, basketball, softball during her WHS days. She is helping out Joe Marino with the girls team. Liz is one of three girls in the 1,000-point club, and also was quite a slugger for Maggie McFadden's softballs.

### DIID YOU KNOW?

Junior Cliff Ewing scored 37 points in an 81-3 romp (not a typo) over Cranford in 1914, and that stood as the school's single-game scoring record for 48 years. In 1962 Dick Myers scored 38 against Roselle Park. The current one-game record is 43 by Bob King against Rahway in 1963 (King also had 42 in a game against Roselle Park that winter). Ewing's mark was tied by Terry Brady in 1948.

The thing that really stands out about it is that Ewing set his mark 100 years ago. That was back when there was a center jump after every basket, and Ewing won most of those jumps. It was also when WHS basketball games were sometimes played at St. Paul's Parish House on East Broad Street, and after the games there were dances.

Ewing went on to captain the 1919 basketball team at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. RPI, it should be noted, also produced noted pool shark Don Mokrauer ('63), who is still active in the sport, as both a player and official.

### CAPTAIN FOR A NIGHT

Chris Campbell ('73), the best wrestler in WHS history and one of the



**MAKING THE STOPS...**Raider senior Goalie Alex Montagna stopped all but one of Colonia's shots in a 2-1 win on December 23 at the Warinanco Ice Rink.

## Raider Icers Top Colonia, 2-1, Lose to Ocean Twp., Monroe

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider ice hockey team got a taste of winning, notching a 2-1 win on December 23 against the Colonia Patriots, but it did not last long, and a post holiday crash resulted in a 10-1 defeat to Ocean Township on December 26 and a 5-2 loss to the Monroe Falcons on December 27.

The Raiders' record stood at 1-3-1 going into the three-game stretch and the Icers were ready to start turning things around and set the tempo for the rest of the season. Looking to get at least two wins, it started off well with the Icers putting in a nice defensive effort against Colonia. Senior goalie Alex Montagna turned aside all but one of the Patriots' shots and Davey Leong was on fire, scoring two goals.

The day after Christmas was not so kind though as the Spartans scored seven goals before the Raiders could answer once to the Ocean goalie.

great wrestlers in the history of the University of Iowa, was the No. 3 Hawkeyes' honorary captain for Saturday night's showdown with top-ranked Penn State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. With Iowa graduate Ashton Kutcher and his girlfriend Mila Kunis also in the house, the Nittany Lions won 24-12.

### WRESTLING UPDATE

The wrestlers were at Roselle Park's Panther Invitational last Saturday and gave coach Glen Kurz a very special highlight: all 11 varsity wrestlers (regulars Vin DiFilippo and Kevin Frega were out with injuries) won their final match. The Blue Devils had three champions: Johnny Fuller (113 pounds), Matt Barber (145) and Nick Velez (152); three thirds: Chris Hoerle (106), Nick Kalimtzis (120) and Cotter Spurlock (220); and five fifths: Jack Miller (126), Kevin Miller (132), Jarek Gozdieski (160), Devin Anderson (170) and Tom Anderson (285).

Edison's Billy Povalac, the nephew of former WHS assistant coach Steve Povalac, won the 138-pound title and was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the John Goles Invitational at Warren Hills.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATE

The go-go-go girls of Joe Marino beat New Providence 57-48 Monday in the championship game of Ridge's Len Sepanak Tournament. The 5-0 Blue Devils previously knocked off Mendham and Linden, normally two pretty solid teams. Juniors Jackie Knapp and Lily Scott continued to be the mainstays, scoring points, grabbing rebounds, handing out assists and making steals like a couple of Erin Millers. Sophomores Amalia Montes and Olivia Luzzi contributed 12 rebounds against Mendham and 14 points in the title game.

### HOCKEY UPDATE

Sean Cromarty is starting his third year as the ice hockey coach at WHS. While it's his first high school coaching position, he is certainly no novice in the sport.

A 2000 graduate of Upper Canada College Preparatory School in Toronto, where he team captain and MVP in ice hockey, he also lettered in baseball and lacrosse. A four-year letter winner at Colorado College of the Western Canada Hockey Association, his teams there played in three NCAA tournaments and four WCHA Final Five tournaments, winning in 2003.

After a stint with the Wheeling (W.Va.) Nailers in the Pittsburgh Penguins organization, Cromarty became a certified personal trainer. He also is involved coaching the high-powered Mid-Jersey Selects youth program, located in Bridgewater.

His 2013 WHS team was 20-5-2, tying the school record for wins in a single season by the 2011 team. The Blue Devils currently are 3-1-3 after Saturday's 4-1 win over Middletown North. The loss was 4-1 to Summit, and the ties came against Chatham, 0-0, Cranford, 1-1, and Bridgewater-Raritan, 1-1. Junior Dan DoCampo has been playing very well in the nets.