

**\*\* Westfield Basketball Blue Devils Dash Past Cranford Cougar Girls, 48-39 \*\***

established control. The Blue Devils kept the pressure on in the third quarter with Scott scoring on a jump shot and Shannon Devitt scoring on an inside move to the basket to stretch the lead to 32-17.

From there, the Cougars were in chase mode. Cranford managed to draw within seven points at 34-27 after back-to-back three point baskets by Sarah Ross and Lindsay Pace late in the quarter. But Scott would score Westfield's next six points to stake them to a 40-29 lead early in the fourth quarter.

"We are playing well right now," said Westfield senior Jamie Miller,

"We have a couple of players hurt for us right now, so we are a little short on the bench, but our little girls in the backcourt have done a really nice job for us."

Despite some nice offensive sequences, Cranford could draw no closer than nine the rest of the way. Westfield just never allowed the Cougars to get on a run without answering.

"I think we have a very talented group of girls on this team," said Cougar freshman Camryn Wichelns. "We just seem to lose our focus at certain points in games. Westfield exploited that today."

Devitt finished with six points, 10 rebounds and two blocks, Knapp netted eight points and Abby Demers had five points. Cougar Sarah Ross finished with

seven points, while Lindsay Pace and Caroline McCaffrey each had five points.

The Blue Devils were set to play Governor Livingston next in the Quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament. Cranford was eliminated earlier by Summit, 55-51. If Westfield managed to get past Governor Livingston, it would likely mean a showdown in the semifinal round against Roselle Catholic.

Cranford meanwhile will set its sights on a trip to Voorhees in Glen Gardner for their first round match up in the state playoffs scheduled for March 3. Westfield, the fifth seed in the North 2, Group IV bracket will host 12th seeded Dickinson on March 2.

Westfield	16	12	8	12	48
Cranford	11	6	12	10	39



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**Cougars Repeat, Raiders Second, Blue Devils Fifth at District 11 Mat Tournament**

