



DOUBLE TROUBLE... Blue Devil Peter Lau serves the ball and teammate Tom O'Connell gets set during their first doubles match against Old Bridge on April 3. Westfield defeated Old Bridge, 4-1.

Blue Devil Netmen Must Make Huge Lineup Shift

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Much was accomplished by the Westfield High School boys' tennis team last year. The Blue Devils swept first in all five positions at the Union County Tournament, held at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield and finished the season with a 22-6 record.

The Blue Devils won their conference and senior first singles player Dan Matro was one of the highest ranked players in the state.

Many of the players from that marvelous team have graduated and the Blue Devils have been faced with a major revamping of their lineup. Gone to graduation are Matro, Chris Camuto at second singles and Jon DiGiovanni and Graig Cameron at first doubles. Returning starters are Dan Aquila, Adam Kendler and Peter Lau.

Also returning for the Blue Devils are Jeff Diamond and Sam Fleder, who experienced much varsity action last year.

Aquila, who played second singles last year, will be playing first singles this spring. Lau, who teamed with Kendler last year to grab first place in the Union County Tournament at second doubles, will team with Tom O'Connell to compete at first doubles.

Aquila, who has been battling a nagging back injury, said, "I went through physical therapy and had been working hard to improve my condition. I get out here on the court and the constant pounding aggravates the situation, but I will be all right."

Although most of the positions are still up for grabs, it appears that Diamond will play second singles and Fleder will play third singles. Kendler may team with Jeremy Chilnick for the second doubles position.

With reference to the second doubles situation, Blue Devil boys' tennis Head Coach George Kapner mentioned, "Right

now the second doubles position is way up in the air and we have yet to determine the outcome."

The Blue Devils hosted Old Bridge on April 2 and defeated them, 4-1.

WESTFIELD 4, OLD BRIDGE 1

Singles:
1st - Dave Wayreich (OB) d. Dan Aquila (W), 6-3, 6-2

2nd - Jeff Diamond (W) d. Matt Silverberg (OB), 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-2)

3rd - Sam Fleder (W) d. Justin Gelbman (OB), 6-4, 7-6 (7-2)

Doubles:
1st - Peter Lau and Tom O'Connell (W) d. Rahul Patel and Richard Kennedy (OB), 6-1, 6-1

2nd - Adam Kendler and Jeremy Chilnick (W) d. Cameron Evans and Alan Chang (OB), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3



FUTURE LEGENDS OF GOLF... Blue Devils Ronnie Kashlak, left, Doug Brandley, center, and Rob McCullam pause before the beginning of their golf match with Cranford on March 31 at Echo Lake Golf Course in Westfield.

Devil Golfers Return Several of Their Aces

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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Team Co-Captains senior Rob McCullam and junior Ron Kashlak will lead the Westfield High School golf team back into action this spring with the intentions of matching, or even bettering, the achievements of last year's team.

The Blue Devils completed a 13-2-1 season, losing only to Cranford and South Plainfield High Schools, and placed 14th in the state.

The Blue Devils again will have to cope with rivals Cranford and Union which finished first and second, respectively, in the Watchung Conference Tournament. In addition, Westfield must prevent having history repeat itself in the Union County Tournament when Cranford squeezed by the Blue Devils last year, 340-346.

Gone, due to graduation, are Brian Houston, Rob Jessup and Rick Martinelli, who turned in season averages of 44.7, 44.3 and 44.6, respectively. Also returning with Kashlak and McCullam are senior Doug Brandley and sophomore Brian Mann.

Kashlak led the team last year with an

average of 40.1 and also recorded the lowest 18-hole round for the Blue Devils last year when he shot a seven-over-par 79 in regulation during the Union County Tournament, which he lost in sudden-death. Kashlak also placed third in the State District golf tournament, shooting an 82.

"We always have a good match against Cranford. They are our biggest rival; however, I would have to say Union is definitely the team that we are always in the best competition with. My stiffest competition would be Jerry Chen (Union). This is our third year of playing against each other and he is always tough," expressed Kashlak when asked about who would be the Blue Devils' stiffest competition.

Brandley had the second-lowest average last year at 41.5 and shot a sizzling one-under par 35 at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield against Bishop Ahr. McCullam averaged 46.8 and Mann averaged 45.8 last year.

The Blue Devil golfers successfully opened their season against the Union High School team on April 2.

Westfield (1-0) 174, Union (0-1) 184 (Surburban CC, Par 36)

Westfield: Ron Kashlak 44, Brent Brannick 40, Brian Mann 46, Ron McCullam 44.

Union: Jerry Chen 38, Ron Dempsey 45, Chris Bonner 47, John Kroppa 54.

Area High School Golf Results:

APRIL 3:
New Providence (3-0) 155, Middlesex (0-1) 189 (Oakridge, par 35)

New Providence: Tom Doyle 37, Kevin MacFee 38, Rich Sachsel 38, Dan Ingrassia 42

Middlesex: Pat Farley 44, Brad Ferrara 45, Mike Howpesch 47, Steve Lamason 53

Dayton (1-0) 175, Manville (0-3) 190 (Spooky Brook, par 35)

Dayton: Chris DeCocco 42, Josh Millman 42, Rich Bickel 43, Mike Sharpe 48, Keval Turakhia 49

Manville: John Jansen 40, Brian Galumbus 47, Brian Hargrove 50, John Shubiak 53, Kurt Tenisci 54

Smith, Coxson Named All-Public Swim List

Westfield High School swimmers Brooke Smith and Jesse Coxson have been selected to the 1998 All-State, All-Public Girls' Swimming List by *The Star Ledger*.

Smith was named to the third team All-State List for her efforts in the 100-meter backstroke. Her achievements placed her on the Second Team All-Public List.

Coxson was named to the Second Team All-Public List for her accomplishments in the 200-meter freestyle event.

As a team, the Westfield High School girls finished as the fourth-ranked girls' swimming team in New Jersey.

The Raiders and Rain Drench Rahway Boys, Girls in Track

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15.9, 2. Dave Larkin (SPF) :20.1, 3. Mike Franzone (SPF) :20.1

400-hurdles: — 1. Jennings (SPF) :56.8, 2. Bowser (SPF) 1:00.8, 3. Franzone (SPF) 1:10.4

High Jump: — 1. Not Contested

Long Jump: — 1. Not Contested

Pole Vault: — 1. Nick LaCosta (SPF) 10 feet, 2. Marc Ricca (SPF) 9 feet, 3. Steve Cole (SPF) 8 feet, 6 inches

Discus: — 1. Not Contested



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PACKLEADER...Raider James Canterbury wins the 800-meter run during meet with Rahway on April 1.

Karl Jennings Named All-Group 3, 3rd Team

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior Karl Jennings has been named to the Third Team All-Group 3 Winter Track List for his high-flying achievements in the high jump. Jennings has soared over the 6 feet, 6 inch barrier this season and combined with teammate Blair Woodward to total 12 feet, 6 inches to grab first place in the Union County Relays.

Javelin: — 1. Scott Paterson (SPF) 111 feet, 2. Matt Granda (SPF) 103 feet, 3. Paul Valenzano (SPF)

Shot Put: — 1. Dan Loomis (SPF) 40 feet, 8 inches, 2. Paterson (SPF), 3. Jim Feeley (SPF)

4x400-meter: — 1. Not Contested

GIRLS' RESULTS:

100-meters: — 1. Johnson (R) :13.7, 2. & 3. Rahway

200-meters: — 1. Johnson (R) :29, 2. Rahway, 3. Quinn (SPF) :29.6

400-meters: — 1. Stephanie Quinn (SPF) 1:08.5, 2. Alison Wilks (SPF) 1:13.5, 3. Cristin Curry (SPF) 1:13.7

800-meters: — 1. Jamie Langevin (SPF) 2:44, 2. Sandra Franco (SPF) 2:48, 3. Jaimee Hills (SPF) 3:00

1,600-meters: — 1. Karen Haight (SPF) 5:49, 2. Erin Kelly (SPF) 5:50, 3. Franco (SPF) 6:10

3,200-meters: — 1. Dana Esposito (SPF) and Andrea Maggi (SPF) No time available

100-hurdles: — 1. Erin Brandt (SPF) :20, 2. Christina Hillman :20.2

400-hurdles: — 1. Brandt (SPF) 1:14, 2. Alyssa Sams (SPF) 1:16, 3. Rahway

High Jump: — 1. Not Contested

Long Jump: — 1. Not Contested

Pole Vault: — 1. Not Contested

Discus: — 1. Not Contested

Javelin: — 1. Kate Vanderheyden (SPF) 76 feet, 2. Kate Feighner (SPF), 3. Sue LaMastra (SPF)

Shot Put: — 1. Kari Whitley (SPF) 28 feet, 9 inches, 2. Feighner (SPF), 3. LaMastra (SPF)

4x400-meter: — 1. Not contested.

Burstein, Russ Selected All-Public Swimming

Westfield High School junior Seth Burstein and junior Dave Russ of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School have been selected to *The Star Ledger's* 1998 All-State, All-Public Boys' Swimming List.

Burstein, who nearly dominated the Union County scene in the 200-Individual Medley was named Third Team All-Public in the event. Russ was named Third Team All-Public for his efforts in the 50-freestyle.

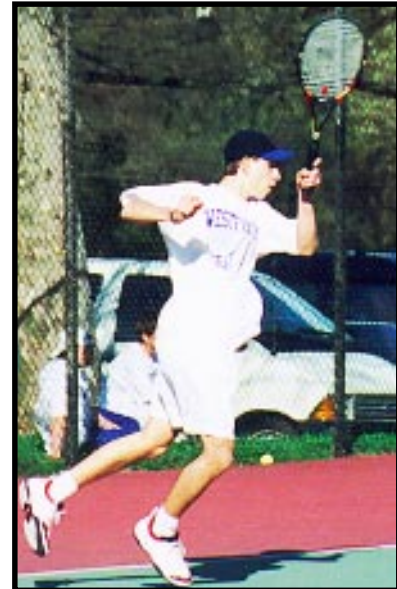


Sage Stefiuk

Sage Stefiuk Named All-Group, 3rd Team

Westfield High School senior Sage Stefiuk has been selected to the Third Team All-Group 1997-98 Girls' Winter Track and Field List for her efforts in the 1,600-meter event.

Stefiuk has qualified for the Meet of Champions in the 1,600-meters and the two-mile events. Stefiuk has been a member of every girls' distance medley relay team, which the Blue Devils sent to the Penn Relays, while she has been in high school.



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WICKED RETURN...Blue Devil second singles player Jeff Diamond successfully whacks a serve from Matt Silverberg of Old Bridge. Diamond defeated Silverberg at Tamaques Park in Westfield on April 3.

Raider 200-MR Make 1998 Girls' All-State Swimming List

Four Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girl swimmers have been selected by *The Star Ledger* to the 1998 All-State List.

Dana Berkowitz, Sarah Milligan, Jessica Zentmeyer and Ann Espinoza were named to the Second Team for their achievements in the 200-Medley Relay event. The foursome set a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School record when they turned in the second best time in the state this year, timed at 1:51.18.

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