

**REGGIE GREEN SINKS 20 POINTS, GRABS 15 BOARDS; STEFAN FEDORCHAK SCORES 17**

# Basketball Boy Cougars Peel W. Orange, 60-53, for Title

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Despite an early jolt from the West Orange Mountaineers, the Cranford High School boys basketball team eventually found the right formula to come up with a 60-53 victory in the championship game of the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament in Cranford on December 29.

Junior forward Reggie Green, who scored 10 of his team's 13 points in the first quarter, sought out teammate Stefan Fedorchak for some offensive support and got it to help the 4-1 Cougars outscore the Mountaineers in each of the remaining three quarters. Fedorchak (1 assist, 1 rebound) scored all 17 of his points in those quarters.

"In transition, we were able to get the ball down court. Stefan and I have been playing ball together for years. We can find each other on the court," said Green, who finished with a game-high 20 points.

Green, who also had three assists, pulled 15 rebounds, and four of his offensive rebounds he converted to lay-ups. Junior forward Kurt Rutmayer also got into the act underneath the boards with six rebounds, a steal and a blocked shot. Rutmayer finished with 10 points.

"We started a little slow offensively, and we were lucky that Reggie got us going early on. Once they tried to limit Reggie's touches and collapse on him in the post, we were able to find the open man, and they were able to convert," Cougar Head Coach Ryan Huber said. "I also feel that Kurt and Reggie did a very good

job controlling the boards."

Cougar point guard Sean Babos (1 steal, 1 rebound) controlled the offensive scheme and also got into the scoring act, especially from the second quarter

the pace, and I feel Sean Babos did a great job controlling the tempo of the game," Coach Huber said.

Just after the opening tip-off, however, the Mountaineers con-

three 3-pointers, but it was DeChavez who was very hard to contain as he finished with 24 points, including three 3-pointers.

Cougar senior Eric Garguilo (2

shooter. He is very athletic. We felt that with Eric guarding him, he would be able to contain him. Eric picked up some early fouls, and I think Stefan did an outstanding job defending him, while Eric was out with foul trouble," Coach Huber said.

The Mountaineers won the first quarter, 14-13, but Fedorchak hit a 3-pointer and a jumper, and Rutmayer pumped in four points to help the Cougars take a 24-23 lead at the half.

The Cougars finished off the third quarter with a 7-0 run to grab a 42-38 lead. Rutmayer banged a 3-pointer, Green rolled in a lay-up and Babos sank a pair of free throws as a result of a technical foul. All five Cougar starters got in the scoring column to win the fourth quarter, 18-15.

During the awards ceremony, Babos was named to the All-Tournament Team and Green was named Most Valuable Player.

"It was a great team effort. We got contributions from everybody. It was a great win for us," Coach Huber said.

West Orange	14	9	15	15	53
Cranford	13	11	18	18	60



**GUARDING A TOUGH MOUNTAINEER...Cougar Stefan Fedorchak, No. 5, guards Mountaineer Carlo DeChavez in the championship game. Fedorchak scored 17 points in the 60-53 Cranford victory.**

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onward to finish with 12 points. Babos led the team with four assists.

"We spoke in our pre-game how we wanted to control the tempo of the game and dictate

controlled the tempo and bucketed the first seven points. Senior guards Carlo DeChavez and Khayeff Crump were giving the Cougars headaches. Crump finished with 13 points, including

points, 2 steal, assist) ran into foul trouble while covering DeChavez, so Fedorchak came on to assist.

"DeChavez is a very good player and a dangerous three-point

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