



TOUGH ON DEFENSE...Cougar senior/co-captain defender Ellie Rokicki, No. 21, goes after a loose ball in the season-opening game against Morristown-Beard in Cranford on March 28. The visiting Crimson won an 11-9 thriller.

**SHIELDS, FARELLA, SCHEUERMANN, BUOSCIO LEAD 'O'**

**Blue Devils' Strength May Be 'Defensive Unit' in Girls Lax**

By ALEX LOWE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

By any account, the 2018 season was filled with spectacular success for the Westfield High School girls lacrosse team. The Blue Devils captured the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 title last season with a 10-4 victory over top seed Bridgewater-Raritan. It was the first sectional title ever earned in school history for Westfield. It came in just the second season at the helm of the program for Head Coach Abigail Cohn.

"Last season was extremely successful as a result of the amount of talent that our team was comprised of," said Cohn. "The end of our sea-

son was surreal. We knew that the state tournament would be a time that we would face our toughest opponents, so we had to mentally prepare. Often, the girls felt as though they could not measure up to reputable teams, programs with a successful history. However, I knew that we had to have a different outlook moving into the NJSIAA tournament if we wanted to. We made a name for ourselves and our program and I could not be more proud of the girls that are

part of it everyday."

Westfield enters the 2019 campaign with great expectations after last year's outstanding run to a title. But they will have to overcome major losses from last season's championship roster. Eight seniors graduated, including several who have gone on to play lacrosse in college.

Before shedding any tears, it should be noted that the Blue Devils are not without a bucketful of returning talent. They should remain as one of the top contenders in Union County and hopes of another sectional title are not unreasonable.

I think that our strength will be our defensive unit and shot selection on

der, while Buoscio will play at Elon University when their Blue Devil careers have been completed.

The defense, which Cohn mentions as a strength for this year's group, will be headed by senior Claire Yamano and sophomore Brooke Scheuermann. Sophomore Mia Fleming will play goalie for the Blue Devils. Fleming saw some action as a freshman posting a 5-3 record, while recording 54 saves and allowing 75 goals against.

"Our goals would be to improve our overall record as well as to win another Group 4 state sectional title and advance further in the Union County Tournament," said Cohn.

The regular season began on March

**Motown Beard Overcomes Cougar Girls, 11-9**

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strong offensively and getting the ball back was really important to start the transition and come back up the field onto attack. We needed that a lot," Power expressed.

"As we passed from midfield to attack, we broke away and we were able to get shots off. We did that because we were making strong passes and working together. No matter what the score was, we wanted to get back," Gesslein said.

Power, who had two assists, and Gesslein would each score four goals and Andreassen would score once. The Gesslein and Power combination proved to be a very effective attack force. Power's fourth goal with 14:51 left in the game, which gave the Cougars their first lead of the game (8-7), would be her 100th career goal.

"Grace and I have a really great connection. We work well together. We feed off each other. Grace has a really nice pass and I come around the crease and get some shots off. We try to give each other the most opportunities we can," Gesslein revealed.

"All starting back in like third grade we've been really strong together. On the field, we really connect, we see each other on the field and because we both know we are strong with our catching and throwing. And we are both able to get it in the back of the

net. At the end of the day, I believe if I pass it to Alyssa, she will get it done," Power added.

The first portion of the first half would result in whoever won the draw control would also score the goals. The Crimson won the first draw and Sophia Picozzi (2 goals, 2 assists) netted the first goal with less than two minutes off the clock. Two minutes later Power knotted the score but 12 seconds later Kaitlyn Tartaglione (2 goals, assist) gave the Crimson a 2-1 lead. Gesslein scored a minute later then the Crimson answered with respective goals from Kaity Bednarski (2 goals, 3 assists) and Emma Kenny (2 goals, assist). Gesslein netted her second goal then the Crimson seized a 7-3 lead with respective goals from Annabel Plante and Kenny.

Just as it looked like the outcome would be a disaster for the Cougars, they dug in and created takeaways that set up two straight goals from Gesslein and another from Power to make the score at the half, 7-6.

Power scored the first goal of the second half to knot the score, 7-7, but the half would indeed turn out to be the Anna Horne show. For the next seven minutes, Horne saved or deflected four pointblank shots until Power fired in her 100th goal to give the Cougars an 8-7 lead with 14:51

remaining. A pause for photos and celebration followed.

"It's really impressive, especially as a junior. It's a huge accomplishment. What makes it so great is that she's not a selfish player. She's always thinking of her teammates. She didn't force it right away. She's patient and waits for her opportunity to get the shot," Horne pointed out.

"I am really proud of Grace because we have been playing together for years. She really deserves it," Gesslein added.

As to what is next for her, Power laughed and said, "200! I am just super happy. This is a great milestone in my career."

When the game resumed, Horne turned away a penalty shot then with 12:01 left, Bednarski tied the score. Within 30 seconds, Andreassen scored to put the Cougars back on top 9-8. Tartaglione tied the score with 11:02 on the clock then for nearly the next 10 minutes, Horne added five more magnificent saves, while Rokicki and sophomore midfielder Erin Esposito added key takeaways.

With 1:27 remaining, Meaghan Karat scored to put the Crimson in front 10-9 then Picozzi netted the final goal with 38 seconds left.

Motown Beard	7	4	11
Cranford	6	3	9



PART OF THE ATTACK FORCE...Senior Paige Radice, No. 22, will be part of the Lady Blue Devils' attack force consisting of seniors Olivia Shields, Kellie Leuthold and Radice, and sophomores Liz Healy and Ellie Kate Brown.

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attack," said Cohn.

Senior Olivia Shields will head up the attack. Shields, already on course to play lacrosse in college (Bucknell University), has a chance to score 100 goals in her career. She enters the season with 77.

Shields will be joined at the attack positions by fellow seniors Kellie Leuthold (7 goals 5 assists) and Paige Radice. Sophomore Liz Healy and Ellie Kate Brown are also in the picture at the attack.

27 in a much anticipated showdown game at Northern Highlands. The Blue Devils went to the half down, 8-7, but were outscored, 9-0, in the second half and lost, 17-7. Shields and Leuthold each scored two goals in the loss.

The Blue Devils had their home opener on April 3 against Mountain Lakes.

**No. Highlands Stop Blue Devil Laxers**

Northern Highlanders netted nine unanswered goals in the second half to defeat the visiting Westfield High School girls lacrosse team, 17-7, in the season opener on March 27. Katie Murray scored five goals and added a pair of assists, while Julia Hill netted four goals and two assists, and Emma Cary had four goals and an assist for Northern Highlands.

Olivia Shields and Kellie Leuthold led the Blue Devils with two goals each, while Liz Healy, Paige Dumont and Carley Farella scored one goal each. Goalkeeper Mia Flemming had 17 saves for Westfield.

**Caldwell Laxers Top Lady Cougars, 12-3**

The hosting Caldwell High School girls lacrosse team defeated the Cranford Cougars, 12-3, on March 30. Grace Power scored two goals and Alyssa Gesslein scored once for the Cougars, while Karena Andreassen added an assist and goalkeeper Anna Horne made 13 saves.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

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**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**TAKE NOTICE** that on the 25th day of March the Zoning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following actions:

1. **Application ZBA 19-004:** Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization approving the request of Ferfeldt Investments LLC, applicant, for amended final site plan approval and a C variance. Maximum allowable impervious coverage already approved is 82.1 percent, requesting 83.8 percent, \$255-34, Attachment 1, Schedule 1 on Block 333 Lot 2, as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 500 North Avenue East in the C-2 Zone.

Robert Bovasso  
Board Secretary  
1 T - 04/04/19, The Leader Fee: \$18.87

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-147  
DOWNTOWN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION  
BUDGET NOTICE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget for the year 2019:  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Westfield Leader in the issue of April 4, 2019.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve the following as the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget for the year 2019:

APPROPRIATIONS		Appropriated 2019	2018
<b>General Appropriations</b>			
Operating			
Salaries & Wages		117,635.00	125,141.14
Other Expenses		57,601.00	50,657.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>		<b>175,236.00</b>	<b>175,798.14</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>			
		Anticipated 2019	2018
<b>General Revenue</b>			
Surplus			
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Sub-total General Revenue			
Amount to be Raised by Special Improvement District Tax		175,236.00	175,798.14
<b>Total General Revenues</b>		<b>175,236.00</b>	<b>175,798.14</b>

Notice is hereby given that the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, on March 26, 2019. A hearing on said Budget will be held at the Cranford Municipal Building on April 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget for the year 2019 may be presented by Downtown Special Improvement District taxpayers or other interested persons.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Budget is a true copy of the Budget approved by resolution of the governing body on this 26th day of March 2019 and that the public advertisement will be made in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.4(d).

Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk  
Fee: \$74.46

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD**

On March 14, 2019, Requests for Proposals were received by the Township of Cranford for the Concession Rights for the Cranford Canoe Club for the 2019 and 2020 Summer Seasons. Respondents were required to comply with the requirements of NJSA 10:5-31, et seq. and NJAC 17:27. The Township of Cranford has awarded such contract. The contract and Resolution No. 2019-158 are available for the public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**Awarded to:** Ralph Circelli Services, LLC, 13 Mountain Avenue, Warren, New Jersey 07059

**Service:** Concession Rights for Cranford Canoe Club for the 2019 summer season and 2020 summer season

**Price:** \$4,200.00 for 2019  
\$4,200.00 for 2020

**Date:** March 26, 2019

Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk  
Fee: \$24.99

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A special meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education has been tentatively scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at the Beechwood School Susan O. Collier Media Center located at 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092.

The regular meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Beechwood School Susan O. Collier Media Center located at 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. This meeting will include a public hearing on the 2019/2020 budget.

The regular meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2019, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Deerfield School Media Center located at 302 Central Avenue, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092.

1 T - 04/04/19, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
BOROUGH OF FANWOOD  
PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, after public hearing on January 23, 2019 granted approval for a fence height variance to The Goddard School in order to raise the pre-existing four-foot fence to a six-foot height for security purposes. This is for property at 324 South Avenue, Fanwood, being Block 91, Lot 3.01.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

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