

Blue Devils' 3rd Q Run Stops Oak Knoll Cagers

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ished the game with three assists, four rebounds and a steal.

"She's really stepped up her game in really big games. We want to stay on top of our division and she really



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
DRIVING TO THE BASKET...Blue Devils Ali Lisanti, No. 11, drives towards the basket in the game against the Oak Knoll Royals on January 3.

stepped up being a freshman. You can't ask more of her," Dobosiewicz commented.

"She can really shoot and she can get the ball on defense and offense," Lisanti commented.

After a 9-9 deadlock in the first quarter, the Blue Devils, with three points each from Lisanti, Dobosiewicz and Klag, and two from Stravach, won the second quarter 11-8 to take a 20-12 halftime lead. The Blue Devils hit well from the free throw line in the first half, sinking four of five with Klag hitting three of four and Lily Maz (3 points, steal, rebound) swishing one.

Lisanti's step up in stats jumped up, especially with her assists, in the third quarter but not until the Royals went on a 7-2 run to seize a 24-22 lead. The atmosphere shifted quickly, however, when Lisanti hit her 3-pointer to set

ablaze the 11-0 run to put the 5-3 Blue Devils in the driver's seat. The Royals added a lay-up then Durse and Emma Pietrewicz answered with lay-ups to make the score 37-26 entering

the ball in," Lisanti explained. The free throw percentage faded a bit with the Blue Devils sinking five of 10 all in the fourth quarter. In fact, Lisanti went to the line and missed both of her free throws early in the quarter.

"We have been working on them in practice. I don't know what happened," Lisanti commented.

The Royals scored the first six points of the quarter but the Blue Devils answered with a 5-0 run. But after Oak Knoll's Sarah Wittmer (9 points) banged a 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter, Blue Devil Caroline Dwyer (2 steals, rebound, assist) added her emphasis and sealed the deal by going to the line twice in a row and knocking down all four free throws.

The Royals' two big guns, Paige Morton scored eight points in the first half but was limited to only three more in the second half, and Greta Criqui scored only five points in the game.

"Coach says it's always heart and defense propels offense, so I think working hard defensively, it's more of my game — defense. Playing hard defense, shutting down their 34 (Paige Morton) and 5 (Greta Criqui), which I think we did really well this game. And it propelled our offense to keep us going," Dobosiewicz concluded.

Scoreboard table for Blue Devils vs Oak Knoll. Blue Devils: 9 8 9 9 35. Oak Knoll: 9 11 17 9 46.

Blue Devil Boys, Girls Defeat New Providence in Swimming

The Westfield High School boys and girls swim teams recorded convincing victories over the New Providence Pioneers on January 3. The Boys topped the Pioneers, 120-50, while the girls recorded a 116-54 victory. Both Blue Devil teams improved to 5-1.

The Blue Devil boys won all three relay events and took first in six of the

eight individual events. Tim McGann, Tom Brennan, Cooper Prieto and Zach Youssef touched first in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:43.85. Youssef, Jeremy Kronheimer, Roan Baker and Brian Sampson took first in the 200-free relay at 1:34.62, and Gary Maimon, Mike Riordan, Jack Young and Seth Camacho won the 400-free relay in 3:46.97.

Baker won the 200-free in 1:49.7 and the 100-free in 50.44. Youssef won the 100-fly in 56.94 and Prieto took first in the 50-free at 21.38. Brennan won the 100-breast in 1:04.06 and Barney Veres won the 500-free in 5:16.17. Pioneer Tristan Cahill took first in the 200-Individual Medley at 2:06.85 and also took first in the 100-back at 59.26.

For the Westfield girls, Keeley Thompson, Ellie Cestero, Marcelina Krownska and Erin McAndrew took first in the 200-medley relay at 1:58.41. Krownska, McAndrew, Sarah Kennedy and Abby McKinney took first in the 400-medley relay. (No results given for the 200-free relay).

Thompson won the 200IM with a time of 2:21.52. Jenna Daniel took first in the 100-fly at 1:05.9 and Emma Heinze won the 500-free in 5:41.78. Julia McGann took first in the 100-back at 1:03.07 and Natalie Lee won the 100-breast in 1:14.22. Pioneer standout Sophia Kudryashova took first in the 200-free at 1:56.2 and the 100-free at 53.66. Pioneer Autumn Keats-O'Connor took first in the 50-free at 26.23.

to grab third at 120-lbs.

At 195-lbs, Blue Devil Brandon Loder pinned Chris Bautista (Garfield) in 4:39 during the Round of 32. Loder then defeated Deren Cercio (Paramus Catholic), 9-2, in the Round of 16 to wrestle off for fifth where he was pinned in 2:22 by TJ Franden (Eastern Regional).

Tim Miller pinned Nick Alvarado (Don Bosco Prep) in 2:55 during the 182-lb Round of 32. Miller then dropped a 5-0 decision to Ben Liss (Fair Lawn) in the Round of 16. At 220-lbs, Jon Heard was pinned in 2:52 by Tom Dougherty (Don Bosco) in the Round of 32 and at 145-lbs, Theo Dardia was pinned in 1:33 by Ryan Cawood (Don Bosco Prep) in the Round of 16.

Composto 1st, Hoerle 3rd At Cali Invt'l Mat Tourney

Westfield High School junior CJ Composto captured first place in the 126-lb weight division and junior Luke Horele placed third at 120-lbs at the Sam Cali Memorial Invitational Wrestling Tournament held in West Orange on January 5-6. The event featured 40 teams, including several out of state teams and six New Jersey ranked teams.

Composto advanced to the 126-lbs finals after winning via disqualification in 5:26 over Dom Digena (Mendham). Mike Conklin (Toms River East — TRE) won by majority decision over Nate Williams (Bish Hendricks), 14-4. In the championship bout, Composto defeated Andre Ruiz (Bogota-Ridgefield Park), 2-1,

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Union Catholic Cagers' Press

Deflates Raider Girls, 64-38

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

Madison Johnson and Daniela Peralta each scored 12 points to lead a well-balanced Union Catholic Viking offense during their 64-38 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in a girls basketball game played on January 3 at Scotch Plains High School. The Vikings employed a perfectly timed press defense to break away from the Raiders midway through the first quarter. The Raider offense struggled against the trapping defense as the Vikings extended from a 7-7 tie midway through the opening quarter to a 21-8 lead by quarter's end.

"We went to what we call our Viking press," said Union Catholic long-time Head Coach Kathy Matthews. "It is not something we utilize very often but it got us going and disrupted their offense a little bit. We got a couple of turnovers with it and before you knew it, we got some easy shots off of it."

Scotch Plains-Fanwood continued to turn the ball over in the second quarter and the Vikings took full advantage. Union Catholic scored 17 points in the second period, many coming on lay-ups and fastbreaks that were fueled by having forced turnovers. Scotch Plains-Fanwood went into the halftime break trailing 38-20.

"Defensively, we had no intensity," said Raider Head Coach Ryan

McKenna. "They were hitting a lot of open shots. We went to a man defense and then a zone but we were getting the same type of effort in either set. On the offensive side of things, they (Union Catholic) put us in a position where multiple girls had to handle the ball on offense and bring it up the floor for us and we were very indecisive. We are very young right now and don't have a lot of confidence. It is like we are looking for people to shoot but we've only got two players doing that and until we develop that confidence, we are going to struggle."

In the third quarter, the Raiders found a spark of life offensively with the entrance of three-point specialist Madison Starosa. The smooth shooting sophomore connected on four 3-point baskets off the bench and kept the Raiders from falling out of it.

"Madison is a really good shooter," said McKenna. "She makes the jump from freshman ball to varsity this year, which is really tough to do. She has a quick release. I think she got a little tired in the later parts of the game and her shots weren't falling. But she is good for a couple of threes in each game that she has played so far."

Energized by Starosa's long range prowess, the Raiders made a push late in the third quarter. Baseline drives by Hannah Lyman and Corinne Lyght pulled Scotch Plains-Fanwood to

within 44-29 with 3:16 left in the quarter. Then Lyght scored again in transition after being fed an assist from teammate Abigail Saperstein, which cut it to 44-31 with just under three minutes to play in the quarter.

But as is often the case when teams are forced to rally from big deficits, the comeback could not sustain itself. Union Catholic increased the lead to 51-34 by the end of the third quarter. Then a 9-2 run to start the final quarter buried Scotch Plains-Fanwood under a 60-36 deficit. The Raiders could get no closer.

"Number 32 (Starosa) really hurt us with the three-point shooting today," said Matthews. "But we really tried to key on number 15 (Lyght) because we knew she can really board and she gets a lot of inside baskets that way. We knew that keeping her under control with the second chance shots was going to be important. That and we wanted to keep the ball away from number three (Stefanie DeVizio). She is the kind of player that you can't leave alone because she will hurt you with any open looks."

Lyght and senior Stefanie DeVizio each tallied eight points to support Starosa's team leading 12 point tally. The Raiders fell to 2-6 on the season. Union Catholic improved to 2-3.

Scoreboard table for Union Catholic vs Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Union Catholic: 21 17 13 13 64. Sc Pi-Fanwood: 8 12 14 4 38.

Westfield Icemen Launch Play Hockey BluePuck Event

WESTFIELD, NJ – The Westfield High School (WHS) Boys hockey team launched its first "Play Hockey with the Blue Devils BluePuck" event this past December. The free program held at the Westfield Rink teamed up hockey players aged 5 to 10 years old with their high school counterparts on December 16. Over 60 boys and girls registered for the program in just two days.

The boys hockey team had 58 players volunteer during the program, which included both varsity and junior varsity players.

Westfield volunteers welcomed children and parents, assisted with check-in, helped youths with equipment and practiced with players for 75 minutes on the ice during drills and scrimmages.

"I forget how tiny the skates are," said Jake Toth, a freshman on the junior varsity team. "The kids were so excited in the locker room and it was great to help out."

Rookies got their share of high fives, chatted with high school players, grabbed photos with the Blue Devil Mascot and had their very own BluePuck autographed. Parents, grandparents, children and players

shared smiles at the event.

WHS Varsity Coach Joe Bertucci guided his team on the importance of giving back. "A strong team bond between players is more than the talks in the locker room and what they do on the ice, it's about players getting involved in their community and growing together as a team," he said.

Joe Bonnett, regional manager with USA Hockey's American Development Model, recently wrote an article speaking to that point. "The hockey culture has always had its roots in community,"

Westfield parent Andrea Gerlach's 7-year-old son attended.

"We have the good fortune of a rink in our own community," Gerlach said. "Thank you to the WHS hockey team for their hard work in creating so much excitement for the next generation of WHS hockey players. It was amazing for all the kids who attended and my son was just so excited to skate with 'real hockey players.' I hope they know that they made his day."

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GREAT TIME ON THE ICE...The Blue Devil ice hockey team enjoyed its "Play Hockey with the Blue Devils BluePuck" event in December.

Bonnett stated, "Hockey players by their very nature are humble people. Playing hockey means always putting the needs of the team over the interests of the individual and this mindset carries over into the community."

That sentiment rang true as the first BluePuck event exemplified the nature of the sport, bringing the community together. High school players acknowledged their impact in making a difference to the youth of Westfield and in turn gained great lessons to carry forward far beyond their years at WHS.

"It was as much fun for us as it was for the kids. Our team had a great time volunteering," said Tim Rosa, a senior on the varsity team.

"These kids were so happy to be there," said John Humiston, a senior on the Varsity team. "It made me realize just how much it meant to them to skate with us."

Captain CJ Duffy, a senior, alternate senior captain Alex Park and junior Trevor Tanella were instrumental in creating BluePuck. "We wanted to continue our community service efforts," Park said. "These last couple of years, the team has volunteered with Children's Specialized Hospital, St. Joseph's Food Bank and the YMCA, but we really wanted to create something unique that was special for the kids of Westfield."

Duffy added, "Many of us are seniors and will head to college next year. We wanted to start a tradition for the future high school hockey players in the Westfield community. That is how the idea of BluePuck came about."

WHS Independent Hockey Association President Jim Tanella offered praise for the event. "It was heartwarming to watch these little ones and reflect back on my own son's hockey experience," Tanella said. "Witnessing the friendships of these high school boys and realizing that their connections began long ago like many of the youth players here today. It's what the hockey community is all about."

hockey team on Twitter @westfieldpuck updates on the season's activities. Fans can also visit WHSpuck on Facebook and Instagram. Visit www.westfieldhockey.com for up to date team schedules.

Blue Devils Icemen Win Two More

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Against Montclair, senior Anthony Oliveri netted two goals and an assist. Junior Timmy Rosa and sophomore Dan McDonald also scored on efforts that were real goal-scoring goals. The other assists were provided by senior Alex Park, with two, junior Dylan Howard and the sophomore McDonald.

The Morris Knolls tilt proved to be more dramatic as the Blue Devils had to overcome a late 2-1 deficit to earn the victory. The comeback was led by senior John Humiston who had a hat trick (3 goals) and was buzzing around the net all game. The fourth Westfield gino came from Oliveri on a beauty of a backhand past the Golden Eagles netminder. Assists on all the goals came from Howard with three, Park and McDonald each had another, and junior Nick Forno and freshman Thomas Conrod joined the helper parade.

Senior captain CJ Duffy continued to perform as Krampus by punishing would-be opponents attempting to score. Through better than half the season Duffy has held the opposition to an anemic goals-against average of 2.0 per game. With the two wins, Westfield upped its record to 6-2-3.

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 WHSpuck on Facebook and Instagram Pages. See the website for up to date team schedules at www.westfieldhockey.com.

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