

# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

## TURNER'S INTERCEPTION & RECEPTION WINS IT

### Devils Turn Out the Lights; Dim the Tigers' Hopes, 14-0

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Senior Lamont Turner made a key interception which eventually led to a touchdown, then later shed new light with a 72-yard touchdown reception to seal a, 14-0, victory for the Westfield High School football team over Linden High School at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 23. The game was highlighted by the portable lighting which was used, then dimmed by the temporary power failure of the lights.

Blue Devil Maurice Boatwright received the kickoff at the 14 and returned the ball to the 26. On third-and-ten, quarterback Brandon Doerr fired a shot to Lamont Turner who made a spectacular, leaping catch at the 42 for a first down. On that play, a facemask penalty against Linden gave Westfield a first down at the Tiger 43. Just as it seemed that the Blue Devils were on a roll, the Tigers stopped them dead at the 36 and forced them to punt. Turner's punt bounced to the eight where Jason Merritt nailed the Tiger returner.

Rashiem Starling caught a pass at the 22 to give the Tigers a first down.

find a weakness in the Blue Devils' defensive line. Doerr's kickoff was picked up on the eight-yard line and after several tackles were missed, the ball was returned to the 44.

From that point, the Blue Devil line was unsettled and began to miss tackles. In addition crafty rushing by

On second-and-ten, from the 20, Doerr's pass intended for Merritt was intercepted at the Tiger 47. Fine runs by Chapman and Charlotin gave the Tigers a first down at the Devil 29. Again the Tigers were sniffing around the goal line, but Merritt in-

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**ONE OF MANY GAINS...** Blue Devil halfback Lamont Turner, No. 30, swept around the right side for one of his many significant gains against the Tigers.

Tigers Starling and Pierre Chapman pushed the ball to the Blue Devil eight. Finally, Blue Devil Tom Lee threw Rayford for a four-yard loss, then Boatwright broke up a pass as the first quarter ended. On the next play, the Blue Devil interior line held Starling to only a two-yard gain, then Gabe Perez and Marcus Thornton crushed Starling at the nine to give the Blue Devils possession.

After the Blue Devil offense sputtered, Turner's punt rolled out at the Devil 40. The Tigers pushed to the 29 for a first down, then Rayford kept and rolled to the 21. Next, Rayford found receiver Ed Charlotin open at the nine. The Tigers were knocking at the door. Starling crashed to the five, a pass into the endzone was broken up by Devil Kevin McCormack and a field goal attempt was low and wide left.



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**SHORT GAIN...** Blue Devil Kevin McCormack makes a short gain against the Tigers.

Next, Tiger quarterback Chris Rayford dropped back and passed the ball toward the right hash mark. Turner, playing safety, read the play perfectly, intercepted the pass at the Tiger 33 and returned it to the 23.

On first down, fullback Todd Dowling crashed forward for one yard, then Turner sliced to the eight for a first down. Dowling blasted up-the-middle to the two, then on the very next play, he burst into the endzone for the touchdown. Doerr's extra point was good and the Blue Devils had a 7-0 lead with 4:54 left in the first quarter.

It appeared that the Blue Devils had gotten back to their great rhythm that they had in their first two active games, but the Tigers would soon



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**THE RETURN...** Raider Matt McCarthy, No. 18, begins to return an Indian punt.



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**GOING FORWARD...** La'Marr McDaniel, No. 30, drags an Indian forward.



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**INTO THE OPEN...** Nathan Jones, No. 22, cuts into the open field against the Indians.

## MCDANIEL, JONES GET TD'S; PATERSON INTERCEPTS

### Rahway Indians Hold Back Raiders' Big Charge, 21-14

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Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde showed up in the guise of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team when it hosted Rahway High School in Scotch Plains on October 24. The Raiders first showed the ugly face of

Hyde, giving up all 21 points to the Indians in the first half, then showed the determined face of Jekyll, scoring 14 points in the second half and nearly scoring again.

The Indians received the Raiders kickoff on the 15 and returned it to the 29. Still in the Jekyll state, the

Raider defense assisted by the solid tackling of Scott Paterson and Jim Feeley immediately forced the Indians to punt.

After the punt rolled dead at the 25, Nathan Jones carried to the 27, the quarterback Joe Franzone rolled left for a big gain, but the ugliness of a holding penalty killed the Raiders potential drive and placed the ball on the 16. The Raider had to punt and the punt was received at the Indian 32 by Ricky Mosby. Several missed tackles allowed Mosby to return the ball to the Raider 32.

Indian quarterback Brandon Thomas wasted no time as he rolled right and found receiver Steve Ellis in the endzone for the touchdown. Sam Shipley's extra point attempt was good and the Indians took a 7-0 lead with 8:18 left in the first quarter.

The kickoff went out-of-bounds and the Raiders got possession at the 35. The offense sputtered and gasped. The punt was received at the Indian 25 and returned to the 35.

After both offenses stalled a Raider punt was caught by Mosby at the Indian 32 and returned all the way to the Raider 34 after, once again, shedding several tackles.

Encroachment against the Raiders moved the ball to the 29, then Gerald Vaughn burst to the 23 for a first down. Thomas sliced to the nine on a keeper. On the next play, the Indians were penalized five yards for being off sides. On the next play, Feeley hammered Mosby at the 13. Next Jones knocked Thomas out at the 11 yard line. After an incomplete pass, the Indians successfully kicked a field goal; however, a personal foul against

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## Farewell A. D. Gene Schiller; A Special Hometown Hero!

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Scotch Plains, Fanwood and surrounding areas will indeed miss the services of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Athletic Director Gene Schiller who will be retiring at the end of this month; however, fond memories of him will not be forgotten. Also, Schiller's list of accomplishments in Scotch Plains go much further than that of Athletic Director. Schiller, who was born in Union,

began his freshman year in high school at Seton Hall Prep, then transferred to Scotch Plains when his family relocated in December of 1946. At Scotch Plains, Schiller excelled in four sports: football, basketball, track and baseball.

"At that time, you could compete in two sports at one time. There were no restrictions like there are today," explained Schiller. "I have literally competed in track in the afternoon, then changed my shirt and competed in basketball afterwards."

Schiller added, "Back in those days, if they had a track meet and a baseball game at the same time, we used to switch uniforms, then go jump between innings," claimed Schiller. "That's the way the track coaches arranged it. I wasn't the only one who did that. Other guys did the same thing. There was no law stating that you couldn't compete in two sports at one time," explained Schiller.

Schiller was especially proficient

in track where he performed magic in the broad (long) jump, the 220 sprint and the 880-yard event. As a matter of fact, in his senior year, after transferring to St. Benedict's Prep, he won the state prep school title in the long jump, then went on to win the high school national championship in the long jump where he leaped 22' 10.5".

"I never practiced track because I played baseball," answered Schiller. "I guess that I had some pretty natural ability," whispered Schiller in humble fashion.

"As a matter of fact, when I won the nationals, that was in January. I won in the afternoon, then played basketball at night and scored 33 points," said Schiller.

Along time acquaintance of Schiller, Frank Donatelli expressed, "He was the best athlete who ever came out of Scotch Plains. He could do anything. He was a natural athlete."

Schiller won a scholarship to Holy

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Scotch Plains-Fanwood Athletic Director Gene Schiller

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**COST:** \$1.00 per person. Children under 5 are free.

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