

# CRANFORD COUGAR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



COUGARS ROARING IN THEIR SCRIMMAGE AGAINST MENDHAM...In the photo on the left, Cranford Cougar junior quarterback Sean McGovern, No. 19, scoots into the end zone for a touchdown in a scrimmage game against Mendham on August 27 at Memorial Field in Cranford. The photo on the right shows Cougar Bobby Bruns, No. 88, hustling for a big gain against Mendham. The Cougars had a very successful afternoon and anticipate a fine season. The Cougars' regular season begins in a showdown with A. L. Johnson in Clark on Friday, September 10, at 7 p.m. See more Cranford High School football photos and schedule on page 2.

Summit Football, Renda Roads/Brew Crew & St. Killian/St. Anthony Stories are also in *The Westfield Leader* newspaper



UNION COUNTY SENIOR 50+ FINALISTS...The Brew Crew gave Renda Roads a run for their money in a 17-8 loss for the Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Championship in Linden on August 26. Pictured, left to right, are: Greg Capaldo, Neil Iaccarino, Joe Viso and Bob Lieberman; back row, Geno Antonucci, George Brokaw, Bob D'Meo, Don Montefusco and Greg Hartnett. Inset is Ron Kulik.

**LAVELLE NETS 5 RBI; PEPE, MASSIMINO 3 HITS EACH**

## Renda Roads Flags Brew Crew For Union Co. 50+ Title, 17-8

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Friendly rivalries do not always end after high school. That point was proven in the Union County Senior 50+ Softball League A Division championship game in Linden on August 26 between top-seeded Renda Roads, comprised predominantly of players from Westfield and Scotch Plains, and third-seeded Brew Crew, comprised mainly of players from Cranford and Roselle Park.

Renda Roads was seeking an unblemished 27-0 record and appeared

to be cruising in the proper direction, but had to endure a late-inning threat from the Brew Crew to secure a 17-8 victory. Even more importantly, the win allowed Roadman Tony Williams, who has moved to Davie, Fla., to depart New Jersey as a winner.

"I couldn't have done it without the guys behind me. It was a total team effort. I am just happy that I am a part of it," said Williams, who was standing with Cranford resident and Brew Crew veteran leadoff hitter Ron Kulik.

"Tony is a great guy and an excel-

lent ball player. You can't ask for a better guy. I am really going to miss him, [with] the camaraderie on the field and after the games," Kulik said.

Tony Williams had also been playing in the St Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League since the mid 1990s, as have most of his Renda Road teammates.

"I came in as a rookie with Dom Deo. He nurtured me. I also learned from this guy [Kulik]. I watched him play, so I followed his lead," Williams said.

While Renda Roads traveled a relatively easy route to the title series, the Brew Crew had to battle tooth and nail with Awnings Galore and SMC to reach the finals.

With reference to the Brew Crew, Kulik said, "We have a good crew. We are human, but we get along very well. We had a nice season. We were

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## SUMMIT ADDED UNDEFEATED JV, FRESHMAN SQUAD

# Hilltopper Footballers Could Be 'Kings of the Hill' Again

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Some may think, that after graduating 25 seniors, this year's Summit High School football team may experience a rude awakening. But think again! The rude awakening may be delivered to their opponents.

Last year the Hilltoppers were the top team in Union County and ran the table to capture the North Jersey, Group 2, Section 2 crown by defeating Orange, 26-19, at Giants Stadium to finish with an unblemished, 12-0

record. The ruthless Hilltoppers' offense saw to it that nine of their games were shortened via the 35-point mercy rule. Additionally, Head Coach John Liberato was named Coach of the Year and the team finished ranked 11th in the state.

The good news this season is that, along with the several disciplined returning starters, last year's JV team finished 9-0, and the freshmen fin-

ished 10-0, and with 110 kids in the program, there is plenty of competition.

Last year's starting quarterback, Joe Jaskolski, has graduated, but junior Ryan Bringewatt has assumed the quarterback responsibilities.

"He did really well last year at the JV level. We are going to put him in a position to do what he does best," coach Liberato said. "We run what we call a shotgun Wing-T. We use a lot of kids. We will have kids running

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**ALL-CORBIN TEAM ARRIVES SEPT. 9**  
The first Cougar All-Corbin Team will appear in the September 9 issue of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* Online Cranford Exclusive. This is an offshoot of the annual All-Corbin Team that has appeared for 12 years in the printed portion of *The Leader/Times*, which has featured local softball leagues and youth baseball.

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