

# THE WEEK IN SPORTS



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**BIG GAIN...Blue Devil Lamont Turner gets one of his several big gains against the Cougars.**



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**THE BATTLE OF THE LINES...Blue Devil linemen Devin Griffiths, No. 65, and Kantu Barr, No. 78, blast into the Cranford line.**

**DOERR SLAMS THE DOOR WITH 3 TD PASSES, 1 TD RUN**

## Balanced Blue Devils Bounce Cougars, 55-14, in Cranford

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Blue Devil quarterback Brandon Doerr was so hot that no Cougar could touch him as he fired three touchdown passes and ran for another to lead the Westfield High School football team to a blazing, 55-14, burning of the young Cranford Cougars in Cranford on September 26. Senior receiver Gabe Perez dazzled the awestruck Cougars with two amazing touchdown receptions.

Eager to get started, since they

received a forfeit from Snyder last week, the Blue Devils got rolling when Lamont Turner received the opening kickoff on the 10-yard line and returned it to the Blue Devil 33. On first down, Todd Dowling took the handoff from Doerr and smashed to the 40, then took the next handoff and slanted to the 47 for a first down. After a five-yard penalty, Doerr rolled to his right and completed to Perez crossing at about the Cougar 36-yard line. From there, Perez sailed into the end zone to complete at 58-yard touchdown pass play with 9:48 left in

the first quarter. The extra point attempt failed and the Blue Devils had a 6-0 lead.

Doerr blasted the kickoff and the ball flew into the end zone, so the Cougars got the ball on their own 20-yard line. The solid Blue Devil defense stopped the Cougars in their tracks. During that series, Perez blocked a pass attempt and a host of Blue Devils "gang tackled" Cougar sophomore running back Rob Verhoven. Pat Ekstroms punt rolled dead at the Cougar 45 where the Blue Devils took over.

Chris Giacone carried to the 34 for a first down. Turner, then rolled around the right side and was brought down at the 20. After Tom Lee slanted to the 13, he then carried to the eight-yard line for another first down. From there, Doerr rolled right, as if to pass, then glided, untouched into the end zone with 4:24 left of the first quarter. A two point conversion attempt failed.

Doerr's kickoff was picked up at the three by Cougar junior Dan Daly and returned to the 29. Once again, the Devil defense halted the Cougars. Ekstrom's punt rolled dead at the Westfield 34.

Doerr hit Dowling for a first down at the 47 just as the quarter ended. Dowling picked up where he left off by bursting through the middle for a 10-yard gain. Next, Doerr rolled left and hit Turner at the Cougar 26 for another first down. Giacone took the handoff and blasted his way to the 16, then Dowling slanted right to the eight.

The Cougars were aware of the Blue Devils' potency both in the air and on the ground, but could not stop Doerr's eight-yard touch down pass to receiver Maurice Boatwright with 9:35 left in the half. Doerr's extra point was good and the Blue Devils upped their lead to 19-0.

The scoring bonanza continued. Like a flash of lightning, again Doerr hit Perez coming across the middle, and again, Perez bolted 58 yards into the end zone with 8:16 left in the half. Doerr kicked the extra point to put the Blue Devils ahead, 26-0.

"I'm very happy with their balance, especially with the passing game," commented Blue Devil Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "Gabe (Perez), Lamont (Turner) and Maurice (Boatwright) were there to catch the ball."

The Cougar offense found a weakness in the Devil defense with 7:55 remaining when sophomore quarterback Bob Sawicki hit receiver Jeff Rood over the middle. Rood sped 72 yards for the touchdown, making the score 26-6.

"It was a good play, but what really happened was that we had four guys around the ball and they got confused. The kid just ran by us. It should have been about a 10-yard gain," explained Tranchina about Roods' touchdown run.

For the remainder of the half, the Devil offense was riddled with penalties. In addition, interceptions by Cougars Mike Carbone and Rood ended two Devil drives.

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**ABOUT TO STEAL THE BALL...Blue Devil defensive back Mike Stotler, No. 5, begins to steal the soccer ball away from a sliding Cougar.**

## Cranford Boys Exhaust Devils in Double O T

By Q. T. RAVEN  
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Cougar junior Andy Kindler scored the only goal in the second overtime to overcome the Westfield High School boys soccer team, 1-0, in Cranford on September 23. The Cougars used a stingy defense and offensive pressure to wear down the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils held a slight offensive edge in the first 20 minutes of the game; however, the tenacious Cougar defense was able to repel any major frontal attack as they consis-

tently forced the Blue Devils toward the side lines. Devil sophomore Brad Gillin managed to pressure the Cougar defense about seven minutes into the game and launched a shot which sailed wide right of the post. Senior Don Mutz booted a shot from about 26 yards out, but the ball also sailed wide to the right.

Fifteen minutes into the game, the Cougars turned the tables and assaulted Blue Devil territory. A Cougar striker took a left-footed, point-blank shot at the goal but senior

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## Blue Devil Girls Drop Thriller to Cougars, 1-0

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Cougar Sue Flamini fired in the game's only score with 6:45 remaining in the half as the Cranford High School girls soccer team edged the Blue Devils, 1-0, in Westfield on September 23. The Blue Devils defense was put to the test and held up well to the Cougars barrage.

"Instead of us containing, the girls reached and reached and the kid (Flamini) hit a shot to the far post. It was a good shot. It was Flamini who did it, not Murray," answered Blue Devil Head Coach Pete Giordano

with reference to the sole Cougar score.

"In the first half, we waited. We waited for the pretty shots, and you can't do that because if you wait, the next bounce may be an ugly bounce. We waited, we waited, we waited!" exclaimed Giordano.

"We kept running into each other. We didn't call each other off when we had the ball," explained Giordano.

The Cougars held the upper hand offensively throughout the game, constantly clawing at the Blue Devils' turf. About 10 minutes into the

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**FORCING TO THE OUTSIDE...Blue Devil fullback Leigh Kendrick, No. 8, forces a Cougar attacker to the outside at Tamaques Park in Westfield on September 23. The Cougars beat the Blue Devils, 1-0.**

## WOODWARD INJURED ON SECOND PLAY OF GAME

# M. X. Shabazz Uses 'Bulldog' Tactics to Beat Raiders, 26-0

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Speedster Blair Woodward was sidelined with a knee injury on the second play of the game and the Raiders were left with a serious disadvantage in both their offensive punch and in their defensive stability. Speedster Jesse Powell capitalized on the weakness and flew 76 yards around the left side on the Bulldog's third play to kickoff Malcolm X. Shabazz's 26-0 victory over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team at Untermyer Field in Newark on September 26.

Despite the additional absence of junior linemen Dan Loomis and Dave Herrmann, the solid tackling of Raiders Scott Paterson, Ron Jenerette, Joe Franzone and Jim Feeley kept the Bulldogs from being successful inside. All of the Bulldogs' touchdowns came as a result of breakout plays.

"They (Shabazz) probably had 100 yards on two of their running plays. Our line held up," stated Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli.

Despite the early loss of Woodward, the Raiders chewed up turf from their own 34 yard line to the Bulldog 34 before turning over possession of the ball. Three plays later, Powell made his impressive gallop to the end zone and kicker Derek Foster split the up-rights to make the score 7-0.

With 10:07 left in the second quarter Bulldog Michael Bowe intercepted a pass from Raider quarterback Franzone on his own 21 yard line. Quarterback Damon Harrison hit split end Daniel Penn at the 49. Another pass over the middle to Penn put the

ball on the Raider 44. After the Bulldogs moved to the 31, Powell, once again, broke loose to the left side and soared into the end zone with 7:05 left in the quarter. The kick by Foster was good and the Bulldogs increased their lead to 14-0.

"On the first defensive series, we were not lined up properly," explained Ciccotelli. "They had 12 men on the field on their second touchdown and the extra man allowed them (Shabazz) to block one of our key tacklers," added Ciccotelli.

The Raiders were not without a scoring threat of their own. Raider senior Matt McCarthy received the kickoff on the 13-yard line and re-

turned the ball to the 29; however, a 15-yard penalty on Shabazz placed the ball on the 44. A quick pass to the right side from Franzone to junior Anthony Carey moved the ball to the Bulldog 47, then La'Marr McDaniel burst through the middle for a first down at the 43.

Franzone rolled to the 36, then junior Nathan Jones slanted left to the 27 for another first down. After Jones moved the ball to the 19, McDaniel blasted to the 16 for another first down. Four plays later, the Raiders stalled at the 10 and the Bulldogs had dodged the bullet.

"We did move the ball and we were

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**TURNING THE CORNER...Raider Nathan Jones turns the corner for a decent gain in the second quarter against Shabazz in Newark on September 26. Shabazz won, 26-0.**

## RAIDERS PLACE 3RD; ELMUCCIO TAKES ALL AROUND

# Devils Nip Columbia to Claim Raider Gymnastics Tourney

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Blue Devil senior Julie Elmuccio totaled 34.95 to capture the all around and Westfield High School edged Columbia, 97.95-97.9 to claim the Raider Invitational Gymnastics Tournament title held in Scotch Plains on September 25. The hosting Raiders took third at 96.4. Other schools which competed were Cranford, Roselle Catholic, Union and David Brearley. Columbia High School, the defending champs, arrived in full force. Unfortunately for the Raiders, senior team captain Diana Mendez injured her knee on very last practice vault and was unable to compete. The Blue Devils were without the services of the talented Caravella twins.

Elmuccio displayed grace in every event and used her grace and skill to seize first on both the uneven bars and in the floor exercises. Elmuccio's smooth glide and perfect form along with her impressive giant swings

earned her a 9.2 on the uneven. On the floor, she performed a round off with two back handsprings and finished her first run with a layout back flip. She demonstrated her command of balance with a series of double spins, a handstand with a triple turn to V-out and, later she performed a high tuck back flip. Her routine earned her a total of 8.35.

On the balance beam, Elmuccio had great height and extension on her leaps. She performed a difficult, back handspring to a back flip. Unfortunately, she got off balance on her landing and was deducted .5 of a point. Her dismount consisted of a cartwheel to a front flip. Elmuccio totaled 8.7 which was good enough for a fourth place. She also took third in the vault with an 8.7.

Blue Devil senior Laurie Hogan grabbed second in the all around with a total of 34.05. Hogan took second on the uneven bars with a 9.0 and in the vaulting with an 8.8. On the balance

beam she placed third with an 8.8.

Hogan displayed her strength and agility with her press to a handstand on the tiny four inch beam, then performed a front-flip dismount.

"You have only a four-inch wide beam to work with. You can't be off on your leaps and spins. It's very nerve wracking for a lot of people and if you fall, it is a .5 point deduction," explained Hogan about the difficulty of the balance beam.

"I'm very happy with their routine," stated Blue Devil Head Coach Ellen Kovac about Elmuccio's and Hogan's performances. "They are fierce competitors and they have yet to peak in their routines, but I am happy with their progress."

The Raiders had to quickly shuffle their line up to compensate for Mendez who usually works on every piece of equipment. Freshman Jackie Lavery filled in on the uneven bars and did a fine job. With her leaping, half-

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**UPSIDE DOWN WORLD...Raider freshman Jackie Lavery performs one of her artistic handstands on the beam.**



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**CONCENTRATING ON FORM...Blue Devil Laurie Hogan concentrates on her form on the balance beam.**

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