



David B. Corbin (February 2019 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SENIOR LEADERSHIP PLUS SCORING LEADERSHIP...Stefanie DeVizio, left, not only offered senior leadership for the young Raider squad but also, along with sophomore Corinne Lyght, led the team in scoring this season.

DeVIZIO, LYGH T LED SCORING; STAROSA LED 3-PTRS

Lady Raiders Took Lumps; Finish Basketball Season 6-18

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

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team completed the 2018-19 campaign with a 6-18 overall record. Coming on the heels of a winning season the results this year were certainly disappointing. But considering that the Raider girls were coming into the new year with a lot of new faces, the record was not that surprising.

Head Coach Ryan McKenna knew that it would be a learning process for his current edition and he could not have been more accurate. The Raiders suffered their share of blowout losses and struggled often to find scoring. Still there were encouraging signs that point to an improved outlook next year.

"I do think we improved over the course of the year," said McKenna. "It took us a little while to find some continuity and rhythm as a team, but we played much better in the second half of the year."

The first encouraging sign came in the fact that this group of players never quit on each other. After several early season beatings to the likes of Summit, Union Catholic and Elizabeth, this team could have packed it in. But the Raiders did not do that. Instead, they hung in there and had some of their best performances in the latter portion of the season.

"I think we had our best game the second time around against UC," said McKenna. "We had lost by 35 points

in our first game with them and then held them to eight points in the first half in our second meeting. We defeated UC on their home court, 34-31, with Corinne (Lyght) leading the way with 15 points. We also picked up South Plainfield at the end of the season and came back from 14 down to win at the buzzer on Stef DeVizio's putback of her own shot. South Plainfield had a good season and we showed tremendous resiliency to come back and win that game."

The Raiders had a lot of new faces playing together for the first time this year but they did have their fair share of seniors on the roster too. Stefanie DeVizio was the most prolific among them. DeVizio, a guard, averaged 7.2 points per game, while sinking 20 three-point baskets. She had 16 points in a game against Carteret and finished off her home career with that memorable rebound of her own missed shot as the buzzer sounded for a win against South Plainfield.

"We'll graduate eight seniors this year," said McKenna. "Stef DeVizio has been a starter since her sophomore year, so we'll definitely miss her leadership and abilities on the floor. But, all of the seniors brought great leadership and a positive team first attitude that will be greatly missed."

Hannah Lyman was another senior who contributed this season. Lyman averaged 4.2 points-per-game and 4.2 rebounds per game. The other graduating seniors included Eboni Davis, Meghan Duthie, Amy Magrino,

Brenna McNamara, Abigail Saperstein and Morgan Wilson.

The Raiders will move forward next year with a core of young players who got valuable floor time this season. The leader of this group will be Corinne Lyght. A soccer standout, Lyght averaged 8.3 points-per-game this year and led the team with 70 field goals. Lyght, a sophomore, is capable of monster games as she showed in a 19-point, 10-rebound performance against Carteret. The only thing standing between Lyght and greatness is consistency.

"Corinne will once again be a captain next season and like this year will be our go to player," said McKenna. "She does a little bit of everything for us and shouldered a heavy load this season, but we have a lot of young players that played quality minutes this season. Sophomore Ryann Wall grew a tremendous amount of confidence by the end of the season, Madison Starosa led our team in three-point shots made and Leah Klurman started nearly every game for us as a freshman and was one of our leading scorers. Sarah Dill will be a senior next year and really made her presence felt on the defensive side of the ball."

This group of young players will likely receive some support from the ranks of the JV team next season.

"Our JV had a solid 11-10 season led by a lot of freshmen," said McKenna. "Julia DeVizio and Emily Friscia, both freshmen, led the team in scoring. I'm hopeful that they can make a big jump to varsity next year. While we look forward to their presence next year, much of our varsity was already very young, so we are excited to see them a year better next year. Last year's team was really successful because they suffered through a tough varsity season learning how to play against better competition. This team experienced that this year as a much younger team, so I'm looking for a big step forward next year."

While this season ultimately played out as a transitional period, McKenna thinks it served a valuable role in setting his Raider team up for future success.

"I think our girls see what it takes to win at this level and are prepared to work extremely hard in the off season to get there. I hope you'll see some more competitive games and that we can play a little deeper into post season play next year."

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARIES ORDINANCE 19-02-S

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on March 4, 2019 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$170,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$170,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Purpose(s): Road improvements to Stewart Place and Ginder Place, and improvements to Paterson Road, Phase II.

Appropriation: \$170,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$170,000 Grants (if any) Appropriated: None Section 20 Costs: \$25,000 Useful Life: 20 Years

Eleanor McGovern, Clerk 1 T - 3/14/19, The Times Fee: \$39.78

PORTER LED IN LEADERSHIP, WILLIAMS LED SCORING

Raider Basketball Boys Never Stopped Fighting; Finish 6-15

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

After back-to-back winning seasons, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team came back to earth in the 2018-19 campaign. The Raiders finished with a 6-15 overall record, failed to make the state playoffs and were eliminated in the first round of the Union County Tournament. The results were not what anybody associated with the team were hoping for but they were not entirely unexpected either.

The Raiders play in perhaps the most talented county in the state with as many as five teams ranked in the Top-20 at one time this season. The Raiders also suffered heavy graduation losses coming out of last season. Those were unforgiving conditions that proved to be too much for this

games of the season and going out on a high note."

Despite the lack of "W's", the Raiders developed a reputation for playing hard and competing in all of their games. No player epitomized the hustle and effort the team came be known for than senior point guard Anthony Porter. A three-sport standout, Porter threw his body around on the court as if he were playing lacrosse or football, his other passions. Porter averaged 10.1 points per game and hit 21 three-point shots. He will likely play lacrosse in college. Porter was one of five seniors on this year's team.

"Throughout the past four years, it has been a privilege and honor to get to know and coach each of these seniors (Anthony Porter, Jonathan Ramos, Nick Merkel, Danny Wright,

Next season, Siracusa will be counting on a pair of players who saw significant action as juniors this year. Guard Jayson Williams and forward Justin Guy will likely step into leadership roles next season.

"We had many underclassmen play major minutes for us this year," said Siracusa. "We hope the experience they received can be valuable learning lessons on what we need to improve on and what it takes in order for our team to be more successful. Jayson Williams and Justin Guy will be two seniors that we are expecting big seasons out of."

Williams averaged 15.1 points per game this year and eclipsed the 20-point threshold in three games. He also had the play of the season during a 61-58 win over Union.

"The high point of the season was



David B. Corbin (January 2019 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

TRUE LEADERSHIP...Raider senior Anthony Porter, No. 2, a three-sport athlete, was a true team leader this season. Junior Jayson Williams, No. 3, led the Raiders in scoring this season.

young squad to navigate.

"Although our record may not indicate it, we like to believe that we improved greatly throughout the season," said Raider Head Coach Steve Siracusa. "What I am most proud of with this team is their resilience. We challenged ourselves with a very tough schedule this year; however, our players never gave up, kept working very hard, and faced the adversity head on. They displayed their improvements and resilience by winning our last two

Miles Owen)," said Siracusa. "I truly admire their work ethic, dedication, commitment, and team first mentality. Through the ups and the downs, the wins and the losses, they always stayed the course, never gave up, and faced adversity head on for that, I know they are fully prepared and ready to tackle anything moving forward in their lives. Each of them have bright futures ahead and we wish them nothing but the best of luck in all their future endeavors."



Photo courtesy of Sandeep Talati

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON...The Westfield PAL sixth grade girls' Travel A basketball team had another successful season, displaying outstanding teamwork, while developing excellent basketball skills. Pictured, left to right, are: kneeling; Coach Shefali Gandhi, Sophia Gandhi, Priscilla Dayon, Natalie Debowski, Ruby McGurn and Natalie Horne; second row, Coach Arthur Debowski, Keira Deignan, Keira Troy, Catie Carayannopoulos, Mila Talati, Laura Oliveira, Coach David Oliveira and Westfield PAL President John Dugan. Missing from picture, Astrid Wunderle; back row, parents of the Westfield PAL Blue Devils.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2129 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 21 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AS IT RELATES TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in order to ensure compliance with the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, the Town is empowered to penalize violations of the Land Use Ordinance, including by assessing monetary penalties; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has determined that the existing monetary penalties are too small to effectively deter violations of the Land Use Ordinance; and WHEREAS, under State law, specifically, N.J.S.A. 40:49-5, municipalities are authorized to impose fines for violations of ordinances, including zoning ordinances, up to but not exceeding \$2,000.00, provided that violations of housing or zoning codes shall provide a 30-day period in which the owner shall be afforded the opportunity to cure or abate the condition and shall also be afforded an opportunity for a hearing before a court of competent jurisdiction for an independent determination concerning the violation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield:

SECTION I. Article 21, Enforcement, Violations and Penalties, of the Land Use Ordinance is amended as follows: Section 21.02(B), Violations, is amended as follows: B. Issuance of abatement notices. For any violation of this ordinance, the Zoning Officer may issue a notice to abate such violation(s). Said notice shall advise

the person or persons violating the ordinance that they shall have a period of 30 days to cure or abate the condition causing the violation. Such notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service. Each and every day that a violation of this ordinance continues after thirty (30) days of the mailing or personal service, as the case may be, of such notice shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation.

Section 21.03, Penalties, is amended as follows: PENALTIES. For any and every violation of this ordinance, the owner, contractor or other person or persons interested as lessees, tenants or otherwise in any building or structure, land or premises where such violation has been committed or continues to exist, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or ninety (90) days imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction over the matter.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION III. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 6th day of March, 2019 the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:

1. The Workshop Meeting for the Planning Board on April 3rd will begin at 7 pm instead of 7:30 pm.

2. Application PBA-18-00009 - Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization approving a recommendation for Union County College, applicant, requesting a courtesy capital improvement review for construction of a cooling tower on the roof of the library building on Block: 121 Lot: 2.01, as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 1033 Springfield Avenue in the E-1 Zone.

3. Application PBA-18-00006 - Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization approving a request from National Christmas Tree Products, Inc. for amended final site plan approval, on Block 637 Lot 6.01 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 70 Jackson Drive in the C-1 Zone.

4. Application PBA-17-00004 CONTINUED TO March 20, 2019, Hartz Mountain Industries, Applicant, 750 Walnut Avenue, Block: 541, Lot: 2, C-3 Zone, Applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property to eliminate the office and warehouse uses in favor of multi-family residential use (\$136-13).

Tara Rowley, RMC Town Clerk 1 T - 3/14/19, The Leader Fee: \$79.05

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Donna Pedde Secretary 1 T - 3/14/19, The Leader Fee: \$34.68

Westfield Area 'Y' Flyer Competes at Millrose Games

On February 9, Grace Endy, a sophomore at Westfield High School and member of the Westfield Area "Y" Flyers competed at the 112th Millrose Games. The Millrose games are held annually at the Armory in Manhattan. Grace was the youngest competitor in the Elite 1-Mile Race Walk race for women. The event was by invitation only and the field included Olympians Maria Michta and Rachel Seaman. Grace finished ninth in the event.

On February 10, at the NY and NJ USATF Open meet at Ocean Breeze in Staten Island, Grace competed in the 3,000-meter race walk. She broke her sister, Melissa Endy's New Jersey High School record in the event. Grace finished with a time of 15:02.62.

The Flyers Track Club spring track season starts on March 18 and runs through May 17. The Westfield Area "Y" Flyers Track Club is a USATF certified club that serves over 700 athletes throughout the year. For inquiries about the Flyers program, call (908) 233-2700 or visit the Flyers website at YFlyersTrackClub.com.

H.S. Sports Notice:

The Spring High School sports will soon be upon us. With the three high schools covered, there will be approximately 27 varsity teams with only an average of 4, maybe 5 days in a week to cover them. Many major showdowns just happen to be scheduled for the same days and only one can be covered in that case. Understanding that The Westfield Leader sports department is not omnipresent, some representatives in the past have been delegated by the teams to write up accurate stories and perhaps add a photo or two to go with the stories in order to be included in the newspaper.

The Spring sports that will receive primary coverage, as always, are Spring track (multi-school relays, county, sections), baseball, softball and boys and girls lacrosse, with boys tennis receiving some coverage, such as the Union County Tournament, major showdowns and sectionals. Special thanks goes to the Westfield ice hockey team for providing weekly stories and photos. If certain varsity teams are not making the newspaper as much as they desire, it may be a good idea for someone to be appointed to provide information and possibly a photo.

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TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,492,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,036,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Purpose(s): Road improvements to Stewart Place and Ginder Place, including curbing and drainage; improvements to Paterson Road, Phase II, including curbing and drainage and Curb and sidewalks improvements to Martine Avenue, including milling and paving.

Appropriation: \$1,492,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,036,000 Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$400,000 expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Section 20 Costs: \$200,000 Useful Life: 18.66 Years

Eleanor McGovern, Clerk 1 T - 3/14/19, The Times Fee: \$45.39