

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Falcons get into states with win

By Herald Staff
JEFFERSON — Jefferson needed one more victory to qualify for states, and the Falcons delivered.

Up one entering the final quarter, Jefferson pulled away in the fourth by outscoring High Point 19-14 en route to a 49-43 Sussex County Interscholastic League boys basketball victory.

Only one Jefferson player scored more than 10 points — Derek Hall with 11. Teammates Jack Champion and Pat McCarney added 10 and nine.

Chris Puzio led High Point with a game-high 13 points.

Jefferson 49, High Point 43
High Point (9-9) 9 11 9 14—43
Jefferson (9-9) 9 12 9 19—49
High Point: Benton 7, Frey 7, Puzio 13, Carl 8, Gray 4, Decker 2, Trudin 2, Gaskin.

Jefferson: P. McCarney 9, Valentini 5, Champion 10, Sisco 2, Hiland, Hall 11, Kalish 2, G. McCarney 4, Kern 4, Emenuga 2.

Hopatcong 59, Sparta 58

SPARTA — Hopatcong edged out Sparta 59-58 Friday night in Sussex County Interscholastic boy's basketball. The Chiefs' 10-point first quarter led paved the way for the upset. Hopatcong was led by Andy Richards game-high 22.

Sean Rossi scored 7 for Sparta, which drops to 14-3 with the loss.

Pat Coote had 19 for Hopatcong. Teammates Mike Tobin and Joe Martinek had 18 and 15.

Hopatcong 59, Sparta 58
Hopat. (10-8) 17 13 12 18—59
Sparta (14-3) 7 16 12 18—58
Hopatcong: Tobin 18, Coote 19, Del Corpo 8, Bumbaco, Martinek 15.
Sparta: Rossi 7, Velez 2, Thompson 6, Richards 22, Green 2, Kevill 6, Zeija 5, Chang 3.

Lenape Valley 60, Wallkill Valley 55

STANHOPE — Andrew Ciampaglio propelled Lenape Valley in its comeback over Wallkill Valley. The senior guard had 12 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter. Teammate Dan Bitondo added 16.

Wallkill was led by Paul

Boys Basketball Standings

Team	Match		Game	
	W	L	W	L
Sparta	12	2	14	3
Vernon	11	3	12	4
Pope John	10	4	13	5
Hopatcong	8	6	10	7
High Point	6	8	9	9
Jefferson	7	7	9	9
Newton	6	8	8	10
Kittatinny	6	8	9	8
Lenape Valley	4	10	7	11
Wallkill Valley	0	14	1	16

Friday's scores
Jefferson 49, High Point 43
Hopatcong 59, Sparta 58
Lenape Valley 60, Wallkill Valley 55
Vernon 51, Pope John 36
Newton 54, Kittatinny 50

Monday's games
Pope John at North Warren, 7 p.m.
Newton at Belvidere, 5:15 p.m.

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Lenape Valley 60, Wallkill Valley 55
Wallkill V. (1-16) 15 11 16 13—55
Lenape V. (7-11) 14 13 12 21—60
Wallkill Valley: Palazzollo 20, Xhevat Vukel 16, Xhelil Vukel 7, Didzbanis 12, Powasnick, Caruso.

Lenape Valley: Ciampaglio 20, Bitondo 16, Carl 11, D. Wagenblast 12, Benack 1, Phillips, S. Wagenblast, Fugger.

Vernon 51, Pope John 36

SPARTA — Rich Fazio dropped 16 for Vernon. Teammate David Jacob scored 10 for Vernon.

Sam Mushman had 14 for the Lions in the loss.

Vernon 51, Pope John 36
Vernon (12-4) 7 18 14 12—51
PJ (13-5) 7 11 14 4—36
Vernon: Fazio 16, Myhren 8, Sires 14, Towers 3, Jacob 10.
Pope John: Mushman 14, Bucar 8, Bays 7, Duncan 5, McCabe 2, McGrath.

Newton 54, Kittatinny 50

HAMPTON — Junior Jeff Carter scored a team high 12 points for Newton. He dropped eight of his 12 in the third quarter. Scott Paul added 10 for Newton.

Kittatinny's Ryan Carroll had a game-high 14 and D.J. Osborne had eight.

Newton 54, Kittatinny 50
Newton (9-8) 13 11 18 12—54
Kittatinny (8-10) 9 13 14 14—50
Newton: Crown 8, Klenz, Gresik 9,
Paul 10, DiMarzo 8, Carter 12, Carr 7
Kittatinny: Carroll 14, D. Osborne 8,
Cerbo 4, Testino 6, Hayes 7, N. Osborne 2, Ryan 7, Stark 2.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Jefferson hangs with Hillsborough

By Herald Staff

HARDYSTON — Jefferson showed its success this season is no fluke in a 2-2 tie with Hillsborough Saturday night at Skylands Ice World.

The Falcons played a team two divisions higher and looked to be on track for the win until Hillsborough's Alex Merry scored his second goal with just over two minutes left to play.

The Falcons led 2-1 after the first period thanks to goals from Dean and Luke Combos. The teams played a scoreless second period before Merry struck in the third. Jefferson goalie Chris Coffey stopped 33 shots, but had some help from defenseman Sean Mercer, Kevin Kelly, Ryan Doka, Tommy Blazovik and Sean Tasker.

Hillsborough 2, Jefferson 2

Hillsborough (9-5-3)	1	0	1	—2
Jefferson (15-1-1)	2	0	0	—2

Goals: Alex Merry (H) 2, Dean Combos (J), Luke Combos (J).
Assists: Shane Hine (J), D. Combos (J), Max Novak (J).
Saves: Chris Coffey (J) 33, Eric Fisnovsky (H) 23.

Morristown 6, High Point 1

AUGUSTA — Foward Steve Genualdi scored twice as Morristown defeated High Point 6-1 Friday night. The Colonials were led in net by David Henckler who recorded 18 saves. Dan Zmianchanski and Dan Schwartz each had two assists for Morristown.

High Point's only goal came in the first period from Tom Primo.

Morristown 6, High Point 1

Morristown (15-4-1)	3	2	1	—6
High Point (7-11-1)	1	0	0	—1

Goals: Stellato, Primo, Genualdi 2, Brunen, Legalante, Barberio.
Assists: Legalante, Zmianchanski 2, Brunen, Schwartz 2, Genualdi, Stellato.
Saves: Henckler 18, Anderson 40.

St. Peter's Prep 3, Pope John 2

HARDYSTON — Joey Drew and Scott Ruddy each scored goals for Pope John Friday night, but it wasn't enough to overcome St. Peter's Prep three-goal second period.

Pope John goalie Steve Messina stopped 15 shots.

St. Peter's Prep 3, Pope John 2

St. Peter's Prep (14-3-3)	0	3	0	—3
Pope John (8-5-4)	0	1	1	—2

Goals: Dellutri (S) 2, Musso (S), Drew (PJ), Ruddy (PJ).
Assists: Palmieri (S) 2, O'Donnell (S), Latta (PJ), Hero (PJ), Nicholson (PJ), Johnson (PJ).
Saves: Steve Messina (PJ) 15, Kevin Fox (S) 27.



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Vernon's Amy Buffalino (11) and Lindsay Kulik (44) double team Pope John's Vanessa Moore (33) Friday night in Vernon. Moore finished with a game-high 20 points, but the Vikings got the 42-28 win.

Vernon drops Pope John, 42-28

By Herald Staff

VERNON — And it just keeps getting better for Vernon.

The Vikings overcame a 0-for-11 first quarter to beat Pope John 42-28 Friday night in Sussex County Interscholastic League girls basketball.

Vernon trailed by six after the first quarter, but outscored Pope John 18-7 in the second to a take five-point lead into halftime. In the third quarter, it was all Karianne Griffin.

Literally. The Viking junior scored nine of her 11 points in the third to go with a team-high eight rebounds. Alicia Yaccarino led the Vikings with 15 points.

Pope John's Vanessa Moore scored a game-high 20, but the Vikings defense held her teammates to just eight points.

"The kids played great defense all night," Vernon coach Bill Foley said. "We were trying to push the ball up and down the floor, and I think we got them tired."

Vernon 42, Pope John 28
Pope John (11-6) 6 7 11 4—28
Vernon (13-6) 0 18 9 15—42
Pope John: Allen, Magdaleno 7, Moore 20, Begley, Loechner, Hoch 1, Mabunay, Williams, Cato.
Vernon: Buffalino 8, Kulik 2, Lortz, Yaccarino 15, Sperber, Griffin 11, Megna 2, Schmidt 4.

Wallkill Valley 49, Lenape Valley 37

HARDYSTON — Wallkill survived a five-point third quarter to defeat Lenape Valley Friday night. Jackie Cuomo paced Wallkill Valley with a game high 17. Teammate Heather Russell had 15.

Sam Baranowski had 13 points for Lenape Valley.
Wallkill Valley 49, Lenape Valley 37
Lenape V. (1-15) 8 4 12 13—37
Wallkill V. (13-4) 10 15 5 19—49
Lenape Valley: Greziak 7, Tempe, Newson 7, Jonhson 5, Pavlichko 3, Costa 2, Baranowski 13.
Wallkill Valley: Russell 15, Paiva 3, Cuomo 17, Romano 2, Mayer 6, Napovier 6.

Sparta 48, Hopatcong 18

HOPATCONG — Margaret



Pope John's Vanessa Moore (33) goes up for two of her game-high 20 points against Vernon's Lindsay Kulik Friday night in Vernon.

Carbery had 10 points as Sparta cranked out a victory over Hopatcong.

Megan Tobin scored half of Hopatcong's 18 points.

Sparta 48, Hopatcong 18
Sparta (13-1) 16 15 11 6—48
Hopat. (1-16) 6 3 3 6—18
Sparta: Lusardi 6, J. Cresbaugh 6, Pittius 4, Bonventre 8, Carbery 10, K. Cresbaugh 4, Viggiano 4, Smith 3, Baker 1, Mathis 2.
Hopatcong: Tobin 9, Blohm 2, Karinja 4, Baker 1, Krowl 2

Newton 59, Kitatinny 53

HAMPTON — Alex Takacs led Newton with 21 points. Fellow Brave Erica Calella had 10 points.

Phelan Livingston's team-high 16 came in vain for Kittatinny, which falls to 7-11.

High Point 60, Jefferson 33

WANTAGE — Nicole Armstrong had a game-high 18 points for the Wildcats in their victory over Jefferson. Mikayla Wingle scored 14.

Jefferson's high-scorer Kim An had seven.

High Point 60, Jefferson 33
Jefferson (9-9) 7 8 6 12—33
High Point (12-5) 16 20 19 5—60
Jefferson: Barke 2, Hazell 2, Beckmann 6, Rowen 2, Miller 2, Harrington 3, Simons 2, Esposito 2, Stern

Girls Basketball Standings

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Hanover Park at Lenape Valley, 7 p.m.

2, Flaherty 2, Lehman 1, An 7.
High Point: Wingle 14, Cain 11, Armstrong 18, Robertazzi 9, Pennaker 2, Chrysanthopoulos 4, Donagio 2.

Hackettstown 58, Morris County Tech 28

DENVILLE — Hackettstown led by 18 after the first quarter of its win over Morris County Tech Saturday.

The Tigers failed to qualify for the state tournament.

Hackettstown 58, Morris Cty Tech 28
Hack. (8-10) 22 17 11 8—58
MCT (0-6) 4 3 8 13—28
Hackettstown: Gavin 2, Young 2, DiMartile 7, Glackin 3, Goldenburg 2, Kayal 6, Sharples 8, Trudgeon 8, K. Cenicacelaya 6, Dryburgh 2, O'Dell 2, Shepard, Bordi 2, Molina, Arcona 4, Smith 4, Delville 2, Laura.
Morris County: Finley 6, Noce 4, Mucero 6, Zipko 12, Graham, Navro.

Hackettstown 58, Mt. Saint Mary 50

HACKETTSTOWN — Emily Kayal scored 24 points in Hackettstown's eight-point victory over Mt. Saint Mary.

Alison Young scored 18 for the Tigers.

Hackettstown 58, Mt. Saint Mary 50
MS Mary (5-12) 11 6 13 20—50
Hack. (7-10) 18 21 15 4—58
Hackettstown: A. Cenicacelaya 2, Gavin, Young 18, DiMartile, Goldenburg 9, Kayal 24, Sharples 3, Trudgeon 2, K. Cenicacelaya.

Mt. Saint Mary: Moczuga 6, Kennedy 10, O'Donnell 4, Romero 4, Anthony 10, Quinn 2, Russomagnolo 14, Yu.

Gail Devers defies age with surprise victory

By ROB GLOSTER
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Gail Devers still can outrun women a generation younger. The 40-year-old Devers defeated a top field of hurdlers at the Millrose Games, and makes it clear she has no intention right now of retiring.

But that doesn't mean she plans to come back full-time to the sport in which she has starred since the 1980s. She has more important things to deal with now.

"I have absolutely no plans. I was doing ballet with my daughter earlier today in her little tutu, so I'll go back and do that," she said. "This is the one race I said I would run, the 100th Millrose Games."

Devers, 19 months removed from giving birth to daughter Karsen, was the surprise winner Friday night in the 60-meter hurdles. She edged 2004 Olympic champion Joanna Hayes and defeated a field that also included Devers' student, Danielle Carruthers, and former world champion Perdita Felicien.

"I wanted to come back at 40 and do something great for my fans, for the people who supported me having a baby, saying please don't retire," Devers said after winning in 7.86 seconds, the best time in the world this season. "I say 40 is the new 20."

Devers' time was 0.12 off the U.S. record she set in 2003. The three-time world champion now also has won three Millrose hurdles titles.

Hayes was second in 7.91 and Carruthers third in 7.94.

"Gail is amazing. We didn't expect her to win that race," Hayes said. "She got out great. Just from that first step out, she was in complete control."

Devers raced one time in 2006, at the Millrose Games, finishing fourth less than eight months after giving birth. She said she had a relatively easy pregnancy, gaining 17 pounds and never having morning sickness, but didn't resume jogging until six months after delivering by Caesarean section.

"She's as strong as ever," Carruthers said. "I think the baby has made her stronger than she was before."

Such a comeback is nothing new to Devers, who had a standout career at UCLA in the late 1980s but was sidelined in 1989 and 1990 because of Graves Disease, a thyroid abnormality that caused her feet to swell so much she was within days of having them amputated.

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