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McKEARY SINKS 10, STEALS 4; MAUCIONE SCORES 8; WISCHUSEN, MacLELLAND 4 PTs EACH

Roselle Catholic Lions Tame Lady Cougar Cagers, 53-28

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Veteran team verses a young, reorganizing team rolled in favor of the veteran team as the Roselle Catholic High School Lady Lions basketball team defeated the Cranford Cougars, 53-28, in Cranford on January 4.

Lady Lion Tori Pozsonyi demonstrated her strength and poise under both boards and led all players with 20 points, as well as with rebounds. Senior point guard Katie Tobie, who finished with four points, successfully man-

aged to get the ball into Pozsonyi under the boards for easy lay-ups. Junior guards Dolapo Balogun and Allieya Cabbage each netted eight points, and Tiffany McQueen came off the bench and scored seven points. Junior forward Ashley Skrec scored the game's only 3-pointer.

"They have been playing together for a long time. Our team is like a brand new team. I have graduated a lot last year. We had girls who were playing together for a bunch of years. This is the first year that we are like starting

fresh. We are trying to get used to working together. We are running through the motions of getting more comfortable," Cougar Head Coach Jackie Dyer said.

Senior guard Mairead McKeary and senior forward Carly Maucione led the 1-4 Cougars with 10 points and eight points, respectively. McKeary also added four steals and three assists. Senior guard Kerry Wischusen, who finished with four points, pulled four rebounds and added a steal and an assist. Sophomore guard Cerys MacLelland also had four rebounds, four points and a steal, while contributing two assists. Sophomore guard Sarah Ross had two steals and an assist, and her sister Hannah buck-

eted two points. Erin Meixner had three rebounds and a steal, and Bela Speer grabbed four rebounds.

Both teams were effective from the charity line, especially in the first half, when the Cougars hit all eight of their free throws and the 5-0 Lions hit seven of nine. The Cougars did miss all four of their foul shots in the second half, while the Lions went 7-for-12 to finish 14-for-21, so both finished with a 67 percent average.

Halfway through the first quarter, the Lady Lions held a 7-4 lead, but McKeary and MacLelland went to the charity line and each sank both free throws to give the Cougars the first of their two leads of the game. After Pozsonyi answered with a pair of free throws, McKeary, on an assist

from MacLelland, rolled in a lay-up to make the score, 10-9. However, from there, the Lions sank the last six points to take a 15-10 lead entering the second quarter. McKeary scored the Cougars' only two points, but the Lions bucketed 13 to stretch their lead to 28-12 at halftime.

Maucione, on respective assists from McKeary and MacLelland, netted the Cougars' first four points in the third quarter then McKeary converted a steal to a lay-up and Hannah Ross, with Speer's assistance, scored her 2-pointer, but the Lions scored 14 to make the score, 42-20. McKeary, Maucione, Wischusen and MacLelland each added two points in the fourth quarter.

"I am very happy with our effort and not giving up until the

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