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TEAM CAPTAINS IN BOYS LACROSSE...Senior attacker Christopher Aslanian, left, junior defender Jackson Simcox, center, and senior midfielder Dane Huber have been selected team captains of the Blue Devils boys lacrosse team. The Blue Devils will open their season with West Morris Mendham at Kehler Stadium on March 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Lady Blue Devils Set Records, Finished 23-4

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assists and 102 steals. Junior Jackie Knapp hit the 1,000-career point mark on February 25 when she banged a 3-pointer in the UCT semifinal game against Union. Knapp finished the season with 401 points (1,031 career), led the team with 353-pointers, pulled 97 rebounds and added 86 assists and 81 steals. Scott with 216 career steals and Knapp with 236 are well on their way to becoming the all-time WHS "Chief Thief" twosome presently held by Miller and Gab O'Leary at 315 and 218, respectively. "Lilly started as a freshman and

under the boards but more importantly their team leadership. Friedman also totaled 131 rebounds, 33 assists and 41 steals and led the team with 26 blocked shots. "Both were outstanding captains. They were excellent role models for the younger girls. They pretty much acted as big sisters. It's a credit to Carley and Morgan in keeping these girls together, including JV's and freshmen," Coach Marino said. The next migraines came in the form of sophomore Olivia Luzzi and freshman Hannah Liddy. Luzzi finished with 223 points, 59 steals and

Miller spent most of the season injured but came to action strengthening the defense, while contributing 23 points and five assists. Devitt, a freshman, got some playing time and contributed 32 points, while adding 18 blocks, six steals and 24 rebounds. Sophomore Rachel Mattessich proved to be solid defensively when she got on the court and had 13 blocks, 26 rebounds and eight steals, while adding 16 points. Sophomore Amalia Montes led the team with 177 rebounds and added 100 points. "She was tough on the inside for rebounds. It was her first year at var-



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GETTING THAT MAGIC NUMBER...Blue Devil junior Lillian Scott is surrounded by her teammates after scoring her 1,000th point with 2:08 left in the second quarter in a win over Rahway in Westfield on February 4. Jackie Knapp, far right, scored her 1,000-career point on February 25 in a Union County Tournament game against Union.

she as grown and gotten strong. I think she wants to play at college. The nice thing, Lilly is focused on there all the time. I can say the same thing about Jackie. Both grew together and both are team leaders even as underclassmen. When Jackie is down emotionally, Lilly will pick up the slack," Coach Marino said. The troublesome twosome have given opponents nothing but headaches throughout the season. "They are like peas in a pod, carbon copies. They are attached to each other. When Lil's down, Jackie picks up for her. She does what's needed. Teams can't leave them open. They will cause opponents problems if they are open," Coach Marino said. The Blue Devils presented more headaches with senior captains Carly Friedman and Morgan Maloney, who demonstrated their solid presence

57 assists. Luzzi hit a career high 27 points against Rahway on February 19. Liddy became a defensive terror with 93 steals (second on the team), 123 rebounds and 16 blocks. She also totaled 128 points. "Olivia! Hannah! The underclass girls feel comfortable playing with Lilly and Jackie. They play basically stress free. Olivia on defense was our go-to girl to shut down opponents, as well as Jamie Miller and Shannon Devitt, and it worked. I think we were the only team to hold Sidney Morang [New Providence] to two points," said Coach Marino, who added, "Hannah shows no emotion. She's always cool and calm. When you put her out there, she makes things happen even from 3-point range and she does her job on defense. I think she had the most steals on the team. She is all business when she goes out there."

sity. She helped us when we needed her to," Coach Marino said. Danielle Rinaldi, Lizzie Brucia (17 rebounds) and Abbey Demers contributed 16 points, 10 points and five points, respectively. With nearly the entire team returning next year, the Blue Devils could prove to be an even bigger headache for all opponents, but filling Friedman's center spot must be considered. Sophie Koglin, who had been sidelined with an injury, would be one consideration. "Sophie was out all year with a knee injury. She will help us at the center position. And Rachel Mattessich, along with Hannah may replace Carly's spot. With our style of play, we want to keep our four and five positions as fresh as possible, because we are a running team," Coach Marino said.



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CLOSE CALL AT SECOND...Raider second baseman Zach Lipshitz puts the tag on Blue Devil Matt Storcks in the fifth inning of the Union County Tournament semifinal game (May 2013). Storcks was called safe and Westfield won, 6-4.

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Other defenders include seniors Jake Kaplan, Craig Jarvis and Sebastian Trotter, juniors Dan McHugh and Jackson Frontero, sophomores Owen Colwell, Matt McIlroy and Kevin Frega, and freshmen Owen Prybylski and Kyle Dombroski. In addition to Simcox, seniors Chris Aslanian (attack) and Dane Huber (midfield) had been selected team captains. According to Coach Tuohy, "Aslanian will anchor the attack and we will look for some contribution from senior attackers Jackson Boyle, Chris Callahan and Andrew Castellone."

Brennan Erickson. Coach Tuohy added, "The sophomore attack of James Bohlinger and Nick Mueller will see some time and could crack the starting line up if they continue to progress." In the midfield, Huber will lead the way with strong support from seniors Patrick Decker, Andrew Capuano, Jack Kessler (face-offs), Matt Beauchamp, Sean Bohrod, Austin Hatch and Lucas Helander. "Our junior midfielders will be led by Patrick Aslanian, who could develop into our number one middle throughout the season," Coach Tuohy noted. Other juniors include James Brucia, Connor Webb, Ronnie Scheurman, Jimmy Hunter and Matt Lanzano. The goalkeeping spots have four play-

ers vying for the starting job: sophomore Toby Burgdorf, senior Alex D'Amato, and juniors Chris Caminiti and Sam Salberg. As has been in previous years, the Blue Devils will be battling top-notch teams throughout the season, beginning with West Morris Mendham in their home opener on March 26 at 4:30 p.m. Two days later, March 28, the Blue Devils will travel to Scotch Plains to face the Raiders at 4 p.m. then on March 31 at 4:30 a battle with Hillsborough will be held at Gary Kehler Stadium. Other key showdowns will be Chatham (April 10 — 4:30 p.m.), Ridgewood (April 19 — 11:30 a.m.), Summit (April 22 — 4:30 p.m.) and Delbarton (April 30 — 4:30 p.m.) all at Gary Kehler Stadium.

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Raiders Return Young Squad

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hit, he can definitely play the outfield and now he can run around the bases. He has really upped his game," Coach Baylock said. Lipshitz, the second baseman, had a .398 BA (33-for-83) with seven doubles, two homers, a team-leading 26 RBI and 28 runs scored last year. He was second with six stolen bases. Junior Chris Gibbons will be the No. 1 pitcher and when not pitching he will play centerfield. Last year, Gibbons spent most of his time on the injury list. "We know Zach is a great player. We know he's going to hit the ball. We are looking for big things from Matt Ridge. Gibbons, he's going to add a lot to our lineup," Coach Baylock said. Junior Alex Eckert and sophomore Tyler O'Brien are vying for the third base spot. "Both those kids are working hard. Tyler's got a nice bat. He can provide us with a lot of pop in the lineup. Alex is a very good glove over there. That is a situation where they could split time, use one for a bat and one for a glove," Coach Baylock said. Junior Matt Marino, who banged three home runs last year, will play first base. Junior JT Beirne will see time behind the plate. Juniors Garrett Zito and Christian Isolda, and senior Danny Korduba are vying for the leftfield spot. Because pitchers James D'Angelo (graduated) and Gibbons spent most of last season on the injury list, "We found some pitching with Isolda, Zito and Owen Monahan (senior), so I guess some good things came out of it by being able to see those other guys a little earlier than we would have liked. Because of that, we feel that we will be OK this year," Coach Baylock said. Senior Jack Poillon, Korduba, junior Brendan Kelly and sophomore Jack DeFouw may also see time on the mound. Due to the interesting weather, the Raiders have had very little time practicing on their field and the season opener is only a few weeks away. "Being in the gym everyday takes a toll on you. [Sometimes] We field on the turf field. Fielding ground balls on turf is great but it is not the same as on our field," Coach Baylock said. The Raiders will open at home with Westfield on April 1.

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