

Cranford Lady Basketball Cougars Top Benedictine Green Bees, 57-26

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
DRIBBLING INSIDE...Blue Devil freshman Jamie Miller, No. 11, dribbles by a Roselle Ram in the Union County Tournament first-round game.

The Cougars won the second quarter, 10-3, to grab a 32-6 lead at the half. Megan Pringle put in four of her eight points in the quarter. Pringle also demonstrated her mastery under the boards with seven rebounds.

"Megan is a very good rebounder. Kerry Wischusen does a good job of bringing the ball up the floor and getting the ball to the open girl. Hannah DeMars is another one of our good guards," Coach Dyer said.

DeMars played most of the second half and contributed an assist and

three rebounds. Jen Carovillano (2 points) had three rebounds. Miller stayed on the court most of the second half to support the influx of bench players.

The Green Bees won the third quarter, 16-11, with Tab Davis scoring

nine of her team-high 13 points. Miller added seven points, but with two straight assists from point guard Jenna Goeller, she banged in a pair of 3-pointers at the start of the final quarter before taking a seat on the bench. The Cougar substitutes grabbed the

reins there and won the quarter, 14-4. "It's nice to see girls, who don't get much playing time, contribute and score a little bit and get their names in the box score," Coach Dyer said.

Benedictine	3	3	16	4	26
Cranford	22	10	11	14	57

Section Swim Results:

NORTH 1, PUBLIC A BOYS:
Westfield 115, Wayne Valley 55
200 medley relay: Wf (Matt Daniel, Max Shin, Tyler Lessner, Kevin Oester) 1:47.04
200 free: Jeff Shanley (WV) 1:53.4
200 IM: Stephen Husch (W) 2:08.09
50 free: Alex Bond (Wf) 24.19
100 fly: Daniel (Wf) 57.71
100 free: Lessner (Wf) 52.8
500 free: Shanley (WV) 5:01.67
200 free relay: WV (Dave DuBois, Reid Hensen, Shanley, Mike Andresakes) 1:38.55
100 back: Jack Rose (Wf) 1:01.34
100 breast: Hensen (WV) 1:08.37
400 free relay: Wf (Jake Maher, Husch, Sam hays, Will Murtishaw) 3:39.79

NORTH 1, PUBLIC A GIRLS:
Westfield 124, Livingston 46
200 medley relay: W (Courtney Day, Amy West, Sarah Cronin, Courtney Han) 2:00.21
200 free: Caroline Baldwin (W) 2:02.95
200 IM: Meghan Myers (W) 2:24.81
50 free: Ellie Reinhardt (W) 26.28
100 fly: Audrey Bangs (W) 106.94
100 free: Allie McBrearty (W) 59.02
500 free: West (W) 5:43.47
200 free relay: L (Kaitlin Farniella, Nancy Yang, Eeshin Chang, Lindsay Wu) 1:45.18
100 back: Erika Daniel (W) 1:06.57
100 breast: Loren Ball (W) 1:17
400 free relay: W (Bangs, Becky Zhang, McBrearty, West) 4:02.38

SEMIFINALS:
Westfield 116, Ridge 54
200 medley relay: W (Alex Bond, Max Shin, Matt Daniel, Matt Trinkle) 1:43.07
200 free: Brad Wachnefeld (R) 1:47.16
200 IM: Matt Glockenmeier (R) 2:03.82
50 free: Stephen Husch (W) 23.81
100 fly: Tyler Lessner (W) 55.63
100 free: Bond (W) 51.34
500 free: Wachenfeld (R) 4:47.97
200 free relay: W (Kevin Oester, Shin, Husch, John Lindros) 1:35.88
100 back: Brennan Haley (W) 56.95
100 breast: Lessner (W) 1:02.43
400 free relay: R (Aaron Schlemovitz, Wachenfeld, Glockenmeier, Jackson Crewe) 3:30.02

Westfield 118, Morris Knolls 52
200 medley relay: W (Kathleen Bond, Allie McBrearty, Sarah Cronin, Caroline Baldwin) 1:55.93
200 free: Loren Ball (W) 2:04.39
200 IM: Ellie Reinhardt (W) 2:18.69
50 free: Jessica Stiles (M) 24.96
100 fly: Sarah Cronin (W) 1:01.76
100 free: Baldwin (W) 54.87
500 free: Sara Bias (W) 5:34.05
200 free relay: W (McBrearty, Ball, Sarah Cronin, Courtney Han) 1:44.86
100 back: Reinhardt (W) 1:04.07
100 breast: Erika Daniel (W) 1:15.17
400 free relay: W (Han, Ball, Reinhardt, Bond) 3:57.92

Lady Blue Devils Top Rams, 52-30

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Carly Friedman (assist, rebound) netted two of her four points. Additionally, the Blue Devils were playing most of their bench and won the quarter, 19-14. Junior Colleen Gallagher, who had four rebounds and a steal, scored three of her five points in the quarter, and junior Sarah Seitz (2 assists, steal, tipped pass) added a lay-up.

"It was nice. We got a chance to let most of the kids play today and let them just go out there and hammer out some good things. The good thing about this win is to get some confidence back and get ready for Roselle Catholic on Monday night," Coach Marino said.

The Blue Devils gave the Roselle Catholic Lady Lions a run for their money in both of their meetings this

season but came up short twice. "We played them twice already, and we played them close both times. We are 9-13 right now, and we are going to try to go after them," Coach Marino said.

Looking back in time, eight years ago, a group spearheaded by freshmen Erin Miller and Gab O'Leary showed a lot of promise and took their lumps in their first year, but by their senior year, emerged as Union County Tournament champions.

"I think they had eight wins their first year, and then the second year they were in the finals against Scotch Plains and lost in double overtime. Their last year, we won the counties," Coach Marino recalled.

Roselle	4	2	14	10	30
Westfield	13	12	19	8	52

Raider Icers Lose to Summit, Rap Watchung Hills Warriors

The beginning of these back-to-back games started along a path familiar to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raiders this season, as the Icemen suffered another tough loss to the state top-20 ranked Summit Hilltoppers, 7-1, on February 10 at USA rink and then were staring at past state champions, the Watchung Hills Warriors.

The Raiders had to play both games without their leading scorer, senior Andrew Skoog, out with an injury, but junior goalie Jason Breit put the team on his back and carried them to a stunning 2-1 upset victory against the Warriors. Two second-period goals proved to be enough for the win, the first a scramble in front of the net won by freshman Davey Leong, assisted by junior Johnnie Lenart, and the second, a top-shelf laser beam from sophomore Tyler Hardgrove.

Senior captains Jonathan Tomasulo and Alex Markovits provided the energy, while senior captain Kevin Lewis provided the grit, finishing the game after suffering a painful hand injury in the first period. Watchung Hills scored its goal early in the third period and then pelted Breit with shot after shot, over 40 in the end, but

could not score even with a six-on-four advantage due to a slashing penalty by Hardgrove with three minutes to go and after pulling their goalie.

It was a great finish to the season with the Raiders final overall record coming out to be a very respectable 8-11-3, but not quite enough to qualify for the state playoffs. The Raiders will be the fifth seed in the county playoffs, and will be matched against the fourth-seeded Cranford Cougars. Watchung Hills beat Cranford twice this season and the Raiders tied and lost to the Cougars, so it could be another exciting contest.

Fans and friends are reminded to please support the team by attending the annual fund-raising gala on February 24 at the Gran Centurion. Please check the Raider website, www.spficehockey.com for game and gala ticket details.

Teams Jockey for Position For FSPY Hoops Playoffs

Teams began jockeying for playoff position in week eight of twelve in the Men's League played at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y.

Nothing But Net 62, Dominators 45
Rookie Brian Parker led Nothing But Net (NBN) with 23 points. Marlon

Brown and Adam Mertz added 12 and nine points, respectively. With all eight NBN's scoring, NBN was too much for the Dominators, who got 21 from Rookie Jason Pompeo and 13 from Ian Brown. NBN improved to 5-3, while the Doms fell to 3-5.
SWISH 59, Ballerz 44
Jamal Berry scored 31, Steve Filler added 13 with four 3-pointers for SWISH. Ballerz, once 4-1, now 4-4, had no answer despite three players in double figures, led by Scott Lowder with 13. SWISH improved to 5-3.
Dream Team 55, Full Court 50

In the upset of the year, the winless and short-handed Dream Team (DT) came back from a nine-point, half-time deficit to beat the League's top team at its own game - the patented second-half run. DT outscored FC, 31-17, in the second half. Lou Jones led all scorers with 30. Eric Halpin added nine points. Playing without two of its starters, FC was game. Jason Holley led with 21 points and Jerry Baglien had 20. DT improved to 1-7. Full Court slipped 6-2.

FSPY STANDINGS:

EAST DIVISION	W	L
Full Court	6	2
SWISH	5	3
Dominators	3	5
WEST DIVISION	W	L
Nothing But Net	5	3
Ballerz	4	4
Dream Team	1	7

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Westfield Basketball Assn. Third Grade Girls Results:

Duke vs. Syracuse: The Orange displayed their fast-paced game of quick passing and pressuring defense. Leading the fast break for Syracuse were Elizabeth Healy, Jillian Omberg and Hailey Stogner. On defense, Katie Hamilton, Kaitlyn Parker, Molly Stogner and Isabella Wolff spearheaded a strong defense. Julia Lin, Lila McMahlil and Maddy Walters dominated the boards and contributed baskets.

Duke displaying its "team first" approach, showcased outstanding ball movement and great help defense. Leading the offense were Ali Hinkel, Maggie Aslanian and Ryleigh Gildea, while Ellie Kate Brown, Megan Hinkel and Jade Radice played tenacious defense. Brooke Scheuermann was star of the game, making outstanding plays on both ends. Izzy Nolan continued her development as she scored her first two baskets of the year.

St John's vs. Notre Dame: the Jonnies were sparked by first-time player, Rebekkah Dayon, who grabbed many rebounds and scored a basket. Emma Jepsen dribbled around the key and sank a side shot. Alexa Tsarsi rebounded and scored on a put back. Katherine Wistner took the ball coast-to-coast to score on a lay-up. Michaela Hobson nailed a 10-foot jumper from the top of the key. Caroline Bielen displayed great ball handling skills.

UC 50+ Softball Seeks Experienced Players

The Union County Senior Men's Softball League is seeking experienced players for its slow pitch season in both the 50+ and 60+ Divisions.

Each team plays two games per week, beginning in mid-April and ending with league playoffs in late August. If interested, please contact the league commissioner UCSSL938@comcast.net or call (908) 232-0477

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