



Seniors Beth Weber and Liz Sweeney pressure Union at Scotch Plains.



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The presence of "respect" at Lady Raider field hockey contests was a startling and welcome addition in the 1989 season. Once the "doormat" of the Watchung Conference, SPFH was not to be taken lightly this season even with a 1-6-3 overall record. Each of the "tie" decisions, given an opportune break, might easily have been a victory. A typical Raider loss was not a "blowout", as a late-season 4-2 defeat to Kenilworth would indicate. The

Lady Raiders discovered the joys of "offense" and, led by a 9-goal barrage against Vail Dean, scored more times than they had in some recent seasons combined! With its defense fairly stable, the Lady Raiders now commanded respect at both ends of the field. Five years ago, the field hockey program at SPFH was basically comatose. There were seasons where the team could not score a goal, much the less win

or tie a contest. That situation has changed. Six players, led by senior Tri-Captain and MVP Vicki Kempe, will graduate in June. Juniors Beth Weber, Christine Chung, and Eileen Sweeney, and talented freshmen like Shannon Castoro, will have to assume their burdens if the field hockey program is to continue to prosper and grow.