

# Cougar Matmen Get 4th at Bloomfield Tourney

The Cranford High School wrestling team placed fourth among nine teams at the Bloomfield Holiday Tournament on December 30. Passaic Valley (P) took top honors with 189 points, followed by Clifton (Cf) at 168, Mount Olive (M) at 165 and Cranford (Cr) at 134. Caldwell (Ca) placed fifth at 113, followed by Bloomfield (B) at 100, Kearny (K) at 85.5, Verona (V) at 84 and Ridge (R) at 31.

Cougar JP Christiano took top honors at 170-lbs with a pin over Jeremy Soto (Cf) in 5:33. After receiving a first-round bye,

Christiano pinned Kyle Christiansen (B) in 1:10 to reach the title bout.

Ian Henry placed second at 126-lbs after dropping a 5-3 decision to Anthony DePasque (Cf) in the title bout. Earlier, Henry pinned Steve Nash (K) in 57 seconds and pinned Matt Messina (M) in 11 seconds. Cory Markovitch placed second at 152-lbs when he was nipped, 6-4, by Dylan Offering (M) in the title bout. Markovitch pinned Fehd Seddiki (Ca) in 2:47, then seized a 17-4, majority decision over Dave Cruz (P) to reach the finals.

Nick Diaz placed second at 182-lbs. He snatched a 4-2 decision from Joe Galioto (Ca), then pinned Dave Kowalczyk (Cf) in 0:06 before losing by fall in 2:10 to Tom Witt (K) in the title bout. Matt Russo defeated Andrew Trejo (MO), 6-5, to reach the 195-lb title bout where he dropped a 4-3 decision to Kerem Ozgerek (P). At 120-lbs, Gavin Murray pinned Austin Oliver (R) in 1:01, the lost, 8-6, to Ed Aristizabal (P), who won the title. Murray placed third with a 6-2 decision over Bob Hildenbrandt (V).



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**COUGAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK...** Megan Byrnes, a senior on the varsity winter track team, recently won the 800-meters at the Merli Invitational in Toms River with a time of 2:33. Stefan Fedorchak, a junior on the varsity basketball team, averaged 16.5 points this past week to help lead the Cougars to the Championship at the Cougars vs. Cancer Tournament.



## Cougar Snacks



### Lady Cougars Upend ALJ B'ballers, 47-31

Junior Jessica McCoy rolled in 12 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and snatched five steals to lead the 5-0 Cranford High School girls basketball team to a 47-31 victory over the AL Johnson Crusaders in Clark on January 3. The Lady Crusaders, led by Cyndi Wilson with 14 points, slipped to 1-4.

Cougar junior point guard Jenna Goeller scored 12 points, including three 3-pointers, and added two steals. Senior Morgan Miller sank 11 points, including a 3-pointer, and had two assists. Carli Maucione, Kaitlin McGovern and Mairead McKeary each scored four points.

Cranford	11	10	17	9	47
AL Johnson	4	9	13	5	31

### UC Viking Boys Stun Cougar Cagers, 60-48

The Union Catholic High School boys basketball team outscored the 4-2 Cranford Cougar boys, 18-9, in the fourth quarter to seize a 60-48 victory in Cranford on January 3. Viking junior guard Damon Lynn led all scorers with 24 points, including three 3-pointers and nine free throws, while teammate Brandon Reid sank 10 points.

Senior Kurt Rutmayer led the Cougars with 16 points, including a 3-pointer and seven free throws. Reggie Green and Stefan Fedorchak each had nine points. Sean Babos had five points and Chris Folinusz added four points.

Union Catholic	15	14	13	18	60
Cranford	17	11	11	9	48

*Probitas Verus Honos*

### Lady Cougars Crunch Nutley Cagers, 50-28

Junior forward Morgan Miller sank 20 points, including four 3-pointers, to lead the Cranford High School girls basketball team to a 50-28 thrashing of Nutley in the first round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament in Cranford on December 27. Jess McCoy and Jenna Goeller (two 3-pointers) each bucketed eight points, and Mairead McKeary sank six points, while Jen Carovillano and Carly Maucione each scored four points.

Nutley	3	8	8	9	28
Cranford	23	12	5	10	50

### Cougar Cagers Crack Nutley Boys, 66-53

The Cranford High School boys basketball team jumped on the Nutley Pirates, 17-8, in the first quarter and rolled to a 66-53 victory in the first round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament in Cranford on December 27.

Junior Reggie Green bucketed 23 points and pulled down 15 rebounds, while Stefan Fedorchak pumped in 16 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and Sean Babos nailed 14 points, including two 3-pointers. Eric Garguilo had five points and Kurt Rutmayer netted four points.

Nutley	8	12	14	19	53
Cranford	17	16	21	12	66

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