Will History Repeat Itself?  
This Time at Metlife Stadium  
This Sunday, December 7, 1 p.m.

Cougars Level Par. Hills, 27-0,  
For Sectional Football Crown

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Defense wins titles, and that is exactly what happened when the Cranford High School football team did in a 27-0 shutout of favored Parsippany Hills to seize its first ever North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship at Kean University in Union on December 3 (2011).

The Cougars’ veteran defense relentlessly pressured and forced the hand of Viking quarterback Tyler Simms, known for his passing accuracy, and recorded three interceptions, six sacks, a fumble recovery and numerous bat downs or tipped passes. Simms completed only 13 of 31 passes, and the Vikings’ running game was held to negative yardage.

In the meantime, Cougar quarterback Reggie Green engineered primarily a running game that netted 259 yards and four touchdowns (TD). He completed three of four passes for 21 yards, and pitched out to running back Chris Witwick who threw a 39-yard strike to wide receiver Eric Garguilo.

Green rushed 102 yards on 17 carries, which included TD runs of 41 yards and two yards. Fullback JP Christiano had 10 carries for 85 yards, including a two-yard TD bash, and a five-yard reception. Witwick, who had a 12-yard reception, carried 10 times for 46 yards, and Adham McGuire had six carries for 26 yards, including a 15-yard TD. Ryan Bryson had a four-yard reception.

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