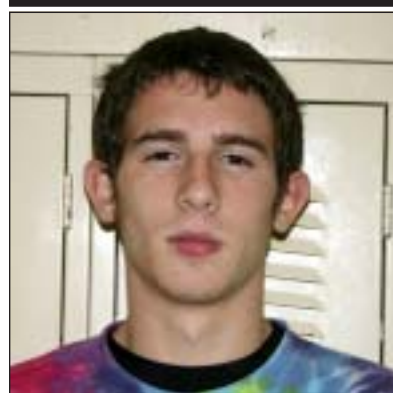


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## MILLER 22 POINTS, CRONEN 7 BOARDS

### Lady Blue Devils Trip Linden Cagers, 51-47

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Erin Miller stole the ball and rolled in a lay-up with 1:42 remaining then point guard Gab O'Leary, one minute later, tossed a great pass into Gabby Jakobs, who converted the lay-up to give the Westfield High School girls basketball team the cushion it needed en route to a 51-47 victory over Linden in the season opener in Westfield on December 15.

Miller finished with 22 points, including a 3-pointer, (7 of 11 free throws) and had three steals with one assist. O'Leary dished out seven assists, had six points and made two steals. Jakobs, who netted four points, pulled down six rebounds as did Casey El Koury who also had three points

and a steal. Senior Katie Cronen led the team with seven rebounds and Keri Pringle, who sank four points, grabbed five rebounds. Stephanie Slodyczka (2 rebounds) and Diana Venezia (3 rebounds) each sank five points and Danielle Infantino contributed two points, a steal and an assist.

Maesoon Deeb led the 0-1 Tigers with 17 points, including four 3-pointers, and Brittany Bradshaw sank 16 points. Ansona Hooper netted five points.

The Tigers controlled the boards and jumped to a 9-2 lead midway through the first quarter and, with Deeb hitting three of her three pointers, took a 15-10 lead entering the second quarter. Miller sank seven

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GETTING VERY SERIOUS...Blue Devil point guard Gab O'Leary dished out seven assists, scored six points and made two steals.

## RAIDERS, PANTHERS, PIONEERS RETURN SEVERAL TOUGH MATMEN Brearley Bears Look to Be Team to Beat For Union County Wrestling Dominance

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Individuals from eight wrestling teams combined to claim the top spot in 13 of the 14 weight classes at the Union County Tournament (UCT) last year and that dominance should remain this season. Union County matmen also qualified 11 for the NJSIAA state tournament and produced two state champions.

Last year, a young David Brearley team edged perennial power Roselle Park for the UCT team title and, this season, the Bears are indeed the team to beat. Their biggest challenge could come from Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Roselle Park, a rebuilding Rahway squad and perhaps New Providence.

**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD:** The Raiders return nine Region 3 qualifiers, which includes two who have competed in the state tournament at Atlantic City (AC), and have a talented group of 16 freshmen. The Raiders finished 16-10 last year and look to regain the District 11 title.

"I will be realistic. I want to be top-three in the counties (UCT), with Brearley having the same team back and being the studs they are. I think we will give them good competition," said Raider Head Coach John Scholz.

**Pat Mineo (Sr. - 145):** Three-time district champion, two-time UCT champion and state qualifier in 2005. Has 89-15 career record and could break the All-Time SPF career win record of 116 set by his brother Steve in 2005.

"He's putting things together, working on things that we need him too and being the leader in the room."

**Sal Gano (Sr. - 119):** Two-time district champ, qualified for AC, finished 33-7 at 119 and has a career record of 75-27

"I think he will be one of the top contenders to get back to the states. Great leadership responsibility!"

**Keith Baker (Jr. - 215):** District 11 champ at 215-lbs.

"I see him top three in the region, if not, top two in the counties. I can see him stunning people. He's an animal!"

**Ricky Olsson (Sr. - 135):** Second in district at 130, finished 25-12

"He was a big fan favorite last year."

**Mike Ferrara (So. - 125):** Second in district at 112, finished 22-13

"He's a strong kid. He's a talented kid. He has great takedowns. He's good on bottom."

**Other Region qualifiers:**

**Trevor Cannon (Jr. - 152):** Jumped from 125-lbs

**Joe Bachi (Sr. - 152):** 160 last year

**Dave DeNichilo (Sr. - 160):** At 152 last year

**Rob Desiato (So. - 140):** From 135

**Watch out for:**

**Tristan Bundy (Fr. - 112):** "He's quick on his feet. It's like the Tasmanian Devil type of quick."

\*Coach Scholz comments.

**WESTFIELD BLUE DEVILS:** The Blue Devils have a young squad with the majority of their wrestlers concentrated in the middleweights.

"We are packed between 125 and 140," said Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz.

Seniors Colin MacKay and Mark Boyd and sophomores John Barnes and Sam Reichbach qualified for the region tournament last year.

**Colin MacKay (Sr. - 130/135):**

District champ at 125. Finished 29-7. "He's been in the weight room since last spring. He's done everything he has to do to prepare himself to reach his goals of hitting Atlantic City this year."

**Mark Boyd (Sr. - 160/171):** District champ at 160. Finished 20-13. "His style is going to give some kids difficulty. He's put in some off-season time and that pays off."

**John Barnes (So. - 119):** Third in district at 112.

"You show him something and he is not afraid to try it."

**Chris Cook (171) Cranford Cougars** Finished 22-12.

**Jesse Hynes (Sr. 112/119):** Third in district at 103

**RAHWAY INDIANS:** The Indians, District 11 champions last year, graduated a host of talented wrestlers, which included three-time state champ Darrion Caldwell but they do return Ryan Wilson, a 2005 state champ, Shedrick Goodridge, ranked eighth in the state at 189-lbs, and two-time district champ Juan Herrera.

"We are trying to reload. We won the JV county tournament last year. Most of those guys now have starting rolls on the varsity. We are hoping to get better each day and, by the end of the season, be a competitive team," said Indian Head Coach Anthony Reinosa.

**Ryan Wilson (Sr. 130/135-lbs):** 2005 state champ at 112-lbs. "He's

Cranford Head Coach Darren Torson. "This year, the senior group, it's quality over quantity. Jeb Dennis, Chris Cook. They have tremendous leadership ability inside the wrestling room."

**Jeb Dennis (Sr. - 145):** Placed third in District 11 at 140 and finished 23-9.

**Chris Cook (Sr. 171):** Third in district at 152.

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