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**MAKING HIS MOVE TO THE BASKET...** Cougar senior guard Nick Pace, No. 10, drives to the basket and sinks the game-winning lay-up at the buzzer. The Cougars defeated the Hillside Comets, 56-54, on January 26.

## Cougars Ambush Pioneers for Sectional Crown

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That's a key part of the game. If we don't get rebounds, they get second shots," Webb said.

Webb, who seized nine rebounds, snatched three steals and dished out five assists. In two instances in the first quarter, she grabbed a defensive rebound, drove the length of the court and rolled in a lay-up much to the Pioneers' chagrin. Senior Taylor D'Antico, who pumped in nine points, led the team with four steals, while pulling six rebounds and adding two assists. She also made a key steal in the third quarter and quickly relayed to Miller, who coolly drove to the basket, while under pressure, and rolled in a lay-up.

"When I stole the ball, I saw Morgan running down court looking for it, so I knew that I could get it to her in order to get the lay-up," D'Antico said. "She is really good underneath the basket. She is a great all-around player, and she helps out our team a lot. She really has an impact on the game."

"Sometimes I get nervous, because I am the point guard, but I feel good when I see other players on our team do something like that," Webb said. "When that happens, we all are so

psyched, and we know that we have it (victory). We knew that we could come out with a good win. We won by 12!"

"Those are things we work on in practice. We are a big time transition team. When we get the ball in the middle, minimal dribbling, a lot more passing. That's when we score," coach Huber explained.

The 19-9 Pioneers, however, caught the Cougars off-guard and grabbed a 10-3 lead until Webb came alive and scored seven of her points in a 10-0 Cranford gush.

"In the first quarter, we were down. We were down, 10-3. We were going to come out and work hard. We were never going to give up," D'Antico said.

After an even, 10-10, second quarter, the Cougars won the third quarter, 9-6, to carry a 32-26 lead into the final quarter. The Cougars changed their strategy to a "freeze", which caused the Pioneers to foul, but the 21-7 Cougars, who were 15-for-18 from the charity line, hit eight of nine free throws to put the game out of reach.

"It's an unbelievable feeling. We were here last year, and we couldn't come out with it, but this is our senior year, and we wanted it so badly,"

D'Antico said. "When I looked up there (on the winners' banner), I said, Whoa! We haven't won that for so long. I am so happy," Webb said.

Last year the Cougars also finished strong but lost to Rumson in the final sectional.

"The feeling is a little different, because Rumson was a team that won it nine years in a row. When you play them, they are very experienced. They are in a big-time conference, big-time ranking in the state. I was more confident this year than I was last year," coach Huber said.

"Now we are even going further than we did last year. We are all excited to continue," Gross said.

Somerville	10	10	6	8	34
Cranford	13	10	9	14	46

## Pascack Valley Stops Lady Cougars, 40-23

The Cranford High School girls basketball season came to an end at the hands of Pascack Valley, 40-23, in the Group 3 semifinal round. The Lady Cougars finished their glorious season with a 21-8 record.

## Cougar Boys Won UCC Mountain Division Title

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ally come crashing to the ground, when Kasim Smith banged a 3-pointer with 23 seconds left then snagged an inbound pass and converted it with a lay-up with five seconds remaining to give the Indians a 51-49 victory. The loss seemed to overshadow junior guard Sean Trotter's career-high, 22-point game.

The burning was not quite over. On March 1, the Warren Hills Blue Streaks came rumbling into Cranford for the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament, and the Cougars pounced on them to seize a 38-25 lead after three quarters. When the Cougars' paws turned to ice, the Blue Streaks blazed with a 25-5 run to win the game, 50-43.

Individually, Green led the Cou-

gars in rebounds with 187 (122 defensive, 65 offensive). He sank 117 lay-ups and hit 46 of 80 from the charity line for 280 points. Green had 18 blocks, 25 assists and 24 steals. Pace, who scored 96 points, led the team with 96 assists, while adding 33 steals, 30 rebounds and three blocks. Grier pushed in 216 points, including 30 3-pointers. He grabbed 87 rebounds (25 offensive) and added 58 assists, 36 thefts and a pair of blocks.

Sophomore forward Chris Gross led the Cougars with 323 points, sinking 149 of 288 from the field and 23 of 45 from the line. Gross also led the team with an amazing 48 blocks, and was second in rebounds with 160 (60 offensive). He added 22 steals and 13 assists. Trotter bucketed 194 points,

which included a team-high 35 3-pointers. He was the chief thief with 41 steals, led in taking charges with six, was second in assists with 59 and third in blocks with eight. Trotter had 57 rebounds, which included 22 of offensive.

Senior Greg Goode put in 70 points including seven 3-pointers, pulled 32 boards, had 34 assists and added 25 steals and seven blocks. Junior Joey Papandrea contributed nine points, 13 rebounds, 11 assists and seven steals. Bryan Fitzsimmons had 27 rebounds, seven points, five assists, five steals and six blocks. Mark Osofsky scored 15 points.

Special thanks to Phil Engel, who contributed the stats throughout the season.



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**GUESS WHO?...** Can anyone guess who was the Cougar mascot during the Cranford/Somerville North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship game?



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**COUGAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK...** The Cougar boys' varsity basketball team clinched the Union County Conference Mountain Division Title. This was the first Cougar boys' basketball conference title since 1970.

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**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ORDINANCE: N0702-2010**  
 FIRST READING: 2/11/2010  
 FINAL READING: 3/11/2010

Was introduced and passed on first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at a REGULAR MEETING on February 11th 2010, and said Ordinance has been published with Notice of Introduction thereof and of the time and place fixed for its further consideration and the Board has duly held a hearing thereof and has given all persons interested an opportunity to be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that said Ordinance be and the same hereby is finally passed and adopted, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on March 11th 2010, and the 20 day period of limitations within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such Ordinance can be commenced has begun to run from the date of first publication of this statement.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said County Administration Building in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL BUNKERS AT GALLOPING HILL GOLF COURSE IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY, APPROPRIATE-**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$200,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE COUNTY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union, New Jersey (the "County") is hereby authorized to construct additional bunkers at Galloping Hill Golf Course in, by and for the County. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from Capital Surplus of the County. The sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated from Capital Surplus of the County to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said improvement is a lawful capital improvement of the County having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

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