

Lady Devils Stun Roselle Catholic In UCT Semi - story next week

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WF's MITCHELL NETS 16 PTS, COUGAR REMLEY 15 PTS

## Blue Devil Boys Sprint Past Cougar Cagers in UCT, 58-40

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Free throws may have dominated the fourth quarter, but the Westfield High School boys basketball team began to separate itself from the Cranford Cougars late in the second quarter with back-to-back 3-pointers en route to a 58-40 victory in the

second round of the Union County Tournament in Westfield on February 18.  
The two 3-pointers just before the half snapped a 20-20 tie and came off the hands of Blue Devils Parker Hess and Matt LaCorte, respectively. Hess finished the game with eight points, including a second 3-pointer, and

LaCorte finished with 10 points, including another 3-pointer.  
"We didn't play well in the second half. That's all it is," Cougar Head Coach Ryan Huber said. "They made some shots. We didn't. They hit two threes right before the half and that made it a six-point game. In the sec-

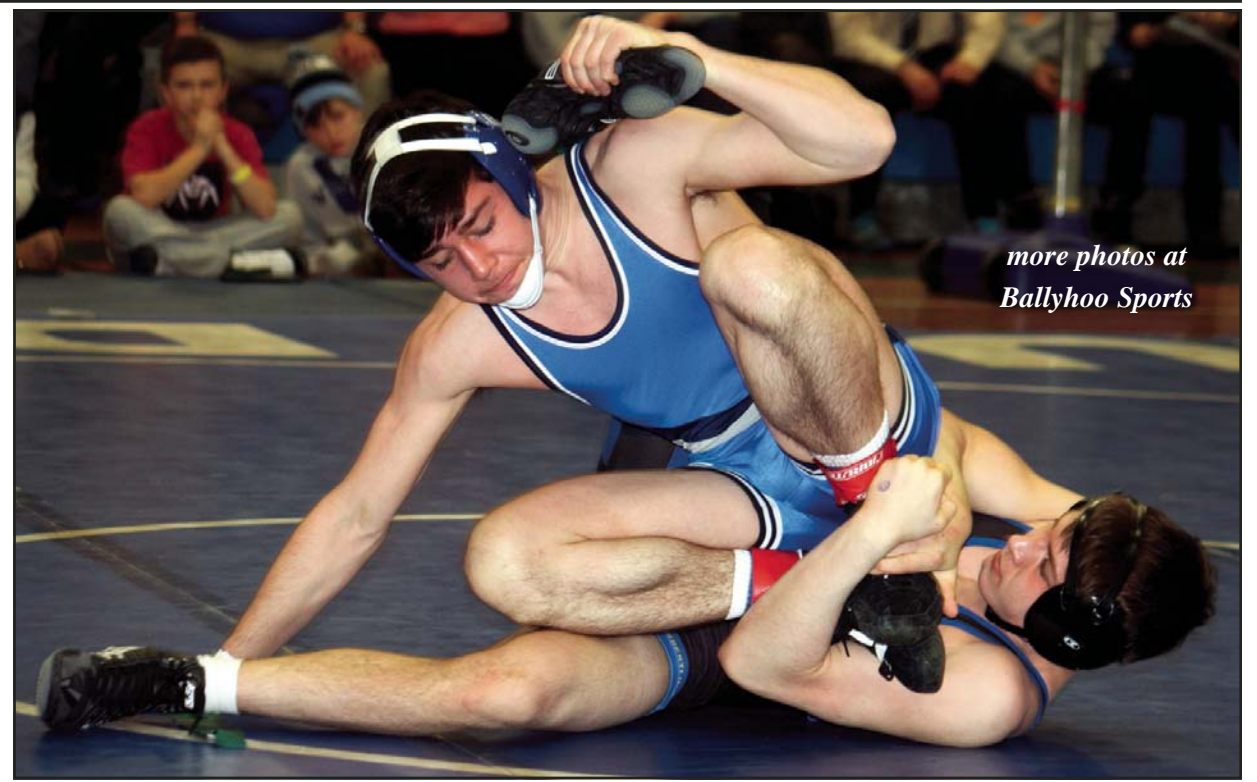
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ALWAYS ON GUARD...Blue Devil Danny Mitchell, No. 13, guards Cougar Sean Leonard, No. 23, in the Union County second round game at Westfield on February 18. The Blue Devils won, 58-40, to advance to the quarterfinal round.



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DISTRICT 11 OUTSTANDING WRESTLER...Raider JT Beirne, top, won the 138-lb crown at the District 11 Tournament in Westfield on February 21 and was named the Outstanding Wrestler.

BEIRNE GETS 'OW', LAPHAM BREAKS SPF WIN RECORD

## Cougars Repeat, Raiders 2nd At District 11 Mat Tournament

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Nine Cougars reached the finals and six emerged with individual titles to earn the Cranford High School wrestling team its second straight District 11 Championship in Westfield on February 21. The Cougars, who had five champions and totaled 189.5 last year, finished with 203 points this time, followed by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood (S) Raiders with three indi-

vidual champions and 169 points. Rahway (R) took third at 122.5, Linden (L) was fourth at 118, Westfield (W) took fifth at 97 and Elizabeth (E) took sixth at 86 followed by Brearley (B) at 60.

Raider JT Beirne recorded pins over Kevin Harrison (Shabazz) and Blue Devil Nick Kalimtzis to reach the 138-lb title bout with Cougar Dave Busch. Kalimtzis took third with a 7-4 win over Philippe Lovensky (R).

In a wild first period where it appeared that Beirne got a takedown and a three-point tilt, he discovered that he was awarded no points, because Busch was still clinging to his foot. Beirne regrouped, got a double-leg takedown then added a fireman's takedown before pinning Busch in 3:08 with a double-leg to half nelson. After the tournament, Beirne was voted Outstanding Wrestler.

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