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SETTING UP AN ARM BAR WALK OVER STACK...Cougar Patrick Kalnins, top, sets up an arm bar walk over stack on Woodbridge Barron Anthony Zecchino in his 120-lb bout. Kalnins pinned Zecchino in 5:11 and Cranford won 52-14 in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament at Cranford on February 4.

Cougars Rout Woodbridge in Mat Sectionals

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caught Catalano with a low lateral drop five-point move to win 8-5. During the bout, the Woodbridge coach was penalized a team point for pursuing a discussion too long with the ref. Hence a 21 to minus 1 team score.

"Being my last home match ever in my career, I thought there's no way I am losing. After taking a tough loss on Friday, I knew that stung. I didn't want to feel that again. The kid was tired and he was fading. I knew I had more in the tank and that I was the better wrestler," Korzeneski explained.

On his ceding a Merkel takedown in the first period, Korzeneski said, "He had it locked up but I wasn't going over. I knew I was going to be able to break it. It was just a fact that he got two [points] on me."

The Barrons then were awarded a bit of a gift in the 145-lb bout when Cougar Conor Halpin slipped on a takedown attempt and got stuck in 3:26 by Joe Brucado to make the team score 21-5. At 152-lbs, Cougar AJ Bencivenga, who normally likes to amass numerous takedowns, only used two of his famous Fireman's before clamping Tyler Job in 26 seconds with a cradle.

"I went for a Russian [takedown] first then he set his arm into an under hook and I went for it. He went to his back. He popped over. I didn't catch

it right away, so I cut him and went back to it and caught him," Bencivenga described. "I wanted to get back on the bench, get the team all hyped up with the quick pin."

At 160-lbs, being a little hasty in his attempt to set up a guillotine cost Cougar Ky'ell Roper a win in regulation. Instead Barron Sergio Cespedes recorded a takedown in overtime to win 8-6. Cougar Evvan Kanterman has to thank his top control ability when he pulled off a 1-0 victory over Yusuf Elbayer at 170-lbs. At 182-lbs, Cougar Justin Alpaugh-McLean recorded seven takedowns, a pair of nearfalls and an escape to claim a 22-6, 4:11 tech fall over Rodwan Dahhan. Zach Blevins shuffled out to the center of the mat to receive a forfeit at 195-lbs.

A very hungry Cougar Matt Doran voraciously attacked Chris Costales quickly and consistently, using his linebacker mentality to record a five-point double-leg tackle-to-back move and following with a driving five-point head throw to carry a 10-1 lead into the second period. Doran added another driving takedown in the second period then tacked on another takedown-to-back move to seize a 16-1, 6:00 tech fall to up the team score to 46-8.

With a grin on his face, Doran [Doran] painted the picture, "I see the opponent as a fat elk and I am the

wolf. And I am trying to eat that elk. That's basically the mentality. Wolves take down elks that are a lot bigger than them. I don't actually weigh 220 but because I am a spirit wolf, I go right to the elk. Got to chase them down, get them tired, go for the kill, got to feed the pack."

Cougar Kevin Shriener turned Manny Rivera to his back in 3:09 with a half nelson at 285-lbs then in the final two bouts, Barron Alex Irazary topped Ronan Waters, 5-1, at 106-lbs and Xavier Laracuente beat Cougar Will Fernandez, 7-1, at 113-lbs.

"I think our kids are wrestling pretty well going into the post season, which is a good time of the year. We got some close wins and there's some stuff that we really got to work on, some things that we are doing not so great that we have to fix before we go to Phillipsburg on Wednesday," Coach Gorman said.

- BOUNT SEQUENCE:**
 120: — Kalnins C p Zecchino 5:11
 126: — Gluck C p DiLauro 5:54
 132: — Smith C p Langan 3:26
 138: — Korzeneski C d Catalano 8-5
 145: — Brocado W p Halpin 3:26
 152: — Bencivenga C p Job :26
 160: — Cespedes W sv Roper 8-6
 170: — Kanterman C d Elbayer 1-0
 182: — McLean C lf Dahhan 22-6 4:11
 195: — Blevins C won forfeit
 220: — Doran C lf Costales 16-1 6:00
 285: — Shriener C p Rivera 3:09
 106: — Irazary W d Waters 5-1
 113: — Laracuente W d Fernandez 7-1

Pat School 'Shoots' Past Blue Devil Cagers

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all over their offensive boards which enabled them to get second and third chances but their quick hands also created many Blue Devil turnovers which were converted to lay-ups.

The Celtics scored the first four points of the game but both teams were having difficulty with turnovers. Freshman Chloe Kreusser, with an assist from freshman Grace Klag (2 assists, 3 rebounds, block) scored the Blue Devils' first two points but Celtic Niaisy Ervin answered with two of her own. Kreusser, an assist from senior Ali Lisanti, came back with two points, making the score 6-4 and causing the Pats to call a timeout with

threat. Another tactic the coach does is he constantly switches people. We have to adjust to those girls because we know they all can play, so it's whether or not we can get our heads into the game and play defense," Blue Devil senior Lily Maz said.

"Yesterday at practice, we knew that they were going to switch people off. We just had to go into the game saying we have to stop them even though they are not as big as a threat as some others. But today we let some shooters shoot that we didn't see as a threat but they were," Lisanti added. The Celtics' tactic of shifting from the inside driving game to the effec-

"I know that I can always trust Ali to hit a three when we need it. Once I see her in the corner of my eye standing around the lower area of the court, I know that I can pass to her and I can count on her to hit that three whenever we need it," Maz explained.

"I know Lily always looks for me, so does Strav[ach]. They always know when to pass it and when to detract the defense so I'm open for the three points," Lisanti said.

Dobosiewicz scored the Blue Devils' only five points of the fourth quarter with a pair of free throws and a 3-pointer.

The Pat School should be a sure bet



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MAKING HER MOVE...Blue Devil senior Lily Maz, No. 10, makes her move toward the basket in the game against the Patrick School Celtics in Westfield on February 1.

4:26 left in the quarter. The Celtics added a lay-up then Blue Devil junior Faith Dobosiewicz (6 rebounds), who led her team with 11 points, sank the first of her two 3-pointers to cut the lead to 8-7 but the Pats answered with a put-back to win the quarter 10-7.

Shifting to their outside attack proved to be deadly in the second quarter as Celtic Dana Hill (12 points — 4 3-pointers) immediately sank a pair of 3-pointers, Klag assisted Caroline Dwyer (2 rebounds, steal) on a 3-pointer but Celtic Camile Valencia pushed in a 3-pointer. Hill would hit her third 3-pointer and Taylor Crystian (8 points) would sink four straight free throws at the end of the quarter to give the Celtics a 26-15 lead at the half.

"Over the past four years that I've watched the Patrick School play, they have new girls every single year. Every single year it's a different team. I think we learned to adjust every single year. There are some girls that we know who don't start, Lashae Dwyer. She doesn't usually start but we know she's coming off that bench and is a

tive outside shooting, especially from Hill, did indeed force the Blue Devils to make rapid adjustments.

"We really packed in the middle for their drivers. They are really strong drivers but once they got hot, we had to change our defense, so we changed to a 3-2 to shut them down," Lisanti said.

"Last year we knew them as a three-point shooting team and this year they don't have as many three-point shooters but that girl we know her. She's played over the last couple of years and she has always been a three-point threat. But we focused on the drivers then she got hot and we had to adjust like Ali said," Maz added.

The Blue Devils' defensive adjustment in the third quarter succeeded in limiting the Celtics to just one 3-pointer by Hill. In the meantime, Lisanti with assists from Maz (4 assists, 2 steals), senior Sam Stravach (10 rebounds, block, 2 points) and Charlotte Dursee (2 points, steal) banged in trip 3-pointers even though the Celtics won the quarter 14-13.

to get the top seed for the UCT, while the Blue Devils should receive the second seed and Roselle Catholic would receive the third seed.

"Coach [Liz] McKeon said now they have the target on their backs. Everyone wants to beat them, so we just have to play our game and when we see them again, we have to beat them," Lisanti emphasized.

"I am very glad that we got the two seed honestly. That means that we are going to have to face Roselle Catholic again, which was always fun to play them. But I want to and I know we are going to see the Patrick School again in the county final and it's going to be a whole different game," Maz expressed.

Patrick School	10	16	14	10	50
Westfield	7	8	13	5	33

Rokicki, Potts Named Cougars of Week

Elle Rokicki, a senior on the varsity basketball team, had a career high this past week, scoring 14 points against Carteret, leading the Cougars to a 60-55 victory over the Ramblers. Allen Potts II is sophomore on the varsity bowling team, has bowled five matches of 600 or higher and recently made it to the individual finals in the Union County Tournament.

Cougars Ambrosio, Doran Sign Letters of Intent

Cranford High School seniors Sofia Ambrosio and Matthew Doran signed Letters of Intent to continue their athletics careers. Ambrosio has committed to St. John's University in New York City to play soccer and Doran will play football at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.



Photo courtesy of Varsity Vantage
A SENIOR MOMENT...The Blue Devil seniors line up with their parents on "Senior Night". The Blue Devil icemen completed their season with a 2-1 win over the Cranford Cougars and a 5-1 victory over Bridgewater-Raritan.

Blue Devils Wrap Up Season With Ice Win Over Cougars

The Westfield High School boys varsity ice hockey team wrapped up its regular season with two more wins, including a victory over neighborhood rival Cranford to accentuate a glorious senior night celebration.

The Blue Devils faced-off against the Cougars after emotional pre-game festivities honoring their fourth-year players and their proud parents. Members of the squad in the final season are captain CJ Duffy, alternate captain Alex Park, Timmy Rosa, Petey Buontempo, Anthony Oliveri, Zack Peterson, John Humiston and Tommy Duffy.

The scrappy Cranford squad hoped to spoil the evening and Westfield helped keep the tilt close by spending almost the entire third period with at least one man in the penalty box.

However, the goalie combination of Peterson and captain Duffy were able to withstand the infraction-laden contest and help Westfield prevail, 2-1.

Ironically, it was the young guns — freshman Thomas Conrod and Sophomore Brendan Kotiga — providing the offense for the Blue Devils. Juniors Dylan Howard (2), Trevor Tanella and Nick Forno provided the helpers on the goals.

The final game of the regular season pitted Westfield against an old nemesis in the Bridgewater-Raritan High School Panthers. Using a four-goal explosion in the second period the Blue Devils were able to coast to a win, making it an even dozen for the campaign so far, by the score of 5-1. In a true team effort, points were

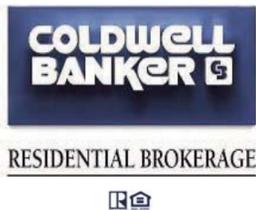
spread around to nine different players. The goal scorers included Freshman Matt Beke, Kotiga, Oliveri, Park, and Rosa. Earning apples in the contest were sophomore Kyle Azzaretto, Humison, sophomore Dan McDonald, Oliveri, Park and Tanella.

Westfield wrapped up the regular season with a 12-4-3 record. The Blue Devils head to the post season tournaments — county finals, conference and state tournaments — with high hopes.

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