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SCOTT SCORES 28, KNAPP 18; 6 ASSTs, 7 STEALS EACH

Blue Devil Cagers 'Victimize' ALJ Lady Crusaders, 65-36

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
"Sisters in crime", juniors Lil Scott and Jackie Knapp, headed a team full of thieves, who amassed nearly 30 steals in the Westfield High School girls basketball team's, 65-36, triumph over the A.L. Johnson Crusaders in Clark on January 4.
Scott and Knapp, who each had seven steals, also gave their teammates good instructions on how to convert those acts of thievery into scores with six assists apiece. Five of Knapp's assists set up Scott for scores and three of Scott's assists set up Knapp. Scott led the 6-0 Blue Devils with 28 points, including four 3-point-

ers and hitting 6-for-7 from the charity line. Knapp bucketed 18 points, including a 3-pointer and going 2-for-2 from the line.
Because of the high volume of steals, the Blue Devils did not have to pull too many rebounds, although freshman Hannah Liddy managed to get her hands on seven rebounds, as well as six steals, while contributing three assists and four points. Senior co-captain Carly Friedman had five steals, blocked a pair of shots and added three assists. Sophomore Olivia Luzzi scored nine points, had three assists and swiped two basketballs. Amelia Montes had five rebounds and four points.
Thefts began immediately as the Blue Devils' defense introduced a full-court press. Scott had the first

steal and fed Knapp for an easy lay-up. Knapp then swiped a ball and fed Luzzi for a lay-up. A little later, Scott sank a 3-pointer with assistance from Knapp, then Scott assisted Knapp on a score that gave the Blue Devils a 9-2 lead with 4:17 left in the first quarter that ended 11-5.
The harassment continued in the second quarter and even stepped up a few notches. Nine assists and a multitude of steals later, the score was 39-13 at the half. During that run, Luzzi began the quarter with a 3-pointer then later, Scott, Knapp and Scott, respectively, banged back-to-back-to-back 3-pointers. Scott scored 14 points in the quarter, while Knapp added seven.
"We like the press. We like to keep

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CONSIDERING AN ACT OF THEFT...Blue Devil Olivia Luzzi, No. 22, looks for her opportunity to swipe the ball away from Crusader Lauren Beck, No. 14. The Blue Devils amassed nearly 30 steals in a 65-36 victory in Clark on January 4.

McKEARY SINKS 10, STEALS 4; MAUCIONE SCORES 8

Roselle Catholic Lions Tame Lady Cougar Cagers, 53-28

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Veteran team verses a young, reorganizing team rolled in favor of the veteran team as the Roselle Catholic High School Lady Lions basketball team defeated the Cranford Cougars, 53-28, in Cranford on January 4.
Lady Lion Tori Pozsonyi demonstrated her strength and poise under both boards and led all players with 20 points, as well as with rebounds. Senior point guard Katie Tobie, who finished with four points, successfully managed to get the ball into Pozsonyi under the boards for easy

lay-ups. Junior guards Dolapo Balogun and Allieya Cabbage each netted eight points, and Tiffany McQueen came off the bench and scored seven points. Junior forward Ashley Skrec scored the game's only 3-pointer.
"They have been playing together for a long time. Our team is like a brand new team. I have graduated a lot last year. We had girls who were playing together for a bunch of years. This is the first year that we are like starting fresh. We are trying to get used to working together. We are running through the motions of get-

ting more comfortable." Cougar Head Coach Jackie Dyer said.
Senior guard Mairead McKeary and senior forward Carly Maucione led the 1-4 Cougars with 10 points and eight points, respectively. McKeary also added four steals and three assists. Senior guard Kerry Wischusen, who finished with four points, pulled four rebounds and added a steal and an assist. Sophomore guard Cerys MacLelland also had four rebounds, four points and a steal, while contributing two assists. Sophomore guard Sarah Ross had

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VERY CLOSE DEFENSIVE PLAY...Cougar Mairead McKeary, right, hangs very close to Roselle Catholic Lion Katie Tobie, No. 14, during their game in Cranford on January 4. The Lady Lions defeated the Cougars, 53-28.



NEARLY PULLING A BIG UPSET...Blue Devil freshman Jack Miller, top, made a strong comeback to put a scare in Panther Josh Gergich in his 126-lb bout in Roselle Park on January 6. Gergich, who placed second at the Roselle Park Tournament during the Christmas holiday, hung on for a 5-4 win.

SPURLOCK, BARBER, VELEZ, KALIMTZIS, FULLER WIN

Roselle Park Panthers Stop Blue Devil Wrestlers, 40-18

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Victories even in a defeat may have been realized by the Westfield High School wrestling team that came up on the short side of a 40-18 outcome against the Roselle Park Panthers in Roselle Park on January 6.
Due to the match-ups in each weight class, it was highly possible that the 4-0 Panthers stood a strong chance of

winning 13 of the 14 bouts. Instead, the 1-1 Blue Devils managed to claim five victories and had very pleasing performances from two of their wrestlers even in defeat.
"Our kids definitely showed some toughness tonight. We knew Roselle Park is the team to beat in the area. We told our kids that we needed to open up, go out there and let it fly. We had some real nice wins, and we had

some real nice losses too," Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz said.
The first bout of the evening went to Panther Steve Loevsky when he recorded a pair of takedowns and an escape to defeat Jerek Gozdieski, 5-1, at 170-lbs. Phil Woods and Allen Nunez received forfeits at 182-lbs and 195-lbs, respectively, to give the Panthers a 15-0 lead.
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