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**REAVIS RIPS 125 YDS, 2 TDS; JENKINS, 1 TD; MAC, 1 FG**

## Blue Devils Rumble the Turf; Muffle Shabazz Bulldogs, 23-6

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Silence is golden! Especially since the ever-improving Westfield High School football team muffled the Bulldogs from Malcolm X. Shabazz for three and one half quarters and seized a 23-6 victory at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 16. Sophomore Blue Devil halfback Diano Reavis roared, however, as he scored on touch-down runs of 73 and nine yards and totaled 125 yards rushing on seven carries.

open and into the endzone with just :53 off the clock. Ryan MacDonald's kick gave the Devils a 7-0 lead. With 6:15 left in the quarter, Reavis did it again, this time for nine yards, upping the score to 13-0. "He's doing good. He's still a young pup! He is going to be around a little while," said Blue Devil Head Coach Ed Tranchina.

The dogged Blue Devil defense continued to hold the Bulldogs at bay in the second quarter. MacDonald then pushed the Blue Devil lead to 16-0 with a 40-yard field goal with 2:15 left in the half.

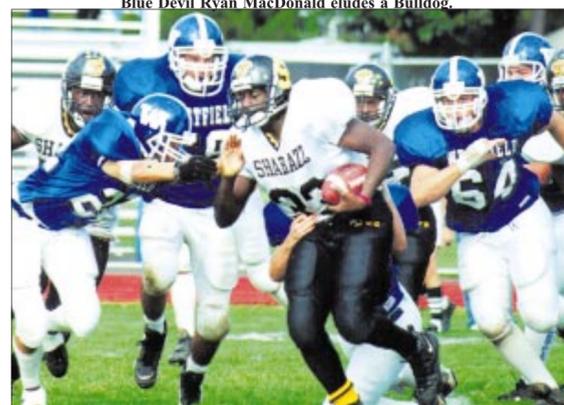


A SOLID RAIDER OFFENSIVE LINE...The big Scotch Plains-Fanwood offensive line not only offered great pass protection but also opened the holes which led to five Raider touchdowns by Nathan Jones (4 by rushing, 1 by reception).

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Blue Devil defensive alertness paid off again in the third quarter. The Bulldogs attempted to pull off a fake punt but the ball was fumbled and Reavis smothered it at the Blue Devil 38. Later, a Devil punt rolled dead at the Bulldog 18. Devastating tackles by Dave King, Tom Hanscom and Pat Tuohy sputtered a Bulldog drive at their own 30. Next, Hanscom created a fumble and leaped on it at the 29.



Blue Devil Ryan MacDonald eludes a Bulldog.

READY TO GANG TACKLE...Blue Devils Tom Hanscom, left, Josh Ponzio, center, and Paul Johnston, No. 64, converge on a Bulldog after another Devil defenseman has already grabbed him. Westfield defeated Shabazz, 23-6.

### OFFENSIVE LINE, DEFENSIVE LINE AND JONES DO IT IN STYLE

## Big Line, Nate Jones, Raiders Astonish Tigers, 35-0, in Clash of Unbeatens

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Fabulous offense, fabulous defense, fabulous Jones! In a battle of the unbeaten, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team did nearly everything right and racked up a stunning 35-0 victory

over the Tigers in Linden on October 16 to remain unbeaten at 5-0. Once again senior Nathan Jones provided a startling performance both offensively and defensively but it was also the entire team's efforts which were awe striking.

rushed for four touchdowns, amassing 307 on 34 carries, snagged a pass which resulted in a 75-yard touch-down, made a leaping, one-hand interception and made several cracking tackles. In fact, the Raider defense swarmed all over the Tigers and prevented any hope of a score. Through the guidance of sophomore quarterback Brian Schiller, the Raider offensive line and fullback Gary Cousar fired out first and opened holes for Jones. Once given the chance, Jones then shook off would be tacklers and was off to the races.

as neither team mounted a serious scoring threat. Hammering tackles at the line by Dan Loomis, Dave Herrmann, Rob Dinsmore and Ron Jenerette kept the Tigers at bay.

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On the kickoff, the ball glanced off Tiger Mike Roman's pads and was recovered at the 32 by Raider Josh Finkelstein. Three carries and a personal foul later, the ball rested on the nine where Jones rolled right and glided into the endzone with 9:52 left in the half. Prior to the half, Jenerette recovered a Tiger fumble and Jones made his spectacular interception.

"His job is to get us into the endzone," said Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli of Schiller. "We are bringing him along slowly and keeping it not to blow his mind. He is getting better every week and he is making good decisions."

Ciccotelli added, "Jones had almost 400 yards of total offense. As Jones said in his Comcast interview, he is not doing it by himself. We have a good offensive line. Those guys are playing very well right now."

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ter as neither team mounted a serious scoring threat. Hammering tackles at the line by Dan Loomis, Dave Herrmann, Rob Dinsmore and Ron Jenerette kept the Tigers at bay.

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## ZOTTI NAILS 3, HENSAL HITS 2 Soccer Raiders Baffle Bears, 9-0, in UCT

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Five Raiders penetrated the seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team over-whelmed the Brearley Bears, 9-0, in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Scotch Plains on October 15. Junior Mike Zotti ripped the net three times and freshman Jeff Hensal hit for two goals.

into the game when he nailed a left-footed shot into the net. Four minutes into the game, senior Martin Barredo scored on a cross from junior Dave Bell.

The score remained the same until Zotti hooked a cork-kick and fresh-Dwight Simms rushed to greet the ball headed into the net with 1:55 left in the half. With less than a minute remaining, Bell fired a right-footed, point-blank shot into the net to make the score 4-0 at the half. Although the Raiders had a solid

## Devil Boys, Girls Dust X-Country Kardinals

Alexis Anzelone and Maura McMahon crossed the finish line first simultaneously in 20:10 to lead the Westfield High School girls cross country team to a 15-50 dusting of the Kearny Kardinals and Matt Borchin glided over the line first in 16:19 as the Blue Devil boys won by a score of 18-44 at the five kilometer course at Tamaques Park in Westfield on October 12.

Behind Anzelone and McMahon came teammates Rachel Ackerman at 20:24 and Kyle Legones at 20:25. Sensing an easy victory, it appeared that the Devil girls were deliberately crossing the line in packs since Heather Dennis, Jackie Cusimano and Aubrey McGovern also crossed the line fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively, within two seconds of each other at 20:39, 20:40 and 20:41.

Adrienne Blauvelt finished eighth at 20:47 and Erin McClellan finished out the top ten with a time of 21:06. Blue Devils Sarah Mahran, Carolyn Matthews and Linda Madorma had respective times of 21:23, 21:56 and 22:03.

Including Borchin, the Blue Devil

boys took four of the top-five slots against the Kardinals. Sam Sobel flew over the line second at 16:52, Greg Fleming was third at 16:56 and Chris Driscoll was fifth at 17:01. Jim Daly crossed seventh at 17:16, Joe Monaco finished ninth with a time of 17:37 and Andy Bhasin rounded out the top-ten at 17:38. Jacob Albertson at 17:40, Peter Wilson at 17:41, Steve Cusimano at 17:54, Tim Flannery at 18:05, Joe Fischetti at 18:05 and Ryan Hogan at 18:09 captured the next six slots.

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Blue Devil "Pac" leader Alexis Anzelone



BEGINNING OF ANOTHER 'PAC' RACE...The Blue Devil girls fire out of the starting line to begin the cross country race with the Kardinals at Tamaques Park in Westfield on October 12.

## SCHALLER ICES 1ST TWO GOALS Blue Devil Girls Chill Blue Knights, 9-0

Boom! Within the first twenty minutes of the game the Westfield High School girls soccer team rolled up a 7-0 lead then eased to a 9-0 icing of Irvington in Westfield on October 13. Senior Donna Schaller started the chill with two goals within the first two minutes.

Blue Devil territory. Blue Devil Morgan Lang hooked a shot in front of the goal and Salmond was at the scene to tap it in. Later, with nearly 23 minutes remaining in the half, Elisa Cognetti ripped an un-assisted shot into the upper left side of the net. Next, Williams took a pass from Valerie Griffith and ripped the left side of the Blue Knights' net, making the score 7-0.

In less than a minute, Schaller penetrated the box and ripped the ball into the upper center portion of the net from 10 yards out. Alex Lee was credited with an assist. Moments later Schaller, on an assist from senior Kristen Salmond, penetrated again and drilled a left-footed shot, upping the score to 2-0.

With mercy, Blue Devil Head Coach Pete Giordano mellowed the assault to hold the halftime score at 7-0. Two more goals, however, were scored in the second half. Korecky found success, then Staci Spass followed with the final goal.

Within a minute on an assist from Schaller, it was freshman midfielder Sue Williams' turn to score, then a few minutes later, senior Kristen Salmond, assisted by Jen Korecky, sailed a right-to-left shot to jump the Blue Devils' lead to 4-0. Not once, during that time, were the Blue Knights successful in crossing into

The Blue Devils boosted their record to 7-0-3 while the Blue Knights slumped to 0-11.

Irvington	0	0	0
Westfield	7	2	9

Blue Devil Elisa Cognetti nails an unassisted goal

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