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Cougar Boys Endured Injuries in Hoops

Injuries early in the season and throughout forced the Cranford High School boys basketball team to constantly make changes in its lineup, which made it quite difficult to get off on the right footing. The result was a 4-20 season.

Three of the four Cougar boys' wins were over out-of-county foes and two were by lopsided margins. The Cougars thrashed Kittatinny, 85-52, and Passaic Charter, 60-35. The Cougars won two of their final three games of the season, beginning with a 54-42 victory over Union County rival Brearley. They then topped Newark Academy, 74-67, before dropping their season finale to the 23-4 Rahway Indians, who won the Union County Conference Valley Division with a 13-0 record.

The Cougars suffered some very close losses. Probably the most unfortunate was a 59-55 setback to Koinonia in the Union County Tournament. They also lost to Koinonia during the regular season, 53-47, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 47-39, and Governor Livingston, 58-52.

Senior Colin Budries, a three-year letter winner, was one of the many Cougars who were stricken by the injury bug and unfortunately it happened early in the season against Scotch Plains-Fanwood, resulting in a stress fracture. By the time he was able to return, the season was half over.

However, Budries managed to be second on the team in scoring with 115 points. Most of his points came from crafty drives to the basket, although he did sink four 3-pointers. In the game against the Brearley Beary, he finished with 13 points, 10 rebounds, two assists, a block, a steal and created a turnover with a tipped ball, all before taking a seat for the fourth quarter.

Underclassman Jeremy Ruka, who led the team in 3-pointers, also led the team in scoring with 126 points. Senior Anders Myhre, "Mister Assist" finished with 92 points. Senior Anthony Araujo contributed 86 points and Cole Blazek put in 83 points.

Senior Matt Fonseca scored 82 points and was second on the team in -pointers. Hunter Goff followed with 81 points and Brian Waldner sank 76 points. Kevin Easse had 43 points, followed by seniors Elijah Arroyo with 33, Jack Carroll with 23 and Matt Medeiros with 21.



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STRONG SEASON AT 195-LBS...Senior four-year varsity letter winner Dylan Budnik, top, took second in the UCT at 195-in the district and placed fifth in Region IV to finish 28-11.

BENCIVENGA & SCHORK (1ST UCT) EARN TRIP TO A.C.

Cougar Matmen Won UCT, Second in Section, Finish 14-7

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Very few may have expected the Cranford High School wrestling team to have much of an impact in Union County this year since graduating five NJSIAA qualifiers and five 100+ career victory athletes, except maybe the Cougars themselves. But the Cougars fooled many by claiming their fourth straight Union County Tournament (UCT) crown and placing second in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament to finish with a 14-7 record.

In the UCT, the Cougars nipped a very tough Roselle Park team by two points, 187-185, to seize the title with Rahway and Westfield placing third and fourth, respectively. Interestingly, the Panthers claimed four individual champs and the Cougars had only one with junior Rob Schork at 220-lbs. But the Cougars had 11 Top-5 placements, including junior Matt Savino, who placed third at 285-lbs to carry them over the top.

After placing fourth at the Tunkhannock Holiday Tournament (THT) in Pa. that featured 26 teams held between Christmas and New Years, the Cougars recorded key victories against Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF), 44-21, Wall Township, 46-26, Cedar Grove, 49-27, Governor

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that on the 12th day of March, the Zoning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the

1. Application # ZBA-17-026: Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization approving the applicant's request to permit expansion of an existing garage to accommodate storage of six (6) fully restored vintage vehicles with roofline modified to match the principal structure with the following variances: to exceed the maximum allowable height for an accessory structure and less than the minimum required side yard setback for an accessory structure on Block 309, Lot 5, as designated on Madison Avenue, in the R-1 Zone

2. Application # ZBA-17-032: Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization denying the applicant's request for a C(1) variance to permit existing shed to remain in current location. Shed is 32 inches from rear property line. Requirement is 3 feet. Shed is also 6 inches from side property line. Requirement is 5 feet on Block 500 Lot 16, as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 11 Hawthorn Street, in the

Jeffrey Pistol **Board Secretary** 1 T - 3/22/18, The Leader Fee: \$30.60

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE BE ADVISED, that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a public hearing April 5, 2018, at 7:30 pm., Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, First Floor Council Chambers to hear the variance request with waiver of site plan application for the Church of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, 2032 Westfield Avenue, Block 2401, Lot 1, R-3A Zone who is proposing to demolish the existing garage, construct a new four-car garage, construct a new three-car garage, and add 18 parking spaces onto the existing Church property at this address which is currently a nonconforming conditional use with new variances requested for the following ordi-

Section 23-5.2 (4) Permitted Conditional Uses: Required: No building will be located within 60 feet of a street line, nor 50 feet of a side or rear property line. Proposed: Four-car garage: approximately 9.82 feet off the side property line; Threecar garage: approximately 5.43 feet off the side property line

Section 23-5.2 (5) Permitted Conditional Uses: Required: No off-street parking space shall be provided at a rate of less than one space per six seats in the church building; and one parking space for every four seats in any other form of meeting room or space. Such parking space shall not be located within the front yard, nor within 30 feet of a property line and shall otherwise comply with all of the general requirements. In addition, landscape planting shall be provided in sufficient quantities to prevent headlight glare. Proposed: The proposed 18 parking spaces are located 8 feet off the property line. A 6 foot high vinyl fence and landscaping in the area of the proposed 18 parking spaces. It will be up to the Board to determine the

adequacy of the proposed buffer. The Applicant is also requesting any and all variances deemed to be necessary at the time of the hearing, including any other waivers, exceptions, interpretations and other relief necessary to allow Applicant's proposed use of the property.

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Shannon Rapant Secretary to the Zoning Board 1 T - 3/22/18, The Times Fee: \$51.00

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