

# Girls' Youth Lacrosse Notes Rapid Growth in Westfield

Founded just three years ago in 1995, the girls' division of the Westfield Lacrosse Club has grown exponentially with almost 150 girls participating this season.

sports yet incorporates other games' concepts and strategies. We want to offer the girls of Westfield a challenging and rewarding sports experience with lacrosse."

Each team meets to practice and/or play two days per week. "The girls are taught the fundamentals and stickwork of girls' lacrosse as well as enjoying the experience of being on a team and learning sportsmanship."

The 3rd and 4th grade program is instructional, with two games played at the end of the season. The 5th and 6th grades as well as each of the 7th and 8th grades will field traveling teams with games against other youth leagues in Chatham, Millburn, Madison, Mountain Lakes, Summit and Ridgewood.

The girls' home field is behind Edison Intermediate School. The program's growth has meant a need for more coaches, and the club would like to recognize the following volunteers for their valued coaching: Lynn Evans, Mary Ann Werner and Tom Buttrick for the 3rd and 4th graders; Marianne Flood, Marga Reynolds and Barbara Cole-Kelly for the 5th and 6th graders; Amy Stone and Ellie Molloy for the 7th graders; and Barbara Lang and Jennifer Higgins for the 8th graders.

## Willoughby Team Wins FOMBL Championship

In a stunning victory, the Willoughby squad led by Ron Shovlin and Jeff Lehmann defeated defending champs Hunter in the Fanwood Old Men's Basketball League. Willoughby ended a dazzling 17-0 season by defeating Hunter 55-47 to seal the Championship.

Willoughby was led by Lehman with 35 points, Mike Ewing with 10 points and Shovlin's monstrous 17 rebounds. The game was close throughout the contest but the major turning point arrived when Hunter's leading scorer, Todd Kylish, got hit in the head and had to leave the game.

Willoughby's team captains Mike Ewing and Tom Kelly had this to say this after the victory, "It's all real when it is concrete and steel."

The Fanwood Old Mens Basketball League would like to thank Tom Smith, the referees, and Kelly and all those who helped out this season

## PAL Cobras Announce Softball Registration

Registration has begun for the 1998 Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL Cobras Fast Pitch Softball Teams. The Cobras will field four teams this summer: 16 and under, 14 and under, 12 and under and 10 and under.

Any girls who live or attend school in Scotch Plains or Fanwood are eligible to play. For more information, pick up a registration form in your school or call 732-382-9861.

The registration deadline is April 15.

## Bridgewater Defeats Grade 8 Devils, 7-4

The Westfield Lacrosse Association's Eighth Grade team opened its season on April 4 with a 7-4 loss at Bridgewater. The smaller Blue Devils fell behind early and then fought back to tie the game at four in the third period before succumbing.

Tim Mansfield and Sean O'Neill scored on feeds from Charlie Hely. Mike Debrossy and Mike Panza scored with assists from Greg Elliott while veteran goalie Kevin Riley played a strong game against a relentless Bridgewater attack.

The little Blue Devils play traditional rival Summit in Summit April 9.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times MOST VALUABLE PLAYER...Blue Devil Brian Gates, right, receives the trophy from Bob Roguso, President of the Westfield Booster Association, for being chosen as the recipient of the Most Valuable Senior Award for hockey. The Most Improved Award went to Chad Puchel, the Blue Devil Award went to Brendan Hickey and the Ben Arnold Spirit Award went to Erik Schoenberg. Food at the hockey diner was catered by Hershey's Giant Subs and Deli.

## Mountainside Baseball Sets April 25 Fundraiser

Mountainside Youth Baseball will hold its second Dinner/Silent Auction/Sports Memorabilia Auction on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 4 p.m. at Deerfield School on Central Avenue in Mountainside.

This year's dinner will be hosted by the Outback Steakhouse, located in Echo Plaza in Springfield. Ed Young, proprietor of the Outback Steakhouse, will donate steak sandwiches (\$3), chicken sandwiches (\$3), and caesar salad (\$2) for the event.

Dinner reservations are requested. Reservation forms are available at the Mountainside Recreation Office in Borough Hall or by contacting Sue Moss at 354 Rolling Rock Road, Mountainside, 07092, or calling (908) 789-1933 after 4 p.m.

## S P-F Jazz Soccer Neutralizes Cranford Lightning Girls, 7-1

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz inter-city girls' soccer teams thundered to a 7-1 victory over the Cranford Lightning in Cranford on April 5.

The Jazz stormed to a quick 1-0 lead when Shannon Hauser and Loni Kaye pressured the Lightning deep in Cranford territory. A Cranford throw-in was then stolen by Allie Hambleton who passed the ball to the middle where Lauren Mains scored from point blank range.

Goal number two was scored when Katie Van Haasteren made a steal and set up Bitsy Kipping for a scoring blast from just inside the 18-yard line. The Lightning came back with a score on a breakaway, but the Jazz struck back immediately when Gaby Falco streaked up the left side, crossed the ball to the right wing where Lauren Hercul sent a thunderbolt into the Cranford net.

The Jazz extended their lead with a cloudburst of four unanswered goals in the second half. Maddie Wasser showed some nifty ball handling as she took a pass from Hallie Mintz and sprinted through the Lightning defense for a breakaway goal. Two minutes later Wasser scored again on a fine set-up by Kipping.

Later the Jazz scored a goal on a play right out of the soccer text book. Briana Falco stopped a Cranford rush and sent a long clearing pass up to the left wing where Mains picked up the ball and dribbled past two defenders. Mains then crossed the ball to Hauser who sent a scorching shot into the left corner of the goal. The final goal was scored on a pool shot by Mains that was deflected in by Hambleton.

This was the first victory of the Spring season for the Jazz.

# Galloping Hill Reopens Following Winter Closure

After being closed for redevelopment over the winter months, nine of the 27 holes at Union County's Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth were reopened on April 4.

On announcing the course's re-opening, County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan discussed the \$4,765,350 redevelopment project.

"Our renovation efforts are proceeding according to schedule. By closing the entire course for winter, the grass on the Phase I renovation was allowed to mature, resulting in improved turf conditions this spring," he observed.

"Phase II of the project should be ready to open around mid-June, with overall construction being finished in mid-1999," Mr. Sullivan continued.

"I know the construction has disrupted

play for many people but I am also sure they will be very pleased with the finished project," he added.

Galloping Hill's Pitch and Putt course also reopened for the season on April 4. "This par three experience is perfect for practice sessions and beginning golfers," noted County Manager Michael Lapolla. "Beginning May 22, the lights on this course are turned on, so the opportunity for play is extended."

Galloping Hill Golf Course, a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, turns 70 this year. For information on the course, its reconstruction, automated tee time reservation system or pitch and putt, please call the clubhouse at (908) 686-1556.

## Masters Basketball League Results:

March 31: Scotch Plains 49, The Express 17 Merrill Lynch 42, International Realty 33

April 2: Cumming Motors 74, The Express 37 Scotch Plains 77, Warren Warriors 44

### Scotch Plains Masters: (All Players over 40)

Team	W-L	Pct
Merrill Lynch	7-0	1.000
Cumming Motors	5-2	.714
Int'l Realty	4-3	.571
Scotch Plains	4-3	.571
Warren Warriors	1-6	.143
The Express	0-7	.000

Merrill Lynch continued undefeated in Masters Basketball action at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School gym this week, with a hard-fought victory over the International Realty squad. The game was hard fought from the outset, with International's 6'8" Brian Hill matching low post moves with Merrill's 6'8" Steve Solop.

Numerous foul calls due to the aggressive play slowed the scoring pace. This favored Merrill Lynch which hit their foul shots at the end to pull away. Rich Sciallaba, Richie Conrad, and Pete Tierney led the victors' floor efforts, while Solop and Howard Alexander did the rebounding. International was led by Hill and Rick Ramentol, first down low, and, later from 3-point land.

Scotch Plains had a successful week with a pair of wins to snap a 3-game losing streak. Lenny Braunstein's shooting led the way for Scotch Plains in both games, launching jump shot after jump shot that found the mark. Support came from Bill Clancy, John Karis, Winston Ellis and 6'5" Bill Green, whose rebounding and running speed added a missing dimension to Scotch Plains' attack.

Warren's team was led by the marksmanship of Mark Ruderman and 6'5" Al Kroboth, who, at 50, hit the first 3-point of his career.

Cumming Motors looks to have found its game, utilizing an inside-out routine which takes advantage of Greg Smith's 250-pound frame down low. Smith was able to feed shooters Danny Jayson, Tom Smith and Gary Zakovic. Terry Rouse used his fast break ability to become the leading scorer.

The Express team scored their season's high in the game against Cumming Motors. Warren Moxley, Darryl Hall and Ron Reeves all hit several jumpers apiece.

## Local Duo Compete With JMU Gymnasts

Westfield natives Dawn Vierschilling and Lisa Dec, both students at James Madison University (JMU) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, have been members of the JMU women's gymnastics team, which capped its 1998 season with a third place finish out of eight teams at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships on March 21.

Vierschilling, helped the Dukes compile a season-high team total of 189.525 at the ECACs with strong marks in the floor exercise, balance beam, and uneven bars. The senior co-captain posted numbers of 9.525 on beam, 9.05 on bars, and her 9.55 score on floor established a new career-high. Vierschilling, who ranks fifth on the JMU career list on the balance beam, earned All-ECAC honors last season after tying for third individually on that apparatus at the 1997 ECAC Championships.

Dec, a junior on the JMU squad, tied for eighth place on the balance beam with a 9.40 at the Virginia State Championships on March 15. An outstanding student, Dec earned a 3.5625 grade point average for the fall semester and was named to the ECAC All-Academic team for the second straight year.

The Dukes finished behind Pennsylvania and William and Mary at the ECAC meet and set season-high team totals in the uneven bars, balance beam, and floor exercise competitions.

## U-11 Sabers Slash Tewksbury, 2-1

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-11 Sabers scored an impressive 2-1 victory over a talented Tewksbury team. The Saber defense held Tewksbury scoreless until the final minutes of the match.

Terrance Charles was a power on the backline as he stopped many of the Tewksbury charges. Charles was aided by Bill Schoenbach, Jeff Bell, Ryan Aspell, and Greg Leischner. The goal keeping tandem of Bill Albizzati and Matt Rien only had a few tough saves. Matt Colon, Steve Gaetano, Robert Lasher, and Sean Smith patrolled the midfield feeding the Saber front line and stopping the Tewksbury offense.

Match stars up front have gone to Andrew Silber, Sean McNelis, Adam Greenwald, and Patrick Schiazza. The Sabers netted a goal in each half. The first was set up by a Colon corner kick neatly tucked into the net by Silber. The second came at the end of some tough, aggressive play by Schoenbach who crashed the goal mouth and banged the winner off the goalie.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that at the Planning Board meeting of the Township of Scotch Plains held on April 6, 1998, the applications of William and Jennifer Clancy, 1018 Leland Avenue, Block No. 15403, Lot No. 5 for a Minor Subdivision of one lot into two lots and K. Hovnanian at Scotch Plains II/Woodland Estates, Woodland Avenue, Block No. 15801, Lot Nos. 4, 5, 9, 10 for a Major Subdivision for 22 lots in Scotch Plains were memorialized by the Board. The file pertaining to these applications is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.  
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 Secretary to the Planning Board  
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