



BLUE DEVIL VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY CAPTAINS...Pictured, left to right, are: Cami Sullivan, Emily Forcht, Valeria Bouchoueva and Sophie Bass.

Lady Blue Devils Have Found Success In Field Hockey Scrimmages, Look Ahead

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

The Westfield High School field hockey team had a successful pre-season winning two of its three scrimmage games and is eager to carry that momentum into the regular season.

In their first scrimmage against Old Bridge, the Lady Blue Devils won 3-0. The second scrimmage against Monroe was a 3-1 victory. The final scrimmage on September 3, the Lady Blue Devils wound up on the short end of a 5-2 decision to West Morris-Mendham.

Junior Cami Sullivan and seniors Emily Forcht, Valeria Bouchoueva and Sophie Bass have been selected team captains. Sullivan will patrol the midfield, as will Bouchoueva. Bass returns at the forward position.

"These three players were central

to our offense last season and have proven to be major influencing factors again this year," said Blue Devil Head Coach Caitlin MacDonald, who added, "Some other returners who have been playing really well are Emily Forcht [senior defender], Paige Carlin [senior defender] and Leah Iosif [senior Forward]."

The Blue Devils also have a few newcomers, who have been playing well and are expected to be an important part of the lineup in the beginning of the season.

According to Coach MacDonald, "Zoe Rader [sophomore] has been moving between offense and defense and has been playing both very well. Christina Seery [sophomore goalie] will be one of the biggest game changers for us this year. She is incredibly talented and has

tremendous potential to keep us in games."

The Blue Devils opened their regular season at Randolph on September 5 and lost, 1-0. Next, they were to host Union on September 9 then they will face AL Johnson in Clark today, September 11, at 4 p.m.

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Devil's Den WHS Graduate Pens Book on 'Super' Bills

By BRUCE JOHNSON
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Joe Valerio became interested in writing while he was in high school. But it wasn't in one of Walt Clarkson's journalism classes, which he never took.

The 1967 WHS graduate was heavily influenced by the writers in the sports pages of the *New York Herald Tribune*. The Trib had a reputation as a "writer's newspaper" in that it allowed them to write longer, more in-depth serious features. When your staff includes legends like Jimmy Breslin, Dick Schaap, Tom Wolfe and Red Smith, that's a very wise move.

"These men were giants of their craft," Valerio said recently. "This was the era of the new journalism, and I found it fascinating. I also remember reading Gay Talese's long profiles of Joe DiMaggio and Frank Sinatra in *Esquire* magazine. That's how I became interested in one day becoming a writer."

Long story short, at 23 Valerio joined the staff of the *New York Post*, covering the New York Mets' 1973 World Series championship, and now, 40 years later, after a career that's included covering pretty much every major event in the NFL, NBA, MLB, college hoops and tennis, and the last 25 years producing "The Sports Reporters" for ESPN, he is the author of his first book - "Second to None: The Relentless Drive and Impossible Dream of the Super Bowl Bills" - which came out on Sept. 1 and is available at Barnes and Noble stores and at amazon.com.

It's quite an amazing tale, both Valerio's and the Bills'. Let's take them one at a time.

After WHS, Valerio graduated from Fairfield University, where he'd been sports editor of the school newspaper. With his beloved Trib having closed in 1966, Valerio got a job as a copy boy at the *New York Post*, which had its own staff of top-notch writers,

including Larry Merchant, Paul (Dr. Z) Zimmerman, Maury Allen and Vic Ziegel. He did some rewrites and eventually got a tryout. He was hired and soon found himself sitting next to Schaap, Jimmy, Smith and Merchant at Shea Stadium, covering a pennant race. That's pretty heady stuff for someone who six years earlier was watching Frank Tokash pitch to Bob Brewster for Norm Koury behind Edison Junior High. Now he was getting paid to watch Tom Seaver pitch to Jerry Grote.

That writing career lasted a little over four years before it evolved into

that joined the NFL following their merger in 1970.

Ironically, another upstart NFL rival league, the United States Football League, existed from 1983 to 1985 playing its games in the spring and summer. When it folded, the Bills picked up coach Marv Levy (Chicago Blitz), quarterback Jim Kelly (Houston Gamblers), center Kent Hull (New York Generals) and linebacker Ray Bentley (Oakland Invaders) for the 1986 season. By 1988 they had added receiver Andre Reed, defensive end Bruce Smith and running back Thurman Thomas, and they were just about ready to go in the history books.

In 1990, they won the AFC and lost to the New York Giants, 20-19, in the Super Bowl, famous for kicker Scott Norwood's "wide right" last-second field goal attempt. The following year they lost to the Washington Redskins, 37-24, and then fell to Dallas, 52-17 and 30-13, in 1992 and '93. They didn't make the playoffs in 1994.

While they had many great players, Kelly was the team's leader, the go-to guy in their no-huddle "K-gun" offense. And he is also the focus of Valerio's book.

"Never has a team's heart been more abundantly clear than in the way Kelly has batted cancer this past year," Valerio said. "To see him at the Hall of Fame induction for Reed, having lost 50- pounds and most of his hair, all but disappearing in his gold Hall of Fame blazer, and then tossing one more pass to Andre on the stage was a moment that people everywhere will long remember. Kelly is determined to make a full recovery from sinus cancer."

"We make way too much in this country about winning the big one. Kelly and his teammates won something bigger than the big one. They won the hearts of fans wherever games are played. 'Second to None' is their story."

Joe, who grew up behind Edison Junior High on Dartmoor, currently lives in Norwalk, Conn., with his wife Debbie. They have three grown children. His older brother John, who did some major weightlifting at the "Y" back in the day, coaches track and field at St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, where he went to school.

* WHS graduate Joe Valerio has written "Second to None," a book about the four-time Super Bowl runnerup Buffalo Bills.

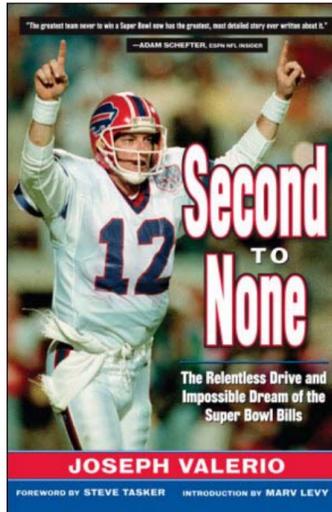
THIS AND THAT
WHS opens its 2014 football season Saturday when Montgomery comes to Kehler Stadium for a 2 p.m. kickoff. The teams have only met one time, a 38-0 win by the Blue Devils in 2009. The Cougars feature a four-year starter at quarterback in Chris Chugunov, who is supposed to be the best thing in Montgomery since the cheddarburgers at the Tiger's Tail.

GRETA'S RUN 5K
The second annual Greta's Run 5K will be held Sunday. The race is held to raise money for Special Needs Programs at the Westfield Area "Y". Tax-deductible donations in addition to your registration fee are appreciated. Greta was a freshman member of the WHS soccer team on Sept. 11, 2002, when she died in a freak accident. Her older siblings Heidi (swimmer) and Erik (soccer) were captains at WHS.

You can participate in the race, volunteer to help, or contribute a donation or sponsorship. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. For more information, contact Ben Nanna at bnanna@westfieldnj.org or call 908-233-2700x279.

There are age groups from 10-and-under to 70-and-over. Registration fee is \$30. And the event will be held, rain or shine.

IN PASSING
Glenn Cornick, 67, the bass player for Jethro Tull from 1968-70.
Carol Vadnais, 68, an outstanding defenseman on the Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers.



JOSEPH VALERIO
FOREWORD BY STEVE TASKER INTRODUCTION BY MARV LEVY

television sports, where he produced events for ABC (1977-82), CBS (1982-89) and eventually ESPN's beloved "The Sports Reporters."

"One of the great joys of my career was working with Dick Schaap, who was the host of "The Sports Reporters" for the first 12 years of the show," Valerio said. "Dick was a boyhood hero of mine, and we became close friends until his untimely death in 2001. John Saunders now hosts the show and has done an outstanding job carrying on our tradition as the leading sports talk show on television. Over the years, Mike Lupica, Mitch Albom, Bob Ryan, Tony Kornheiser, Michael Wilbon, John Feinstein, Jackie MacMullen, Lesley Visser, Jemele Hill, Bill Rhoden and Israel Gutierrez, and the list goes on and on, have regularly graced our set."

Most of those people have also taken to writing books, either novels or non-fiction, and Valerio got the bug. His hero, Schaap, had written books about Jerry Kramer and the Green Bay Packers ("Instant Replay"), Joe Namath ("I Can't Wait Til Tomorrow, Cause I Get Better-Looking Every Day"), Bobby Kennedy, Son of Sam killer David Berkowitz, the Olympics Games, long jumper Bob Beamon, tennis coach Nick Bolletieri, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and Bo Jackson ("Bo Knows Bo"). He also wrote an excellent autobiography, "Dick Schaap As Told to Dick Schaap: 50 Years of Headlines, Deadlines and Punchlines."

"A couple years ago I decided I wanted to try and write a book, and I pitched some ideas to the literary agent David Black," Valerio said. "The book we went for was about the Buffalo Bills, the only team to play in four straight Super Bowls, only to come away frustrated each time. I was interested in examining their perseverance and character, their ability to get up off the mat, time and time again, their toughness. Both physically and mentally, those Bills may never have won the championship of football, but they had the heart of a champion."

The Buffalo Bills were one of the original teams in the American Football League, which formed in 1960 as a rival to the National Football League. They won AFL titles in 1964 and 1965, and were one of the AFL teams

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

To Whom It May Concern:
Under the terms of the "Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, C. 231, please be advised that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has a need to amend their "Annual Meeting Schedule."

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is scheduled to officially take action to amend Resolution #2014-12, a resolution adopting the Meeting Schedule of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the Year 2014, at their Regular Meeting held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00pm.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be canceling their Thursday, September 25, 2014 Regular Meeting at 7:00pm and rescheduling said Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2014. This rescheduled Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the adjournment of the scheduled Agenda Setting Session, set to be held at 7:00pm, in the Freeholder's Meeting Room, Administration Building, 40 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Official action of the rescheduled Regular Meeting will be taken as per the actions of the Agenda Setting Session.
James E. Pelletiere, RMC, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
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Grades 3-8 Westfield Soccer Fundraiser

WESTFIELD - Boys Soccer Clinic Fundraiser for 3rd-8th Grade Boys, Improve your skills, fundamentals of the game, friendly scrimmages in a fun environment. Boys will work with High School Coaches and Varsity Team. When: Friday October 10th 2014 4:00pm - 6:00pm (rain date: Wednesday October 22nd) Where: Tamaquag Elementary School (fields in back) Cost: \$35 per player, please bring soccer ball, cleats, shin guards and water bottle. Please support WHS Boys Soccer! To register please contact Julie Williams, juliewilliams731@hotmail.com