

**MILLER SINKS 25 TO BRING CAREER TOTAL TO 985; MAUCIONE, PRINGLE 3 PTS EACH**

# Lady Cougar Cagers Cruise Past Benedictine Bees, 57-26

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Senior forward Morgan Miller pumped in 25 points, bringing her career total to 985, to lead the 18-3 Cranford High School girls basketball team to a 57-26 victory over 10-14 Benedictine Academy of Elizabeth in Cranford on February 9.

Just six day before, the Lady Cougars knocked Governor Livingston from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 49-44 victory in Berkeley Heights. Miller also scored 25 points, including five 3-pointers, against the Highlanders.

"The first time we played them we lost, because we missed two box-outs. We allowed them offensive rebounds then we had a foul at the end. That's why they won by four. It was tied with a minute left. So we have been practicing on making sure the teams don't get offensive rebounds by boxing out. So we cut their offensive rebounds in half that game. That pretty much was the deal breaker for us," Cougar Head Coach Jackie Dyer said.

Also in the past several games, the Cougars have had much success working the ball around to find the open girl.

"Against Governor Livingston, we worked very well on getting the open girls the ball. Morgan had 25 points. At the end of the

first quarter, she had a half-court shot. She just threw it in off the backboard. The girls were in the rhythm," Coach Dyer said.

Against the Benedictine Green Bees, Miller sank four 3-pointers. Additionally, she had five

assists, 11 rebounds and two steals.

"She's got 15 more to reach her 1,000, so we are hoping for tomorrow [February 10 against Scotch Plains-Fanwood]," Coach Dyer said.

of 3-pointers. Mairead McKeary sank four of her six points. Carly Maucione (3 assists, 3 rebounds) scored four of her eight points. Kaitlin McGovern (2 assists, 2 rebounds) and Kerry Wischusen (2 rebounds, 4 points) each

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.

<b>Benedictine</b>	3	3	16	4	26
<b>Cranford</b>	22	10	11	14	57



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**TAKING THE STING OUT OF A GREEN BEE...Cougar Mairead McKeary, No. 13, keeps close tabs on a Benedictine Green Bee. The Lady Cougars took the sting out of the Green Bees and won 57-26 in Cranford.**

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The Cougars dished out seven assists in the first quarter en route to a 22-3 lead. Miller sank 10 of her points, including a pair



added two points. 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

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