

Soccer Blue Devils Shutout Linden Lady Tigers, 3-0

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Less than six minutes after the cluster shelling, with 7:30 left in the half, Scott got a feed from junior Sarah Broughton, dribbled toward the goal, forcing Paulino to come forward and slipped the ball past her to make the score, 2-0. Minutes later, Scott received a cross from Morgan and launched another shot that banged off the crossbar.

"I scored the goals, but it really all started with my teammates. Sarah had a really nice tap to me for the first goal," Scott said.

The Lady Blue Devils seemed to have even more control in the second half, although the Lady Tigers did manage three shots at the goal, but junior keeper Haily Reilly easily made the stops.

"Lil, up top, kind of floats around and finds a frame. She did a great job with nice easy finishes. We are trying to work on her relationship with Taylor, finding each other a little bit more. Each game it gets a little bit better, a little bit better," Blue Devil Head Coach Alex Schmidt said.

The fine showing against the Raiders in Scotch Plains seemed to boost the Blue Devils' confidence.

"In that game we were able to find success. After the Union game, we had to do a lot of reflecting and try to correct what was wrong, and I think we definitely did that. With Scotch Plains, I think we scared them a little bit. We gave them a run for their money. We played soccer really well against them. We knew they were

we hit the post three times, and I think it was a really even game," Coach Schmidt said.

And the constant shelling against Linden allowed the Blue Devils to take another step up the ladder of confidence.

"This was a game where we were really able to capitalize on our opportunities. We got a good win for us to get back some of our confidence and try to work on things we needed to improve upon. To some extent, we did that. To some extent, we still have to work on some of our stuff to improve, but we will always take a win," Scott said.

"We are still young. We are still trying to figure out the game. We are halfway through the conference



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SETTLING THE BALL...Blue Devil freshman Grace Elliott, No. 15, settles the ball and gets position on Tiger Danielle Matias, left, during the game at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on September 23.

Scott, senior Jordan Robertson, junior Hannah Hawkins and Scott again, respectively, took shots on goal that Paulino managed to stop, then with 1:57 remaining, Morgan sped down the middle and made a nice tap to Scott, who buried her third goal into the right corner.

"Taylor is a great player and she did a good job of finding me with the ball. It was a great pass and play," Scott said.

very good technically and physically, but even though we didn't come out with the victory, we came out and matched their intensity," Scott said.

"The Union game, they played well. They won. Lots of teams want to knock off Westfield. That was disappointing, especially coming off East Brunswick and GL. Then again, we totally turned it around against Scotch Plains. We didn't have Taylor. We didn't have Hannah Liddy, but still

schedule. We have taken a couple of knocks, but we are still moving forward. If anything, we are going to be more dangerous come county time, because we will get Hannah Liddy back. The youth on our team will be a little more mature. We are excited," Coach Schmidt said.

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GRINDING OUT A BIG DAY...Cougar junior quarterback Jack Schetelich, No. 10, rumbled for 216 yards and had respective TD runs of 11, 11, 46 and two yards to go with his 94 yards passing, including a 41-yard TD strike at Roselle.

SCHETELICH 4 RUSHING TDs, NORTON 41-YD TD REC

Cougars Overcome Roselle With Second Half Surge, 35-27

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Sudden negative impacts within the first six minutes served as a wakeup call for the Cranford High School football team that tried to minimize its losses in the first half then came on very strongly defensively and offensively to overcome the Roselle Rams, 35-27, in a struggle between two unbeaten teams at Roselle on September 27.

Trailing 27-15 at the half, the Cougar defense shutdown the big Ram running machine, limiting them to only 32 rushing yards after rolling for 116 yards in the first half. Defensive backs Luke Christiano finished with five tackles and assisted on seven, and Kevin Trotter made five and assisted on six. Sean Leonard had three tackles and two assists. Linebackers Mike Palumbo, Niko Cappello and Eric Donahue combined for several tackles, as did linemen Nick Ballas and Jake Matthews.

"This was a Saturday game, so it's hot out. We couldn't really get going. Everyone was getting tired. We started

playing harder in the second half. We didn't take anything for granted. We went out there and started making tackles. It's all about the next play. Coach tells us the least important play is the last one. The most important is the first one. You got to fix your mistake and go on to the next one the best we can," Christiano said. "It was a mental attitude. We got a great defense. The first two games we won, we shut them down in the first half. It was about turning that switch on and going all out."

In the meantime, Cougar quarterback Jack Schetelich, who had an 11-yard touchdown (TD) run and 76 yards rushing in the first half, found a lot of openings in the Rams' defense in the second half and ran for respective TDs of 11, 46 and two yards, adding another 140 yards to his ground game. Schetelich also completed six of nine passes for 94 yards, including a 41-yard TD strike to wide receiver Joe Norton in the first half and a two-point conversion toss to Donahue also in the first half. The Rams, who have beaten

Rahway and Hillside, scored easily on their first three possessions. The first one came on a five-play, 64-yard scoring drive within the first 1:10 when Darryn Canady scooted 17 yards and the second came on a three-play, 23-yard drive with 6:56 left in the first quarter after recovering a Cougar fumble.

After the Rams scored their second touchdown, Schetelich engineered a nine-play, 67-yard scoring drive that was concluded with his 11-yard run with 2:46 left in the quarter. He made the score, 14-8, when he hooked up with Donahue for the two-point conversion.

The Rams answered with an eight-play, 80-yard march, ending with Canady's three-yard TD plunge with 10:48 left in the half. Three minutes later, Schetelich spotted Norton sprinting down the right sideline and connected with the 41-yard TD. Ram Gordy Moise returned the kickoff 63 yards to the Cougar 30, then three plays later, quarterback Gerald Hairston hooked up with receiver

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