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## ALEX, MIKE FERRARA NAMED FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE

### Raider Boys Finished 20-1-2; Won Conference Soccer Title

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Ball control, especially from the midfield, gave this year's Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) High School boys soccer team an edge in every game it played. With such a dominant midfield that set up major scoring opportunities and a very alert and stingy trio of defensive backs, the Raiders took top honors in the Union

County Conference Watchung Division with an 8-0-1 record, received an NJ.Com ninth-ranking and finished with a 20-1-2 record.  
In nearly every game, if not all, the Raiders' midfield possession made it seem like a half court game, with the exception of an occasional long, short-lived volleys into the SPF side of the field.  
"There's no ifs, ands or buts about

it. I saw games, I saw the state final, the Group 4, the sectional finals and some other teams. There wasn't a team in the state that had a midfield like we did," emphasized Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky, whose career record rose to 749-177-60 (.809 won/lost percentage).  
Operating in a 2-5-3 formation, senior co-captains/center midfielders

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FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE...Raider senior co-captains Alex Ferrara, left, and Mike Ferrara, right, were selected First-Team All-State (Soccer Coaches Association of New Jersey) and played in the All-Star Game on December 2.



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RETURNING BLUE DEVILS...Sophomore Emma Pietrewicz, senior Sam Stravach, junior Caroline Dwyer, senior Caitlyn Basile, senior Mary McHugh and senior Lily Maz. Missing: junior Faith Dobosiewicz.

## SAM STRAVACH, LILY MAZ RETURNING DEVIL STARTERS

### Lady Blue Devils Have Plenty Of New Talent in Basketball

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Graduation may have taken its toll, like in previous years, but the Westfield High School (WHS) girls basketball team still feels it has plenty of new talent to go with its returning talent. And that talent will definitely be needed in an increasingly competitive Union County Conference Watchung Division.

Last year the Lady Blue Devils finished with a 20-8 record and had appearances in the Union County Tournament (UCT) semifinals and the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 semifinals. The UCT semifinal was a loss to a "Red Hot" Roselle Catholic Lions squad and the section semifinal was a loss to the top-seeded Watchung Hills Warriors.  
Molly Ryan, Grace Elliott and

Lauren Sgro graduated, so the Blue Devils have some adjustments and some super shoes to fill. Ryan, known as the WHS "Chief Thief", had 147 (WHS No. 1) steals last season and went on to finish with 324 career steals. Elliott, the "Master of Defense", was also quite adept with sleight of hand. Elliott was second on the team in steals with 88, bringing

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