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Lady Blue Devils 2nd, Boys 3rd At Union County Track & Field

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Union Catholic dominated the girls events and the Elizabeth Minutemen boys won to team title at the Union County Tournament (Individual) Championships held at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 15-16. The Lady Vikings finished with a total of 162, followed by Westfield at 75,

at 81 followed by Westfield at 65, Scotch Plains-Fanwood at 51 and Summit at 49.

Although she had a down day in the discus at the conference meet last week, Blue Devil senior Sam Stravach not only won that event in Plainfield but also won the javelin event. Blue Devil Jeremy Kronheimer won the javelin and Raiders Jacob Leigh and

fourth at 98-0. Blue Devil Katie McHugh placed eighth at 87-7. Blue Devil Katie Hamilton with a time of 5:07.45 finished second in the 1,600 behind Union Catholic Viking Jerika Lufitano at 5:01.39. Blue Devils Caroline Collins at 5:16.99 and Sara Hacker at 5:17.48 finished 5-6 and Raider Sara Greene finished eighth at 5:25.67.

Blue Devil Leah Norton took third in the pole vault with a height of 9-0 and Cranford Cougar Hannah Capone took fourth at the same height. Cougars Colleen Gosselin and Leah Filimonczuk and Raider Katherine Chouinard tied for seventh at 8-0. Cougar Shasha Knapp placed third in the triple jump with a personal-record (PR) distance of 36-4.5. Raider Nicole Agwu placed seventh at 34-2, followed by Cougars Gianna Vella at 33-8.5 and Zoe Hamilton at 33-4.

Blue Devil Julia Csorba finished sixth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:05.73, followed by Raider Agwu at 1:07.15. Raiders Corinne Lyght at 12.65 and Julia Jackson at 12.87 finished 6-8 in the 100 dash. Jackson also finished eighth in the 400 at 59.34.

On Day 2, Stravach ripped the javelin 121-7. Teammate Maggie Kelly took fourth with a toss of 102-4 and Raiders Sarah Dill at 102-0 and Suzanne Jackson at 94-3 placed 5-8. Fletcher took third in the shot put with a shove of 34-8.25 and Blue Devil Julia Rickert placed fifth at 34-3.

The long jump event had a number of fine performances beginning with UC Viking A'Liyah Thomas soaring 18-5 to take top honors. Cougar Sasha Knapp took second with a distance of 17-8, followed by Raider Lyght at 17-5.25, Blue Devil Lauren Triarsi at 17-4.5 and Cougar Cielo Tumbokon at 17-3.25. Raider Ashley DeFrancesco took seventh at 16-7.5.

The A.L. Johnson Crusaders dominated the high jump with Carley Tarentino clearing 5-6.5 and Natalya Torres clearing 5-2 to place 1-2 and teammate Jenna Wiese tying for seventh with Blue Devil Csorba and Raider Anina Dashiell at 4-10. Raider Che Dashiell placed fifth at 5-0. Csorba, Caroline Bielen, Sophia Pappalardo and Katie Hamilton finished third in the 4x400 with a time of 3:59.89.

In the 100-hurdles, Triarsi finished third with a time of 15.22, behind winner Felicia Quainoo (Union Catholic) at 14.64 and Alexis Smith (Rahway) at 14.89. Agwu finished seventh at 16.12. Governor Livingston's Victoria Vanriele easily won the 800 with a time of 2:06.68, while Blue Devil Isabel Boufarah took sixth at 2:22.43. Blue Devil Sarah Hacker at 2:25.85 and Raider Sara Greene at 2:26.62 finished 11-12.

Kent Place's freshman phenom
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SECOND IN THE LONG JUMP...Cougar Sasha Knapp placed second in the UCT in the long jump event with a leap of 17-8.

Kent Place at 64, Rahway at 43 and Scotch Plains-Fanwood at 25. Governor Livingston placed sixth at 23 and Cranford took seventh at 20. For the boys, Elizabeth came in with a total of 104 and Union Catholic was second

Ben Fleischer won the 400 and 3,200, respectively. (The top-6 in each event earned team points).

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The entire speech and all of the photos will also be on goleader.com Ballyhoo Sports (May 30 edition).

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STEALING SECOND BASE...Raider Dean Kirian, No. 9, swipes second base in the seventh inning as A.L.J. second baseman Max Carmino, No. 3, and shortstop Steve Harrington, No. 14, cover. The Raiders defeated the Crusaders, 4-0, for the title.

CUCCURULLO, DiNIZO, DIEU, CANAVAN, KIRIAN ARISE

Raiders Eject Crusaders, 4-0; Capture UCT Baseball Title

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Ten years ago a classic one-run, 10-inning pitchers' duel wound up in favor of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders over the Westfield Blue Devils at Williams Field in Elizabeth for the Union County Tournament (UCT) crown and there were several heroes.

Ten years later at Kean University in Union on May 15, heroes emerged again as the sixth-seeded Raiders shut-out the fourth-seeded A.L. Johnson Crusaders, 4-0, for their fifth UCT title (1969, 1976, 2004, 2009).

Stepping backwards down memory lane, in the 2009 classic, Raider mound ace Gary Binkiewicz

in a showdown with Stanford bound fireballer Chris Jenkins, went face-to-face for nine innings, only to walk off the field in a 1-1 tie and leave the outcome in the hands of their relievers.

In the 10th inning, Raider Nick Bonadies rapped a two-out single,
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