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**FRIEDMAN 11 RBs, SCOTT SINKS 22 PTs, KNAPP 10 PTs**

# Blue Devils' Quickness, Jars Johnson Lady B'ballers, 59-36

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

Senior forward Carly Friedman grabbed nearly everything under the boards and quickly shoveled the ball out to offensive "money players" Lil Scott and Jackie Knapp, who combined for 32 points, which led the 18th ranked, 13-0 Westfield High School girls basketball team to a 59-36 jarring of the 5-7 A.L. Johnson Crusaders in Westfield on January 23.

Friedman had 11 rebounds but also blocked several shots and tipped balls to teammates, who moved the ball down court to set up scoring opportunities. Friedman also had two steals, an assist and four points.

"I feel pretty good about things. I'm not much of a shooter, so I do what I can under the boards, try to get

the rebounds and try to get a fast breakaway for the team. I try to box out, get my position as best I can," Friedman said.

"Carly definitely got stronger. She's been a lot more focused this year than she's been. She's the captain, and she's really carrying the girls along the way. She's leading by example," Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino said.

Scott led all scorers with 22 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and added five steals, three assists and five rebounds. Knapp had 10 points, three assists, three steals and two rebounds. Sophomore forward Olivia Luzzi learned well from Scott's and Knapp's history of thievery and contributed five steals herself to go with four points, four assists, two rebounds

and a blocked shot. Hannah Liddy (6 rebounds), Shannon Devitt and Jamie Miller each sank four points.

Crusader Gianna Rebosio finished with 11 points and Steph Visconti put in 10 points.

The Blue Devils took a 10-0 lead with Scott beginning the action with a 3-pointer, on an assist from Knapp. By the end of the first quarter, Scott had hit half of her 22 points and Knapp hit four, while Miller and Luzzi had two points each to make the score, 19-8.

Luzzi and Scott hit 2-pointers and Knapp sank a pair of free throws to up the lead to 25-9 before the Crusaders called a timeout. More steals led to more points and a 32-13 Blue Devil lead at the half.

The huge lead allowed the Blue

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IN FOR THE LAY-UP...Blue Devil Lil Scott, No. 20, goes in for a lay-up in the game against the Johnson Crusaders in Westfield on January 23. Scott poured in 22 points and Westfield won, 59-36.

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GETTING THE TAKEDOWN AT THE EDGE...Blue Devil Matt Barber gets a double-leg takedown on Cougar Andrew Tompkins at the edge of the mat in their 145-lb bout in Cranford on January 24.

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**J. MILLER WINS IN O.T., DiGIOVANNI EDGES FULLER**

# Cougar Matmen March Past Westfield Blue Devils, 39-22

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Five forfeits shortened a showdown between two rivals, but several bouts turned out to be quite exciting as the Cranford High School wrestling team marched to a 39-22 victory over Westfield in Cranford on January 24.

Few, if any, of the bouts were more exciting than the very first one at 126-lbs when Blue Devil freshman Jack Miller fought off a double-leg takedown attempt in overtime and turned it into a defensive takedown to edge Dave Busch, who had recently placed second in the Union County Tournament, 4-2.

Miller managed to wrap his left leg around Busch's right leg to eventually inch behind for the takedown.

"It was difficult. The last time I wrestled him I lost, so I wanted re-

venge on him. When he took the shot, I just pushed myself and thought about the work we did in practice, and I put it [leg] in there," Miller said.

Busch took a 2-0 lead with a double-leg takedown in the first period and Miller escaped, but his ability to control Busch from the top position throughout the entire second period put him in the position to, at least, knot the score in the third. Busch, who received a warning in the first period, also controlled from the top throughout the third period but received a second warning while doing so, which awarded Miller a penalty point to send the bout into overtime.

Cougars Brian McGovern (132-lbs) and Gavin Murray (138-lbs) received forfeits to make the team score, 12-3, then Blue Devil Matt Barber recorded a second-period escape and a low

double-leg takedown to nip Andrew Tompkins, 3-2, at 145-lbs.

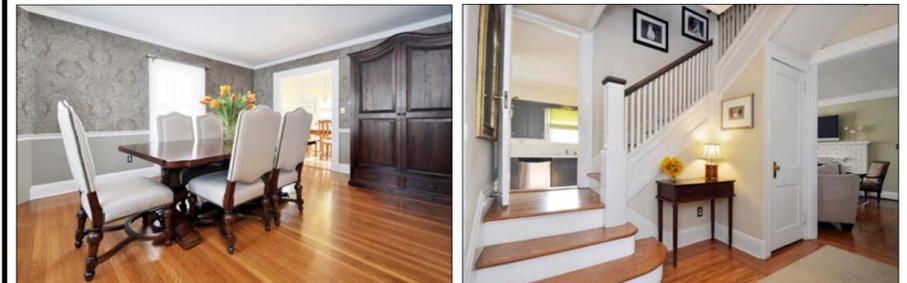
Blue Devil Nick Velez increased his offensive arsenal in his 152-lb bout with Corey Birch. Velez converted a takedown into a 3-point nearfall to seize a 5-0 lead in the first period and attempted several two-on-one pipewrench tilts, although receiving no further points. In the second period, Velez recorded a turn-in reversal then added a pair of takedowns to earn an 11-1, majority decision.

Cougar Niko Cappello received a forfeit at 160-lbs then Blue Devil Jerk Gozdieski recorded a takedown before pinning Chris Kiame in 1:30 with a half nelson and arm bar at 170-lbs. At 182-lbs, Cougar Nick Ballas recorded an escape and a defensive

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