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ABDELLA, RODRIGUEZ, FEINMAN-RIORDAN NET GOALS

Raiders Shut Down Cougars In Boys Soccer Struggle, 3-0

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Relentless front line and midfield pressure by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team kept the Cranford Cougars hemmed in on their own territory most of the game in Scotch Plains on September 20. Although the 6-0, No. 16-ranked Raiders got off only six meaningful shots on goal, they made good on one in the first half and two

more in the second half to earn a 3-0 shutout. From the beginning of the game, the Raider forwards and midfielders led by co-captains Mike and Alex Ferrara and Rock Valian consistently set up plays near the Cougar 18 line but had little success finding an opening until nearly 30 minutes elapsed when senior forward Zidan Abdella, on an assist from Mike Ferrara, ripped in a left-footer past the outstretched

arms of the diving Cranford goalkeeper Andrew Iacovano, who finished with three saves. "That's our game plan. That's what we look to do. They are so good with the ball. They are not going to lose the ball. Obviously we like to press, which means having all guys moved up, them, the outside guys and our two forwards, which means possession as well as we could have done it today."

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LUNGING FOR THE HEADER...Cougar Brian Nigro, center, wedged between Raiders Alex Ferrara, No. 10, and Mike Ferrara, No. 9, lunges to get his head on the ball. The Raiders defeated the Cougars, 3-0, in Scotch Plains on September 20.



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ANOTHER SACK ATTACK...Old Bridge quarterback Bryson Corbett gets sacked by Blue Devil defensive end Colin Freer, No. 11, who had three sacks and a huge tackle of the punter that set up Westfield's first TD. The Blue Devils won 33-17.

SHAPIRO, SALTZER, ALLIEGRO ON 'O'; FREER 3 SACKS

Football Blue Devils Out-Joust Old Bridge Knights, 33-17

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Good timing on the part of the Westfield High School football team came into play on several occasions, especially in the second half when the Blue Devils erased a 17-14 deficit to out-joust the Old Bridge Knights, 33-17, in their opening home game at Gary Kehler Stadium on September

22. The Blue Devils' young defense stepped up the pressure on Knight quarterback Bryson Corbett, sacking him on multiple occasions, and the young offensive line opened the holes for running back Tim Alliegro and allowed quarterback Hank Shapiro ample time to find his receivers. Shapiro completed all 14 of his passes for 196 yards, which included

second-half touchdown strikes of 56 yards and 20 yards to Jake Saltzer, who finished with three receptions for 105 yards. Alliegro carried 30 times for 182 yards, including respective touchdown runs of four yards and eight yards. "Saltzer had a great game today. He should be on the front page. He had

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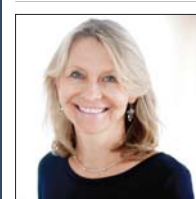
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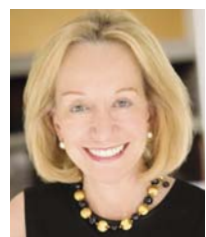
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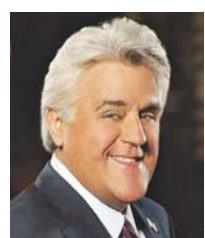
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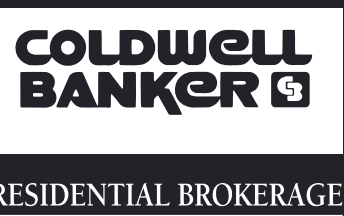
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