

CRANFORD COUGAR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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Cougar Basketball Boys Won UCC Mountain Division Title

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In 1970, the Kansas City Chiefs won Super Bowl IV, the Weatherman organization planted a bomb that killed three members at a New Jersey military dance, the Beatles disbanded, Apollo 13 made a miraculous emergency return from the moon, the Ohio National Guard killed four student protesters at Kent State University, President Nixon lowered the voting age to 18, the Baltimore Orioles won the World Series and the Cranford High School boys basketball team won a conference title.

Forty years later, the Cougar boys nudged through many very close games, winning some and losing some, but battled to become the Union County Conference Mountain Division

champions, finishing their season with a 13-9 record.

The Cougars handily beat the Summit Hilltoppers twice, 48-34, and 50-37, and the A.L. Johnson Crusaders, twice, 79-66, and 85-60. In both games against the Crusaders, senior guard Kendall Grier led in scoring with 22 points and 24 points, respectively. In a 74-56 triumph over North Plainfield, senior Will Green stuffed in a career-high 31 points. The Cougars split with the Roselle Rams, winning the first game, 64-50, but dropping the second one, 70-58.

Senior guard Nick Pace became the game hero when he drove to the basket and rolled in a lay-up at the buzzer to ice the Hillside Comets, 56-54, on January 26. But the Comets returned the ice ball with a thudding,

52-48, punch on February 12. On January 30, the Cougars scorched Metuchen, 61-58, in overtime, but three days later fell by the same score in overtime to the Union Catholic Vikings, whom they had defeated earlier in the season. Another "ouch" came on February 19 when the Governor Livingston Highlanders pinched out a 40-38 victory.

After thrashing the Rahway Indians, 63-50, on December 22, the Cougars appeared to have their number but had to hold on to a 68-67 win in their second meeting. The first real sting, however, came in their third meeting in the opening round of the Union County tournament. With 4:12 remaining in the game, the Cougars witnessed their 42-31 lead to eventu-

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MAKING A KEY PLAY IN THE GAME...Cougar senior forward Taylor D'Antico, No. 23, made a key steal and followed up with an alert assist to help break the spirit of the Somerville Pioneers in the sectional championship game.

WEBB, GROSS SCORE 13 EACH; D'ANTICO BUCKETS 9

Cougars Ambush Pioneers For Section Hoops Title, 46-34

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In 1973, long hair and sideburns were popular, authentic tie-dye shirts were still worn, Richard Nixon was President, the Vietnam War ended, the World Trade Center officially opened, Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon* was released, CBS sold the New York Yankees to a man named George Steinbrenner, Secretariat won the Triple Crown, the film *American Graffiti* debuted, The Godfather won the Oscar for best picture, and the Cranford High School girls basketball team won a sectional tournament championship.

Thirty-seven years later, a portion of that history repeated itself when the Lady Cougars basketball team ambushed the Somerville Pioneers, 46-34, to capture the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship in Cranford on March 9.

Teamwork played a very important role as six Lady Cougars, including all five starters, pulled, at least five rebounds. Sophomore guard Morgan Miller, who had six points, also distributed four assists. Freshman Kate McGovern grabbed five boards

and had five steals and three points. Freshman Jess McCoy had six rebounds, two points and a blocked shot. Senior center Danielle Gross came through with seven rebounds and two blocked shots, while tying teammate Jamie Webb in scoring with 13 points.

"We were all playing really hard. We all wanted to rebound, because we knew they were a good rebounding team. We really had to box out to get the rebounds," said Gross, who added, "Every time I come back in

this gym to see my brother play, I can look up on the board, see the year I graduated. It's a good feeling."

"We've been working on that a lot, because in order for us to win, we have to play good on defense. We have to box out and get rebounds," Cougar Head Coach Jackie Huber said.

"We were having trouble rebounding the ball, but we think about it more now. Our coach said they have more offensive rebounds than us.

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BIG COUGAR ASSET OFFENSIVELY, DEFENSIVELY...Cougar Kendall Grier, with ball, pushed in 216 points, including 30 3-pointers. He also grabbed 87 rebounds (25 offensive) and added 58 assists, 36 thefts and a pair of blocks.

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