



**SUPERBOWL CHAMPS...**The Westfield PAL Football D Team defeated Sayre Woods South, 13-6, to take home the NJSYFL Championship. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Justin Colby(39), Jalen Simpson(37), Aidan Scheper(3), Theo Shapiro(24), Mark Gialluisi(6), James Haley(4) and David Link(32); second row, James Csorba(26), Tyler Sontz(17), Shane Edomsonson(64), Nick Schoen(73), Steven Angeli(1), Steven Harvey(14), Nick Mase(91) and Nick Dies(38); third row, Sean Czarnecki(7), Jack Price(54), Malachi Mercer(53), Trey Constantinou(13), Logan Howland(95), Jack Barker(44) and Dylan Murphy(51); back row, Coaches John Czarnecki, Lou Mercer, Keith Scheper, Peter Gialluisi, Mike Constantinou, Michael Price, Bill Barker and Joe Vaszily.

## WF PAL D Grid Kids Edge Sayre Woods S. in Super Bowl

The Westfield PAL Football D Team defeated Sayre Woods South, 13-6, in the NJSYFL Super Bowl. Westfield, the American Conference Champions, previously defeated Cranford and Richmond Boro in the playoffs. Sayre Woods knocked off Parsippany and Chatham to earn its spot.

Westfield entered the game at 10-0. Sayre Woods (9-1) suffered its only loss to Westfield, 26-19, during the regular season.

"That was clearly our toughest game of the year," noted coach Peter Gialluisi. "As we shook hands after that game, we both said, 'I'm sure we'll be seeing each other again.' They have a lot of weapons on offense, including a very accurate quarterback, which is rarely seen at the D level. We knew we would have our hands full in this rematch."

The Sayre Woods Rebels came out throwing on their opening drive and scored on a 10-play drive.

"We had been practicing our pass coverage and our key reads all week, but in that opening drive, we missed a few assignments and they capitalized," said defensive assistant Michael Price.

A little later, the Rebels were on the march again, but the Blue Devils pressured and forced an interception by Steven Angeli.

"On our second defensive set, we clamped down and honed in on our assignments, and for the remainder of the game we made it very difficult for them to pass," added Price.

Westfield then turned to its punishing running game were Jalen Simpson (TD), James Csorba (TD), Justin Colby, Jack Barker and Angeli paced

an attack that put up close to 300 rushing yards.

"We were getting tremendous push up front from our line," added Gialluisi. "but then our talented core of backs was running wild through their secondary."

However, the game remained tight, due to some untimely penalties that negated two scoring drives. "We didn't play as clean as we usually do," noted offensive assistant Lou Mercer, "but our defense really stepped up to make sure our stalled drives didn't hurt us."

Simpson earned Super Bowl MVP thanks to his strong performance on both sides of the football. He clogged up the middle at linebacker and paced a strong defensive effort.

"Our entire defense played great," added Price. "While Jalen and our other linebackers, Justin Colby, Malachi Mercer and Aidan Scheper, made most of the tackles, our defensive ends, Jack Barker and Mark Gialluisi, did an excellent job of funneling them back to the middle of the field. They really couldn't get outside on us."

Westfield outscored opponents 292-57 this season and the defense only allowed six points in the three playoff games.

"Our boys really improved during the season," said Gialluisi. "It was such a pleasure to watch these boys grow and develop as a team. Starting from where we were in August to where we stand now, I am very proud of what they have done. It is a great group of young men who accomplished something very special by working hard and supporting one another."



**SOCCER CHAMPS...**The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Knights beat the Cranford Riot, 1-0, to win the U12 Inter-County Championship Game in Edison on November 15. The Knights finished with an 11-0 record. Pictured, left to right, are: Coach Darko Culjak, Connor Jablonski, Brendan Karyczak, Chase Alber, Matthew Power, Alessandro Frias, Christian Tardi, Jason Tannenbaum, Judah Sutherland, Max Sponheimer, Zach Stagaard, Adam Kiehl, Aiden Birnbaum, Daniel Mahr, Benjamin Seidenberg, Charlie Garrett, Michael Hayeck, Kenneth Nelson, Ben Sahai, Benjamin Cohen, Luka Culjak and Coach Marc Cohen.

## Raider PAL A Falls, 42-8, To Summit for Grid Crown

One of the greatest runs in the history of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL football program came to a conclusion last Sunday when the A team Raiders fell in the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League Super Bowl to Summit in Perth Amboy.

The Raiders lost to Summit, 42-8, to conclude the year at 9-1-1. Summit won its third straight Super Bowl and ended the fall at 11-0.

While the eighth grade Raiders dropped their final career PAL game, they stand proud of a record that they achieved since they began playing in the NJSYFL as fourth graders on the E level.

In the five seasons under head coach Luke Fugett, these Raiders amassed a 40-5-3 overall record. The Raiders won the Super Bowl on the D level in 2011 and ended that year 11-0, including victories over Summit. These Raiders qualified for the playoffs each season and they never suffered a loss in the five seasons on their home field in Scotch Plains.

In the defeat to Summit, the Raiders played hard to the end, highlighted by a nifty 55-yard run by Nino Natale for a touchdown. Charlie Fugett kicked the conversion. The Super Bowl was played before a large overflow crowd of Raider fans on the visitor side of the field.

This season the Raiders were led by the four NJSYFL all-stars - Alex Oslislo, Jonathan Ramos, Billy Root and Nicky Smith. Oslislo, Nicky Smith, Matt Fazzino and Anthony Porter served as the A team captains.

Once the game ended, the large SPF faithful saluted their heroes, eighth grade Raiders, who held up the NJSYFL's American Division regular season and playoff championship trophies.

The 2014 Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL A team Raiders: Ray Ackerman, Robby Camisa, Gianni Caro Esposito, Noah Costanzo, Tyler Erath, Kyle Estivene, Matt Fazzino, Charlie Fugett, Teddy Giandana, Jake Jacobsen, Ryan Johnson, Bobby McGuiness, Nick Merkel, Spencer Moran, Tommy Nakonechny, Nino Natale, Stephen Oduro, Alex Oslislo, Anthony Porter, Jonathan Ramos, Billy Root, Tommy Ryan, Shaarif Saleh, Chris Sekiya, JayJay Sistrunk, Nicky Smith, Eddie Smith, Max Steele, Eriscar Thevenin, Doug Tibbals, Maeto Velez, Dakota Verrico, Charles Widder, Danny Wright and Zack Zimmerman.

The head coach is Luke Fugett and his assistants are Mike Cuccurullo, Ted Giandana, Chris Johnson, Dave Merkel, Bruce Moran, Jeff Oslislo and Matt Tibbals. And last but not least, the team mom is Deana Camisa.

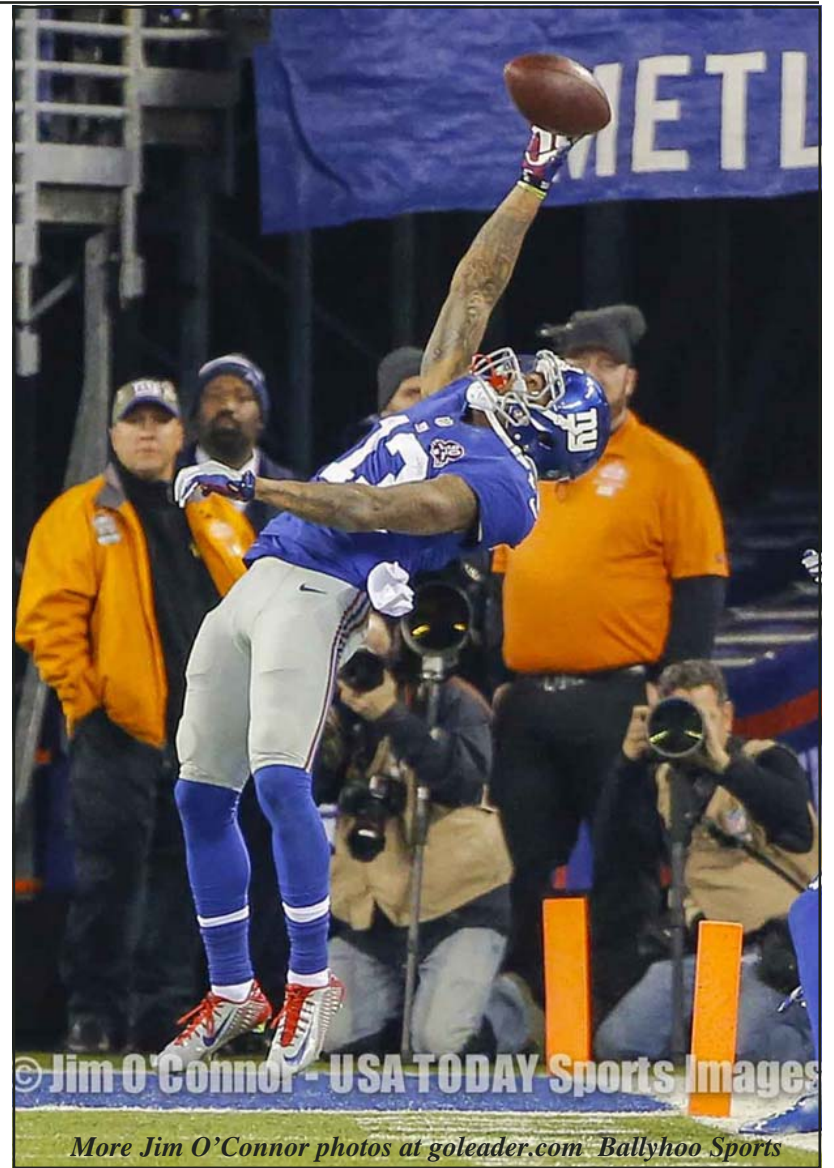


**FINISHING WITH A WIN...**The WSA Schalke 04 U9 Boys Travel Soccer Team finished their season with a 3-2 win over the South Plainfield Tornados. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Noah Ferry, Blake Hanna and Cole Turnof; second row, Jackson Wright, Max Schreiner, Ethan Roitman, Josh Sackett, Nick Rodrigues, Casey Isser, Jake Blaustein, Aidan Richards and Jake Bebel; back row, Coach Nuno Rodrigues, Head Coach Rob Sackett and Coach David Farmer (not pictured Coach Wayne Wright).



**VICTORIOUS IN THE FINALS...**The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Retrievers were victorious in winning their Intercounty Youth Soccer League Final on November 15 at Finals Fest held in Edison. The Retrievers are comprised of fifth graders that just entered the competitive full-sided league this past fall. The team enjoyed traveling to local towns to compete and finished their season with a very strong 9-1-1 record.

See it all on the web in color... [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)



**"THE CATCH"...**New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham, Jr., No. 13, made one of the most spectacular catches ever in the game against the Dallas Cowboys at Met Life Stadium on November 23.

## WF PAL B Wins Super Bowl Defeating Bloomfield, 44-7

The Westfield PAL B football team won its third straight NJSYFL Super Bowl championship with a 44-7 triumph over Bloomfield on November 23. The Blue Devils used a powerful running attack and great defense to turn back Bloomfield to capture the title.

The Blue Devils took control of the game early by scoring two touch-

downs in the opening minutes of the first quarter and converting two extra points. Westfield added two more touchdowns and led 28-7 at halftime. In the second half, the defense stepped up and stifled Bloomfield's attack to seal the victory.

In winning the Super Bowl, the Blue Devils completed an undefeated season in what proved to be a total team effort by all 41 players. The championship team consisted of Timmy Alliegro, Jonny Audino,



**SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS...**The Westfield PAL "B" team won the NJSYFL B division (7th grade) championship over Bloomfield, 44-7.

Meiselman, Brian Mikovits, Doug Moore, Joe Muselli, Matt O'Connor, Anthony Riccerca, Griffin Rooney, Kevin Scheper, Josh Schuttevaer, Hank Shapiro, Ryan Smith, Kevin Stokes, Colin Sumner, Danny Varano, Tristan Waddell, Kevin Yucetepe and Jake Zrebiec

The Blue Devils were led by head coach Greg Zrebiec and assistants Dondi Chambliss, Todd Felter, Don Harrington, John McCauley, and Ken Shapiro.

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