



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
 TAKING TALENTS TO A HIGHER LEVEL...Raiders seniors Chris Gibbons, left, and Brian Lapham will continue their athletic careers at a higher level next year. Gibbons will play baseball for the New Jersey Institute of Technology and Lapham will wrestle for Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

**RODRIQUEZ SCORES, MURRAY PRESERVES SHUTOUT**

# Raider Soccer Boys Silence Mo-town in Group Semi, 1-0

By ALEX LOWE  
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Scotch Plains-Fanwood toughed out a 1-0 win over a stubborn Morristown High School boys soccer team in the NJSIAA Group 4 semifinal round held at Brooks Field in Somerville on November 19. Senior co-captain Justin Rodriguez scored the only goal seven minutes into the game and the Raiders' defense made it hold up the rest of the way despite several strong challenges from the North 1 champion Morristown Colonials. The win will put the 23-3 Raiders in the state title match for the first time since 2005.

"Well it has been a while since we've been there," said Raiders' long-time Head Coach Tom Breznitsky. "But this will be our thirteenth time in the last forty years, so I'm pretty proud of that. I've said from the beginning of the year that this particular team is very athletic and incredibly deep. I think that has proven out over the course of the season."

The Raiders began the game as they have started so many others this season, by dominating possession and

scoring quickly. Rodriguez's game-winning goal came from about 20 yards away on a left-footed shot that Morristown goaltender Alan Maldonado could not save.

"Jassiem [Wahutse] gave me the ball in good position," said Rodriguez. "I saw the defender come from the left, so I moved the ball to the right and tried to place it in the corner where the goalkeeper could not get to it."

The early indications were that this one might be a laugh but instead, Morristown hung in stubbornly, even becoming the aggressor as the half wore on. Several times throughout the rest of the half and deep into the second half, the 18-8 Colonials pressured the Raiders' defense. Meanwhile, despite several great runs by Wahutse, the Raiders were unable to add to their lead. One interesting note to the game was that it was played on Brooks Field, which at 62 yards wide is slightly smaller than regulation size.

"I think the fact that the field was a little smaller than normal kind of threw us off a little bit," said Rodriguez. "We are a team that likes to pass the ball from side to side and

it felt a little off."

The pesky Colonials seemed less bothered by the smaller dimensions and began making runs of their own into the Raider half of the field. It was an unfamiliar position for the Raiders to find themselves in, as their defense has been rock solid throughout the year and perfect in the playoffs. The Raiders have shut out 17 opponents and has not allowed a goal yet in state tournament play. They would extend that streak against the Colonials due mainly to the Herculean efforts of Sean Murray.

The standout sophomore goaltender turned away shot-after-shot keeping the Colonials off the board. He saved his very best for last when Morristown had a last gasp inbound opportunity with just nine seconds remaining. Morristown's Ian Johnson launched a high long kick that sailed towards the top left corner of the goal only to have its direction altered by a leaping, fully extended Murray, who got his fingertips on the ball causing it to sail just high of the crossbar as time expired.

"I saw it coming and it was heading high and fast towards a tough spot," said Murray of the game preserving deflection. "I just reacted and jumped, stretching as far as I could. I felt the ball my fingertips and I got just a big enough piece of it to send it over the crossbar where it rolled down the back of the net."

The win sent the Raiders into a Sunday state title match against Washington Township scheduled for November 23 at Kean University in a 12:30 p.m. start.

"We've had a really great year," said Breznitsky. "This is a team in which seventeen players on the roster have scored goals. It is easily one of the deepest teams I've coached. Now we've got Jassiem back in the lineup and he makes a real difference out there. He's got pace and strong skills and he just puts a pressure on the defense that helps set up the offense for goals."

The Raiders will have a chance to claim their first state title since 1998. If successful, it would be their eighth overall.

"It is very exciting," said Murray. "This is a great opportunity for us to win a championship for the school. It has not happened for a long time now so I'm thrilled to have a chance to do it."

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on **December 8, 2014** in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeal for bulk (c) and/or (d) variance relief from requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

**Jorge and Vera Ortiz, 208 Livingston Street.** Applicant is seeking approval to utilize a portion of their two family home as habitable floor space contrary to section 12.04E2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum floor area ratio of 42%. Proposed is 46.7%.

**Elevation Properties, LLC, 519 East Broad Street.** Applicant is seeking approval to construct a wrap-around porch contrary to section 11.20E5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 20 feet. Proposed is 12 feet 6 inches.

**Mary Anne Anthony, 745 Highland Avenue.** Applicant is seeking approval to expand the existing garage contrary to Section 13.01G1b of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a rear yard setback of 10 feet for an accessory structure. Proposed is 2.1 feet and 3.3 feet.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate. Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen Nemeth  
 Board Secretary  
 1 T - 11/27/14, The Leader Fee: \$38.76



## Devil's Den 'Unbelievable' Career Nears the Finish Line

By BRUCE JOHNSON  
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Yesterday was the final time Jack Simcox wore jersey No. 44 when WHS traveled to the Queen City to play Plainfield for the 110th time in their historic series. It was the last time he suits up to play with his twin brother Andrew and all his best friends, since their earliest PAL days.

The senior started one game as a freshman — a 24-0 shutout of Rahway — making six tackles (four solo) filling in for the injured John Lanzano. That's an extreme rarity at WHS, where only two others — halfbacks Lee Waring in 1929 and Brian Ciemniecki in 1993 — ever started a game as a freshman. (Both of them are enshrined in the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame.)

Since their sophomore year, Simcox and Luke Prybylski have played side-by-side at linebacker. Both also starred on the state champion lacrosse team last spring, with Prybylski netting 48 goals and earning all-American status, and Simcox, no surprise, anchoring the defense.

Simcox has led the Blue Devils in tackles as a sophomore (89, 60 solos despite missing two games) and junior (79, 58 solos). Those junior numbers also included 13 tackles for a loss, two interceptions, four caused fumbles, three recovered fumbles, 15 special-team tackles and five passes knocked down.

Defensive stats for Friday's frigid 14-6 loss at Linden aren't included, but Simcox's name was announced after almost every play. And through the first nine games he'd been in on 122 tackles, including 80 solos. That's 296 tackles for his career, and 202 were solos. Oh, he's also run for over 400 yards with a 5.0 average subbing for Jack Curry.

He's the latest in a long line of great WHS linebackers. Start with Jim Turpin (Class of 1942), Karney Scioscia ('45), John Chironna ('46), Gerry McGinley ('48), then through Pete Braun ('61), Jerry Hendershott ('65), Doug Murphy ('67), Frank Jackson ('70), Jim Zitch ('71), John Kerr ('72), Bob McNally ('77), Jim Hoblitzell ('78), Chris Drabin ('82), and on to the more modern Brian Cheek ('91), Steve Kocaj ('92), Erwyn Lyght ('95), Jason Yarusi ('97), Todd Dowling ('99), Matt Daly ('02), Brian Butts ('03), Will Harbaugh ('07), T.J. Mruz ('09) and A.J. Murray ('11). And that's not all the great ones, just those who earned all-state honors.

"Jack is our leader when it comes to everything that's hard about the game: conditioning, lifting, hitting and practicing," WHS football coach Jim DeSamo said. "The other players look up to him. They pick up their level of play around him. We do these conditioning runs on Wednesday (four of them) and if you win one you sit the next. Jack never loses. It's great when other players challenge him. It shows me they want to push themselves."

The 6-foot, 210-pound Simcox has all the tools, but is not content to get by on talent... he's going to outwork everyone. And he's always been that way. "Everything Jack has gotten out of football and lacrosse has been earned, not handed to him," said Scott Selert ('77), one of his PAL football coaches.

Selert was quite an athlete back in his day. It's not everybody who can say that his backup at both split end and safety was a guy named Butch Woolfolk. So Selert has some quality perspective on the comparison between Simcox and Bob McNally ('77), a two-time all-state linebacker and his former teammate.

"To say Jack is a Bob McNally-type player is the ultimate compliment," Selert said. "Bob, and I may be biased, was a better runner, but on defense they're very similar. Bob was

more of a natural athlete, things came easily to him. Jack gets everything by hard work. He just outworks everyone else.

"And Jack's football IQ is off the charts. He's very smart and knows the angles to take when he's pursuing someone. He knows where a runner is going to end up and that's where he goes, rather than trying to chase him down."

Simcox's football smarts come to him genetically. His father Steve grew up in football-crazy Akron, Ohio, and played at Princeton University, although his career was hampered by injuries. After graduating from Princeton, Simcox and a roommate rented out a house in Westfield in 1986. He fell in love with the town and settled here after marrying Lisa (a North Bergen High grad) in 1988. They've raised four kids, two daughters having already graduated from WHS and twins Jack and Andrew.

lievable. There is no other word to describe it. To be playing for the last time with my best friends, who I've played with since elementary school, is just a blessing. On top of that, having all these miraculous wins and comebacks has been unbelievable."

Simcox appreciates having his name mentioned in the same sentence as McNally's. But to those lucky enough to have seen both of them play, it's a comparison that is well deserved.

"Being referenced to such a legendary player is an unbelievable honor, especially coming from coaches who played at Westfield and have coached in Westfield for a long time," he said. "I've always wanted to be one of those players that everyone remembers for years to come. Just to be compared to Bob McNally is a huge honor."

It's ironic that Simcox would use 'unbelievable' four times in four para-



Steve Simcox (center) with sons Andrew (left) and Jack before leaving for a PAL game when they were in third grade.

"Westfield was the only choice," Steve said. "The entire community cares about you and your team and the legacy you leave. You don't get that at many high schools. I couldn't be prouder of the commitment Andrew and Jack made to the WHS football family."

Steve coached Jack and Andrew, a senior defensive lineman, during their PAL days. The Simcox boys were also coached by former WHS standouts Selert, Owen Brand and Paul Harbaugh, among others.

Jack, who will play football at

graphs. Because on a recent October Friday night in Clinton, while watching him chase a speedy North Hunterdon wide receiver for 50 yards and eventually tackle him at the 2-yard line, unbelievable was just one of several adjectives that came to my mind.

Now there was one final high school game for the nonesuch linebacker, one last chance to make some memories, and crush some Cardinals.

"The Thanksgiving game is always an unbelievable experience," Simcox said. "Seeing all the recent graduates



NEW IMPROVED LOCKER ROOM...Steve Simcox and members of the Westfield Boosters completed a successful project to upgrade the Varsity and Visitors locker room facilities at the Kehler Stadium Fieldhouse.

Princeton University this fall, is well aware of football's history in this town — the Thanksgiving Eve bonfire tradition of burning the Cardinal, the fifth-winningest team in state history, legendary coaches Joe Freeman and Gary Kehler, all the great players that have worn the Blue and White — and he's proud to have been a part of it, through the good and the not-so-good.

"All three years have been very different from each other," he said. "My sophomore year was a great learning experience, even though we had a poor record. That year really taught me how much work it was going to take to be successful. Junior year was unbelievable, being able to play with such a great senior class in what everybody called a bounce-back year against some of the best competition in the state. Making it to the playoffs and getting that experience only made me want to get back there that much more."

"And senior year has been unbe-

coming by practice, then seeing what appears to be every WHS football player ever in the stands is just surreal. All these people who I used to look up to are now watching me play and try to fill their shoes."

**A NEW NO. 1**

Sean Elliott, a three-year starter at wide receiver, is the new career pass receptions leader at WHS, passing Pete Ondi. With two on Friday night, Elliott now has 82 career catches; Ondi had 80 from 2009-11.

No. 3 on the list is Dylan Elliott, who graduated WHS last June after 74 receptions. Dylan is now a freshman wide receiver at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

**IN PASSING**

Jimmy Ruffin, who had a hit song in 1966 with "What Becomes of the Broken Hearted," died on Nov. 17 at age 78. He was the older brother of David Ruffin, the lead singer in the Temptations, who passed back in 1991.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014**  
 6:30 pm  
**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**  
 75 MARTINE AVENUE, NORTH FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY

All interested citizens will be given an opportunity to present their opinion regarding which projects the Mayor and Council should submit to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee for Year 41 at the above time and place. For further information contact the Borough Clerk at (908) 322-8236.

Eleanor McGovern  
 Borough Clerk  
 1 T - 11/27/14, The Times Fee: \$18.36

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD**

**RESOLUTION 14-11-176**

**CONTRACTOR: CTM Environmental; 200 Pennsville-Auburn Road, Pedricktown, New Jersey 08067**

**NATURE OF SERVICE:** Environmental Engineering Services regarding the preparation of the Livingston Wilbor Litigation and the submission of the HDSRF grant

**DURATION:** Period ending November 30, 2014  
**AMOUNT:** Not to exceed \$21,687.50  
 A copy of this resolution and contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the Municipal Clerk's office.

Eleanor McGovern  
 Municipal Clerk  
 1 T - 11/27/14, The Times Fee: \$18.87

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following Ordinance was finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, on the 12th day of November 2014.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-9**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X ENTITLED "PARKS AND GOLF COURSES" BY ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS, VETERANS AND VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS.**

BOZENA LACINA, RMC  
 Municipal Clerk  
 1 T - 11/27/14, The Times Fee: \$19.38

**PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS**

Public notice is hereby given that I, The Collector of Taxes of the Town of Westfield, Union County, New Jersey, will sell at public auction on the 12th day of December, 2014 in the Tax Collector's office in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at nine o'clock in the morning, the following described lands:

The said lands will be sold to make the amount of Municipal liens chargeable against that same on the 12th day of December, 2014, together with interest and cost of sale, exclusive however, of the lien for taxes for the year 2014.

The said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of eighteen percent (18%) per annum. Payments for the sale shall be made by cash or certified check before conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel of real property for which there shall be no other purchaser will be struck off and sold to the Municipality in fee for redemption at eighteen percent (18%) per annum and the Municipality shall have the right to bar or foreclose the right of redemption.

The sale will be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, and amendments thereto.

At any time before the sale the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property, with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payments, by certified check or cash.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.) In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

The said lands so subject to sale, described in accordance with the tax duplicate, including the name of the owner as shown on the last duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 12th day of December, 2014, exclusive of the lien for the year 2014 are as listed below:

Susan Noon  
 Collector of Taxes  
 Westfield, New Jersey

**BK/LT/QUAL OWNER PROPERTY LOCATION AMOUNT**

TAX & SEWER			
2512 27	Centennial Lodge #400 IBOP Elks	440 West Broad Street	\$5,053.29
2606 1	Mormile Brothers	1144 South Avenue West	\$6,438.78
4805 4	Billing, Glen A.	923 Columbus Avenue	\$13,918.77

**TAX**

2510 10	Buontempo, Richard A.	716-718 South Avenue W	\$5,955.25
2802 1	Aguirre, Donna Contreras M.	601 First Street	\$10,628.48
3006 5	C F G R, LLC	430 Central Avenue	\$4,598.83
3405 7	Matos, Nelson	727 Fourth Avenue	\$455.00
3906 6	Cacici, Charles J.	299 Springfield Avenue	\$3,815.24
4004 43	Winsor, Barbara Franklin	229 Windsor Avenue	\$1,492.22
4104 11	Vavrica, Anthony J.	218 Grove Street West	\$5,998.37
4301 35	Buontempo, Richard	670 Vermont Street	\$960.23
4803 2	C F G R, LLC	214 Grove Street East	\$54,364.59
4901 45	Willoughby, Harry	1103 Boynton Avenue	\$2,495.36
5504 17	Kania, Joseph & Suzanne	154 Summit Court	\$6,311.67

**SEWER**

703/5 - 831-10	Donofrio, Michael J.	928 Everts Avenue	\$208.08
705/10 - 868-0	Maset, Jennifer & Timothy	937 Fanwood Avenue	\$208.08
707/20.01 - 919-0	Barham, Patrick A. & Charleen	215 Brightwood Avenue	\$199.47
907/18 - 1378-0	Nuber, Paul T & Mary E	420 Dudley Avenue West	\$199.62
1002/4 - 1420-0	Giere, John P. & Kimberly K. Kovisto	641 Elm Street	\$208.08
1005/18 - 1564-0	Kudlick, Catherine O.	150 Dudley Avenue West	\$208.08
1005/24 - 1570-0	Greene, Desmond & Janice	534 Clark Street	\$207.84
1111/3 - 1792-0	Carey, William & Dalenback, Alison	408 Dudley Avenue East	\$197.80
1203/33 - 1877-0	Finter, Steven V.	601 Chestnut Street North	\$208.08
1304/48 - 2130-0	Fitzpatrick, Brian & Jennifer	711 Girard Avenue	\$199.88
2003/56 - 2492-0	Stern- Su-Elynn	128 Woodland Avenue	\$208.08
2701/7 - 3706-0	Robustelli, Christopher & Lorraine	786 West Broad Street	\$208.08
2804/2 - 4005-0	Schappel, Mark & Kathy	702 Shadowlawn Drive	\$208.08
2904/5 - 4443-0	Fisher, Bruce, Estate of	614 Dorian Avenue	\$208.08
3002/16 - 4678-0	Calavano, Joseph & Nina	356 First Street	\$151.02
3506/36 - 5792-0	Schiff, Jeffery & Joyce M.	733 Marcellus Drive	\$197.39
4001/5 - 6138-0	Weiner, Lawrence	122 Cacciola Place	\$182.55
4001/22 - 6155-0	Bolaji, Karen A.	204 Livingston Street	\$208.08
4001/65 - 6197-0	Cooper, Frederick & Paulette	242 Windsor Avenue	\$201.17
4002/2 - 6260-0	Clairborne, Vanita	612 Ripley Place	\$158.07
4002/5 - 6263-0	Wilkinson, Aman & Friend, Martha	620 Ripley Place	\$207.21
4005/5 - 6347-0	Todisco, Frank III & Diana	713 Myrtle Avenue	\$208.08
4504/20 - 7194-0	Kostantinidis, John-Stojic, Snezana	7 Willow Grove Parkway	\$208.08
4801/1 - 7608-0	Schuman, Regina	120 Greene Place	\$362.48
4905/5 - 8005-0	Lombardo, Jennifer & Francisco, Pinho	233 Avon Road	\$200.33
5204/24 - 8827-0	Desapio, Antonio & Martin	25 North Wickom Drive	\$208.08
5502/13.01 - 9036-0	Lopes, James & Wisehart, Dana	42 Moss Avenue	\$208.08
5504/2 - 9081-0	Whitman, Andrew E & Victoria L.	74 Summit Court	\$197.40
5505/6 - 9115-0	Ondi, Peter & Dawn	113 Summit Court	\$208.08
5714/6 - 9582-0	113 Connecticut Street Trust	113 Connecticut Street	\$208.08

In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty in the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately.  
 4 T - 11/13, 11/20, 11/27 & 12/04/14, The Leader Fee: \$579.36