



PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND EXPERIENCE...Raider senior Alex Oslislo, left, enters his fourth year at the varsity level and will compete in the 182-lb class. Oslislo will provide leadership and experience for the young Raider squad.

**OSLISLO, ZIMMERMAN, SMITH PROVIDE SR. STRENGTH**

# Raider Matmen Very Young; Have Large Numbers in Room

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

Numbers in the room are not a problem but experience is for this year's Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team that graduated 13 starting seniors from last year's squad that finished with a 23-10 record and received the fourth seed for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament.

With the experience that has returned, Raider Head Coach Marc Fabiano, who himself missed a large portion of the season last year due to injury, will be looking to seniors Alex Oslislo, Zach Zimmerman and Ed Smith to become role models for the youthful squad that numbers 72.

"It's an exciting year. After I missed out last season with a concussion, it took me out of the entire season. I wasn't there for the guys. It's a great feeling to be back. The one thing about the team right now is there are

guys believing in what we are doing. Our coaches from other sports believe that this sport can help them get better. That's one big thing that has helped us. Our roster is holding 72 guys. We have to split the room but it's kids from all different sports, all different backgrounds working hard to get better," Coach Fabiano commented.

Last year Oslislo, a three-year varsity running back/linebacker for the football team, competed at 182-lbs and finished 22-13. He will occupy that spot again this season.

"Alex Oslislo, individually, just came off a great football season. He worked tremendously hard there. He's bringing a lot of that intensity to the mats now. You can see his work ethic in the room. Four days in and his workouts are outstanding. Leadership on the mat is exactly where I need him to be because after graduating 13 senior starters last year and having only

a couple of guys returning, he's one of my big leaders who is looking to take this team into districts, regions and hopefully a few in states. He's unbelievable," Coach Fabiano expressed.

Smith, a region qualifier his sophomore season, wrestled only a few bouts last year before he was injured for the season. This season, Smith is expected to compete at 220-lbs. Zimmerman broke into the lineup later in the season and finished with a 10-6 record. He will fill the 195-lb slot.

"Ed, again he's been struggling with injuries throughout his time but he's rehabed. He's coming in here the strongest he has been. With Alex Oslislo, Eddie Smith and putting Zach Zimmerman in the mix, whose always been trying to crack the lineup with [Sam] Wustefeld up there, this is his first time to shine. Zach is going to shock a lot of guys because nobody knows anything about him," Coach Fabiano said.

Several Raiders have experienced some varsity time. Sophomore Kyle Robinson (13-18 last year) will occupy the 120-lb slot, junior Bobby Root will fill the 138-lb slot, senior Mateo Velez (3-7 last year) will be at 145-lbs, junior Noah Samms (3-5 last year) will be at 152-lbs and junior Tim Roden will be at 160-lbs.

Sophomore Brandon Bowles, who wrestled last year at Bound Brook, will be a definite plus at 113-lbs.

"Brandon has come back to Scotch Plains. He wrestled at Bound Brook last year. He placed fifth in the region, one round away from states. His work ethic, his commitment, just being around him, he is nonstop. He's slick at a lower weight but he muscles people around like an upper weight. With so many young kids on the team, he's going to up the pace of the room. He is working with the 106 pounders, the 120 pounders to get them better. These younger guys will look to him to see what they can do," Coach Fabiano said.

Freshman Ethan Costanzo and sophomore Andre Carinhas, who are competing for the 106-lbs slot, should definitely benefit from Bowles' expertise. So will freshmen Ben Root (126) and Anthony Robinson (132). Senior Billy Root (170) and sophomore heavyweights Tony DeQuollo and CJ Estevez will benefit from the expertise of Oslislo, Zimmerman and Smith.

"One thing that is going to help build our program to get better year-after-year is continuing with young guys, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, everyone coming out to see how much fun it is, seeing how much you get out of it in life. It's a nice thing with this competition for positions with wrestleoffs, tough competition for spots," Coach Fabiano expressed.

The Raiders will get a prime example of top-notch competition right off the bat with their home opening match with South Plainfield on Friday, December 14, at 5 p.m.

"We start off with South Plainfield then we have Roselle Park, then we have Westfield, then we are throwing in a quad in the Shore Conference Manasquan and Holmdel. It's a tough schedule but it doesn't matter whether we win, we lose, it's only going to get the kids better to see what competition is. It's going to make the kids want to work harder," promised Coach Fabiano. "There's always positives with a win or loss from wrestling. That's why it is one of the best sports around. You can't beat it because they are going to get so much out of it in life."



PLACING THIRD...Team Westfield Sounders of Suburban Youth Soccer League U13 Boys 2nd Division won third-place medal of their playoff tournament. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; David Kaplan, Isaiah Louison, Kuejiro Tanaka, Ben Carno and Gustavo Suris; middle row, Devin Marotte, Brady Mantone, Jack Ryszczynski, Nikolas Lukis, Garrett Gao, Rafael Morin and Fraser Parran; back row, Coach Dali Gao and Coach Damani Parran.

## WF 'Y' Devilfish Compete At BAC Treasure Island Meet

The Westfield Area 'Y' Devilfish swim team sent a contingent of 59 of their older swimmers to the BAC Treasure Island Invitational, which was hosted by Berkeley Aquatic Club in New Providence on November 17-18. Seth Camacho (200 Back), Sofia Leonetti (200 Breast) and Abigail McKinney (50 Free) took first place overall in their events.

- TOP-8 FINISHES:**
- 13-14 GIRLS:** Emma Heinze (4th 400 IM); Viv Jeckell (3rd 50 Free, 5th 100 and 200 Free); Sarah Kennedy (7th 200 Breast); Lauren Lane (3rd 400 IM, 4th 200 Free, 100 Back, 5th 500 Free, 8th 200 IM); Erin McKinney (3rd 100 Free, 6th 50 Free, 7th 200 Free, 100 Breast)

- 13-14 BOYS:** Will Crall (4th 200 IM, 6th 200 Free, 7th 400 IM); Colin Kavanagh (2nd 200 IM, 3rd 200 Free, 200 Back); Billy Maguire (5th 100 Back); Carsen Sharkey (5th 200 Fly, 7th 200 IM); Matt Swenson (2nd 100 Fly, 3rd 100 Back, 4th 200 Back, 7th 100 Breast); Christian Tedesco (2nd 200 Breast, 5th 200 IM, 6th 400 IM, 8th 100 Breast); TJ Walsh (3rd 400 IM, 5th 200 Back); Jack Young (3rd 200 Fly, 4th 200 Breast)
- 15+ GIRLS:** Mayclina Krowinska (6th 200 Free); Sofia Leonetti (1st 200 Breast, 2nd 100 Breast); Erin McAndrew (5th 200 Free, 7th 50 and 100 Free, 8th 500 Free); Julia McGann (5th 50 Free, 6th 100 Back); Abigail McKinney (1st 50 Free, 2nd 400 IM, 3rd 100 and 200 Back); Bridget Thomas (2nd 100 Free)
- 15+ BOYS:** Kyle Altman (5th 200 Breast); Henry Brown (2nd 400 IM, 3rd 200 Free, 6th 100 Free); Seth Camacho (1st 200 Back); Steven Gorelik (6th 200 Fly); Barney Veres (2nd 200 Breast, 5th 100 Breast); Zach Youssef (6th 50 Free, 100 Breast, 7th 100 Free, 100 Fly)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Cranford Planning Board will hold special meetings as set forth below:

**Date:** December 12, 2018 and December 13, 2018.  
**Time:** 7:30 PM.  
**Place:** Township Municipal Building Meeting Room 107 8 Springfield Avenue Cranford, New Jersey

**Purpose/Agenda:** Public Hearing on Adoption of the 2018 Third Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan element of the Master Plan. Public has the right to present any comments in support of, or in opposition to, the 2018 Third Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan. A copy of the proposed 2018 Third Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan will be on file with the Zoning Office in the Township at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Action may be taken to adopt the 2018 Third Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan upon the completion of the hearing.

Kathy Lenahan, Administrator  
Planning Board  
1 T - 12/6/18, The Leader Fee: \$29.07

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD**

**TAKE NOTICE**, that on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, endorsed the final draft of the proposed LED Sign Ordinance in Chapter XXIII (Zoning) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Scotch Plains. The Resolution memorializing said endorsement was duly presented and adopted by said Planning Board at the regular meeting on Monday, November 26, 2018. A copy of said Resolution has been filed in the office of the Board and/or the office of the municipal clerk and is available for public inspection.

Shannon Rapant  
Land Use Secretary  
1 T - 12/06/18, The Times Fee: \$18.36

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Garwood Public Schools Reorganization Board of Education meeting will take place on:

**January 3, 2019**

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria and begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Debi LeBrun  
SBA/BS  
1 T - 12/06/18, The Leader Fee: \$12.24

# Blue Devil Swim Boys to Use Deep 'Pool' of Talented Youth

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

The Westfield High School boys swim team prepares to defend its position as the top program in Union County and as a perennial contender for a state title. The Blue Devils earned another Union County championship last season and advanced all the way to the sectional finals before bowing to top ranked Bridgewater-Raritan. Graduation hit Westfield hard this season. Many standout performers have moved on and veteran head coach Jeff Knight will have to fill his roster from a deep pool of talented youngsters.

"We graduated a very talented and decorated senior class. We lost Colin Daniel, Eric Bebel, Ryan Bebel, Steve Warren, Jack Cifelli, Connor Heffernan and Teddy Diamantopolous, all of which scored points for us regularly. Steve Warren is now at Washington and Lee, Ryan Bebel is at William and Mary, and Eric Bebel is at Bryant," Knight said.

Don't cry too many tears for the Blue Devils. Knight regularly gets the

benefit of a steady influx of incredible talent to cultivate. This year will be no different.

"We have 29 swimmers out for the team this year with the addition of a talented freshman class. We have good leadership at the top with an experienced group of seniors and we will be looking for the juniors and sophomores to fill the roles of some of last year's graduates."

A nice mix of experienced veteran leadership and incoming talent should keep the Blue Devils at the top of Union County standings once again.

"Zach Youssef, Tommy Moore, and Tim McGann are all captains this year and are expected to be key contributors. Tommy Brennan and Cooper Prieto scored at counties and participated in MOC's and should continue to play important roles for our team. There are very high expectations for juniors Jeremy Kronheimer, Josh Schwartz and Zach Williams, along with sophomores Brendan Jawor and Barney Veres. A very talented freshman class, highlighted by Roan Baker,

Seth Camacho and Matt Swenson, will be expected to see a lot of pool time as well."

Tommy Brennan finished second in the 100 Breast (1:01.17) at the Union County Championships last season. He figures to take over the lead role in that event from graduated county champ, Steve Warren (57:66). Cooper Prieto finished fourth in the 100 Yard Freestyle (49.61) at the county championships.

The relay events, always a strength for Westfield, represent a bit of a challenge this season. For the first time in a while, Westfield enters the year without a real certainty as to which swimmers will comprise the various relay teams.

"Our depth will be tested in the relays," says Knight. "But the expectation is that we can build throughout the season and try different combinations as we get ready for the championship part of the schedule."

Westfield gets the regular season started on Thursday, December 6, when they host Plainfield at 2:30 p.m. at the Westfield "Y" pool.



LOOKING TO ITS DEEP "POOL" OF TALENT...With the graduation of several outstanding swimmers, this year's Westfield Blue Devil boys swim team will reach into its deep pool of youthful talent.

## Blue Devil Icemens Tie Cougars; Stop Governor Livingston, 3-1

The Westfield High School ice hockey team opened its season against Cranford on November 26 at Warinanco Rink and skated to a 1-1 tie. The Blue Devils' starting offensive lineup included seasoned seniors Anthony Oliveri, Timmy Rosa and John Humiston with junior varsity veteran Trevor Tanella and wingman, freshman Thomas Conrad on defense. CJ Duffy, returning senior goaltender and captain, minded the net for the Blue Devils. Two days later, the Blue Devils toppled the Governor Livingston Highlanders, 3-1.

Tanella scored first against the Cougars with a slapshot goal from the point about midway into the first period. Conrad and sophomore Dan McDonald fed the goal with an assist. Westfield continued to work hard throughout two penalty kills and

of the game but could not make the magic happen in the net and the game settled in a tie. The Devils and Cougars are scheduled to meet again on February 1.

Against the Highlanders at Warinanco Rink, Humiston led the offensive attack with two goals. His first goal came midway through the first period and his second came in the third period to give Westfield a 2-0 lead that they would not relinquish. The two goals by Humiston earned him the "Warinanco Café and Snack Bar" player of the game honors.

"It was an important win for us," said Humiston after the game. He continued, "sure I'm happy to score, but it's all about helping the boys get the W".

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tinued to battle and kept the game close. Down 2-0 late in the third period, Governor Livingston pulled their goalie, but not without some controversy. It appeared the extra Highlander skater hit the ice before their netminder made it to the bench. Play was halted, but a penalty was not assessed. Governor Livingston was able to take advantage of the early Christmas gift and scored with the

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Follow the WHS boys varsity ice hockey team on Twitter @westfieldpuck for an informative and entertaining take on the season's activities. Fans can also visit WHSpuckon Facebook and Instagram Pages. See the website for up to date team schedules at www.westfieldhockey.com.



TAKING CONTROL...Blue Devil senior Anthony Oliveri, No. 26, takes control during the season-opening game with the Cranford Cougars that ended in a 1-1 draw.

stayed on top after the first period. The Cougars fought hard in the scoreless second period. A bit of a game delay occurred in the third as the official took a stick to the chin but he remained in the game.

The game proved to be physical and gritty throughout the third period. With Westfield a man down, Cougar Mike Schneider knitted it up 1-1. The Devils were on their heels for the rest

of the game but could not make the magic happen in the net and the game settled in a tie. The Devils and Cougars are scheduled to meet again on February 1.

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