



**PLACING THIRD...**Cranford High School sophomore Niko Cappello, left of center, competed in the NHSCA (National High School Coaches Association) Tournament in Virginia Beach on March 30 and placed third in the Sophomore Division at 160-lbs. This made Cappello a two-time High School All-American. Last year as a freshman Niko placed fourth at 145 pounds in the same NHSCA tournament.

### Cranford Cougars Nip Steinert in Baseball, 6-5

The Cranford High School baseball team plated four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to edge Steinert, 6-5, in the Roselle Park Dad's Club Invitational on April 12. Tommy Trotter scored the winning run when Matt

Ravetier ripped a single to right-center. Ravetier, who also doubled, finished with two RBI. Trotter scored twice and had an RBI. John Oblachinski and Joe Norton each scored once and had an RBI.

Steinert	200	100	2	5
Cranford	000	002	4	6

### Cougars Top Union In Baseball, 4-2

The Cranford High School baseball team improved to 5-0 with a 4-2 victory over Union on April 11. Tommy Trotter had two hits and an RBI, Jack McCaffrey doubled and scored, and Sam Scheer scored once and added an RBI. John Oblachinski and Matt Ravetier each had an RBI. Pat Knight and Albert Gargiulo each scored a run.

Cranford	100	210	0	4
Union	000	002	0	2

### Softball Cougars Top GL Highlanders, 5-3

Senior Kerry Wischusen smacked a double and two singles and added an RBI to lead the Cranford High School softball team to a 5-3 victory over Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights on April 11. Alli Verrilli tripled, scored once and had an RBI for the 2-4 Cougars.

Cranford	203	000	0	5
Gov. Livingston	000	200	1	3

# UCC Postpones Plans to Build Athletic Field in Cranford

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Specially Written for *The Westfield Leader*

**CRANFORD** — Union County College has postponed its plans to construct a sports facility for its soccer, lacrosse and track teams.

In a letter sent to Freeholder Chairman Chris Hudak on Monday, UCC President Margaret M. McMenamain said, "In light of community concerns, I have decided to postpone our plan to construct the field at our Cranford campus. In doing so, however, I am seeking your assistance and the assistance of the entire Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in identifying a suitable

alternative location that would meet the needs of our students."

The county has given UCC access to Nomahegan Park, located across the street from the UCC campus; Shane Walsh Field in Cranford, Wheeler Park in Linden, Phil Rizzuto Park in Elizabeth, Snyder Avenue Field in Berkeley Heights, Black Brook Park in Kenilworth, Meisel Avenue Field in Springfield, Warinanco Park in Elizabeth/Roselle, Morris Avenue Field and Unami Park, which straddles Cranford, Garwood and Westfield.

Ms. McMenamain said that "having different teams practicing and playing games at 10 different locations across the county is not what we want for our deserving student-athletes or our county college."

According to the UCC website, the lacrosse team plays at Snyder Park while the soccer program uses Wheeler Park.

In response to UCC's decision, county spokesman Sebastian D'Elia e-mailed a statement from the freeholders to *The Westfield Leader* on Tuesday afternoon.

"The County of Union and the Freeholder Board look forward

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**OPPOSED...**Colby Lane resident Felicia Van Ostenbridge asks the Cranford Township Committee for its support in motivating the community to oppose the turf field proposed by Union County College.