BREAKAWAY

What athletic team at SPFHS can post a 16-4-2 record, win the Watchung Conference, have numerous names on the All-County and All-State teams and still claim to have an "off" season? It's got to be the Varsity Boys' Soccer team. A tradition of excellence, including four State Championships, countless Union County championships, and national rankings seemed to loom over the squad the entire season. Tough losses to Westfield, Kearny, and St. Benedict's contributed to the Raiders' eventual demise in the State Sectional finals against Parsippany. On a lighter note, Captain Eric Ruano scored his fiftieth career goal and invaluable players like Tony Perfilio and Matt Murphy contributed to the offense while Eric Finley, Russ Frame, Keith Joy, and Lee Vecchione anchored the defense. Coach Brez should be looking to regain his State and County crowns next year with a young but experienced and eager squad.

