

RUTMAYER, WILLIAMSON TO BE STRONG ON MOUND

Cougar Baseballers Looking To 'Work Out All the Kinks'

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Success in a program draws attention, and the success of the Cranford High School baseball team over the years has gotten two of Head Coach Dennis McCaffrey's assistants promoted to head coaching jobs at other schools, which has opened the door for some familiar faces with a Cranford background to fill in the vacancies.

"We are very excited about this upcoming year. Angel Naverette, Brian Weingart and Ryan Matlosz have been with the program for years. They bring a great deal of experience, and they have had a lot of success in the past as players and coaches," Coach McCaffrey said.

All three have been standouts in the Cougar baseball system. Naverette played on the 1997 team, while Matlosz and Weingart played on the State Champion 1999 team. "They definitely know the system.

the quest is to find the right combination to fill the vacant varsity positions.

"We are still trying to work out a lot of kinks. We really need to work on our offense, defense and our pitching. It's a work in progress. We are hoping to continue to get better each day and try to make it so we are competitive in each game that we play," Coach McCaffrey said.

Senior Kurt Rutmayer and junior Ryan Williamson have been very successful on the mound in the past and expect to be so this season. When not on the mound, Williamson will play centerfield, and Rutmayer will play first base. Junior Chris Folinusz will also be seen on the mound when not catching or playing first base.

"They certainly have been able to put a lot of hard work in the program. We are hoping that they will be able to have a successful year," Coach McCaffrey commented.

The Cougars have several addi-

they go out there. Everyone is fighting for playing time. There are a number of kids who are working on the mound. There are a number of kids who are playing different positions out in the field, so we are hoping that we can put it together," Coach McCaffrey said.

Junior Andrew DiFrancesco, who had a .450 batting average last year, is expected to play leftfield. Sophomore Tommy Trotter will find time in centerfield, while junior John Armstrong and senior Sean McGovern will occupy right.

"Andrew had a great year. He is a hard-working player. Really puts a lot of time in the fall and in the winter to get ready for this spring," Coach McCaffrey said.

Junior Sean Feeny, in his third year as a starter, had a .500 batting average last year and has shifted from third base to shortstop.

"He played behind Sean Trotter, who had an unbelievable career for



SENIOR LEADERSHIP...The Blue Devil tennis boys are looking to senior leadership for a successful season. Seniors pictured, left to right, are: front row; Jacob Ziff, Jack Rickles and John Mancini; back row, Max Edelsack, Alex Goldschmidt, Jacob Harris, Zachary Botos and William Geoghegan.

THOMPSON FIRST SINGLES, GREENE SECOND SINGLES

Blue Devil Tennis Boys Sight UCT, North 2 Section Titles

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Sweeping the Union County Tournament (UCT), winning an Invitational Tournament, winning a conference title and finishing with a 20-5 record last year would be quite an accomplishment for almost all teams, but this year's Westfield High School boys tennis team also has winning a sectional title in its sights.

"We are after everything we did last year, the Union County Championship, the conference again, and last year for the first time in five years, we fell short in the sectional final to Ridge. Our goal is to defend the county, defend the conference and get back to the section and win that to get ourselves a run down to Mercer County Park for the Group 4 championships and see what happens there," Blue Devil Head Coach George Kapner said.

Junior Scott Thompson, a UCT champion at second doubles his freshman year and a UCT second singles champion last year who finished with a 27-4 record, has seized the first singles spot this season.

"He's had absolutely great chal-

enge matches. He beat [Adam] Greene in straight sets. He has had one three-set match, but he learned from that, stayed focused and got serious. He is without a doubt the best player in our program," Coach Kapner said.

"I am looking forward to going up against the toughest kids in every school. I have no expectations going in. I am a junior. Most of the players I will be seeing are usually older than me. I am going to go in with a lot of effort and try to do my best," Thompson said.

As to what has made Thompson stand out above the rest of the Blue Devils, Coach Kapner said, "Consistency! As a matter of fact, we are trying to get him beyond consistency. To decide that this is my weapon, and I can set it up to win a point, instead of trying to outlast his opponent."

But consistency is only part of Thompson's strengths.

"He has a complete all-around game. His ground strokes are very good from both sides. He can come to the net and win points and volleying, he's an excellent athlete and moves well. He really has the whole pack-

age," Coach Kapner said.

"We have a really tough first half of the year. In the second half of the year, I am going to try to get my rhythm down. I will get some big hitters in the beginning, so I will get used to first singles," Thompson said.

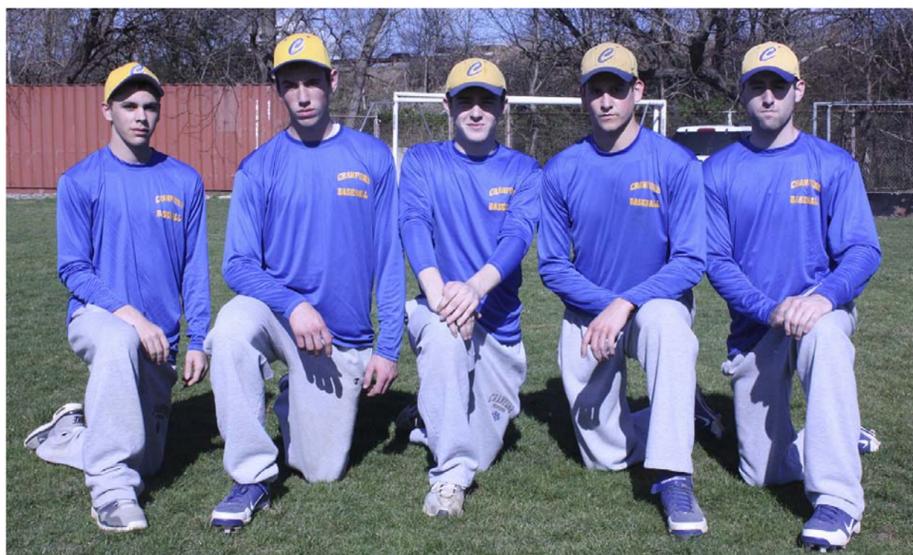
Greene, who teamed with Jack Rickles, now a senior, won the UCT second doubles title last year and finished 15-2. Greene has won the second singles spot.

"He has literally had great matches against everybody except Scott. I think Adam won every other challenge match in straight sets. He has obviously worked very, very hard, and he is totally ready for the season," Coach Kapner said.

Seniors Max Mancini (UCT first double champ, finished 16-5) or Jacob Ziff will be at third singles, which was to be determined by their head-to-head match.

"Whoever does not win that challenge match will almost certainly end up playing doubles. The challenge matches have been played out relatively close to the way we expected them based on last year's finish. Scott

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WORKING OUT THE KINKS...This year's Cranford Cougar baseball team is trying to work out all the kinks. Seniors pictured, left to right, are: Kyle Frank, Sean McGovern, Eric Garguilo, Kurt Rutmayer and Vinnie Colaneri.

They played through the system. Fortunately, they were able to win a number of championships. It worked out well. I am fortunate to work with them each day," Coach McCaffrey said.

Last year, the Cougars won their seventh Union County Tournament title and finished 20-5, but as with every year, because of graduation,

tional candidates vying for the pitching spots with juniors Alex Plick, Matt DiMartino and George Georgodis, sophomore Tyler Davis and freshman Eric Donohue, along with senior Vinnie Colaneri.

"In this program, we have never said that we have a number one pitcher. We want the kids to think that they are the number one pitcher when

us. We are hoping that will be a smooth transition for him," coach McCaffrey said.

Senior Eric Garguilo will play second, and three candidates, DiMartino, Georgodis and Donohue, are vying

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SCOTCH PLAINS - FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, in the County of Union, for the furnishing of the hereinafter described labor, material and equipment for **Proposed Roofing Replacements - Brunner Elementary School / Evergreen Elementary School / School #1 Elementary School / Park Middle School, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, Scotch Plains, New Jersey** (hereinafter, the "Project") and opened and read in public at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education Offices, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, on **April 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.** prevailing time. Bids to be received for this work shall be Combined/Lump Sum Bids for all the work required.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of Potter Architects, L.L.C., 410 Colonial Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083, during business hours. **A copy thereof may be procured in person only on or after March 30, 2012, at the Architect's office for the purpose of bidding.** Bidders shall notify the Architect in advance prior to obtaining bidding documents (Plans and Project Manual) by calling Potter Architects (908-686-2547). Documents will not be mailed. Cash or check to the order of said Architect in the sum of \$125 (compact disk) or \$175 (hard copy) is required, which is non-refundable. Neither Owner nor Architect assumes any responsibility for errors, omissions, or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents, or copies of Bidding Documents obtained in electronic media form, internet plan rooms or other internet plan sites, or copies of Bidding Documents obtained from any source other than the Architect's Office.

All bids must conform to the Project Manual. Bids must be made on standard bid forms in the manner designated by the Project Manual, must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder, the contract being bid on the outside thereof, addressed to Owner and should be delivered in person to the Owner. Owner will not be responsible for bids sent by mail or delivery service.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education Offices, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, on April 5, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time (all four schools will be visited), for the purpose of observing the work sites, discussing the Bid documents and expected procedures, and to review questions posed by Bidders. **Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory.**

Each Bid shall be accompanied by the following:

1. Guarantee payable to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education that Bidder, if the Contract is awarded to him, will enter into a contract therefore. Guarantee shall be in the amount of 10% of the Bid, but not in excess of \$20,000.00 and may be in the form of certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond, as per NJSA 18A:18A-24.

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2. Certificate from a surety company stating that it will provide the Bidder with a Performance, Payment Bond and Maintenance Bond in such sum and form as is required in the Specifications.

3. Affidavit showing Notice of Classification in accordance with the standards of and by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction, for Bids \$20,000 and over, for prime Bidders and all sub-contractors, prior to the date that Bids are received. Notices of Classification must include: Roofing Work (CO68-Roofing Membrane-Modified Bitumen). Any Gas, Electric or HVAC Work is considered incidental and, therefore, Notice of Classification in those trades is not required.

4. A statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders owning 10% or more of the stock in the case of a corporation, or 10% or greater interest in the case of a partnership, or acknowledgment that no person or entity has 10% or greater proprietary interest in the Bidder.

5. Refer to Bid Specifications for other Bid requirements.

Bidders are notified as follows:

1. Addendum may be issued by the Owner in accordance with the Project Manual up to seven (7) business days prior to receipt of Bids.

2. No Bid may be withdrawn after the date of receipt.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.37 and 34:11-56.38 et seq. (Wages on Public Works) and that the contract to be awarded in the case shall contain a stipulation that the wage rate must be paid to workmen employed in the performance of the contracts shall not be less than the prevailing wage rate as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry of the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the provisions of P.L. 1999, c.238 (The Public Works Contractor Registration Act), which became effective on April 11, 2000, and P.L. 2004, c.57 (Business Registration of Public Contractors) which became effective on September 1, 2004.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:31-1 to 52:33-4, the statutes on the use of domestic materials on public work.

Bidders are put on notice that the Owner is an exempt organization under the provisions of the New Jersey State Sales and Use Tax (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et. seq.) and is not required to pay sales tax.

Bidders are put on notice that they are required to comply with all rules and regulations and orders promulgated by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31.2 et. seq. and with all provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through 10:2-4 (Affirmative Action), and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

The Owner reserves the right to consider the Bids for sixty (60) days after receipt thereof, and further reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities in any Bid or Bids, and to make such awards as may be in the best interest of the Owner.

By order of the Township of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Mr. James Davis
Business Administrator
Board Secretary
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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF BOND ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed bond ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 20th day of March, 2012, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Township Council to be held at its meeting room in the Township Hall, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, on the 17th day of April, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Township Hall of the Township, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the Township who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk in said Township Hall in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

BOZENA LACINA, RMC
Township Clerk
Township of Scotch Plains
County of Union
State of New Jersey

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHANNING AVENUE, PARTLY AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND PARTLY AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to improve Channing Avenue (entire length in the Township) consisting of (a) improvement of the roadway, a general improvement (the AGeneral Improvement@), and (b) installation of granite block curbing, a local improvement (the ACurb Improvement@). The following properties, as shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Township, are in the vicinity of the Curb Improvement:

STREET ADDRESS	BLOCK	LOT
2357 Channing Avenue	08101	01
2346 Promenade	08101	02
2401 Channing Avenue	08101	13
2399 Channing Avenue	08101	14
2397 Channing Avenue	08101	15
2393 Channing Avenue	08101	16
2389 Channing Avenue	08101	17
2371 Channing Avenue	08101	18
2369 Channing Avenue	08101	19
2365 Channing Avenue	08101	20
2361 Channing Avenue	08101	21
2348 Channing Avenue	08104	01
2352 Channing Avenue	08104	02
2356 Channing Avenue	08104	04
2360 Channing Avenue	08104	05
2366 Channing Avenue	08104	06
2370 Channing Avenue	08104	07
2376 Channing Avenue	08104	08
2380 Channing Avenue	08104	09
2384 Channing Avenue	08104	10
2392 Channing Avenue	08104	11
2396 Channing Avenue	08104	12
2400 Channing Avenue	08104	13

Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. It is hereby determined and stated that said road being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$75,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. The General Improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited. The Curb Improvement shall be made as a local improvement as hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. The Curb Improvement shall be undertaken as a local improvement and the cost thereof not borne by the Township shall be assessed upon the lands and real estate upon the line and in the vicinity of said improvement which may be benefited by said improvement, as provided in Chapter 56 of Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended. All assessments levied for said improvement shall in each case be as nearly as may be in proportion to and not in excess of the peculiar benefit, advantage or increase in value which the respective lots and parcels of real estate shall be deemed to receive by reason of such improvement. The total amount of the assessments so levied shall not exceed the cost of said improvement. The portion of such cost which shall not be so

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assessed shall be paid by the Township as in the case of a general improvement which is to be paid for by general taxation. Such portion of the cost shall be in addition to the contribution, if any, of the Township, hereinafter provided.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the Township will not contribute any money to the cost of the Curb Improvement, and (2) one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the Curb Improvement shall be assessed, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of the special assessments for the Curb Improvement is \$27,115, and (4) no special assessments for such improvement have been levied or confirmed, and (5) such special assessments may be paid in ten annual installments.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$75,000, and (4) \$3,600 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$71,400, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinafter stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$7,850 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$3,600, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$3,600 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 7. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$71,400 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$71,400 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$71,400 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.
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