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HACKER SETS WHS RECORD, McGLYNN WINS SOPH RACE

Blue Devil Boys, Girls Finish Strong at Magee Class Meet

Sarah Hacker set a WHS record (for the course) by finishing third in the Senior Division and Will McGlynn finished first in the Sophomore Class race as the Westfield High School boys and girls cross-country teams made a strong showing at the Bernie Magee Class Meet at Morris Plains on September 22.

The senior girls finished fifth overall with a 138 total and Hacker's third-place time was 19:17.1. Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Sam Greene crossed 15th at 20:39.2, Blue Devils Brianna Hatch at 21:09.9 and Paige Radice at 21:47.2 finished 29-37 and Raider Mary Fossaceca finished 41st at 21:56.8.

The junior girls took fourth with a total of 145. Raider Olivia Zambrio crossed sixth at 19:46.3. Blue Devils Grace Morgan at 20:24.3 took ninth and Abby Frontero finished 37th at 22:33.6. Raider Sofia Casimiro crossed 38th at 22:45.2. Blue Devils Julia Csorba at 23:17.1 and Sloane

Slusher at 23:17.4 finished 48-49.

The Lady Blue Devils won the Sophomore Class with a 35 total and Caroline Collins finished second with a time of 20:12.4. Grace Endy at 20:24.6 and Sammy Salz at 20:29.8 finished 5-6 and Elizabeth Bielen crossed 16th at 21:02.8. Madeleine Learner at 21:31.8 and Molly Stogner at 21:42.4 finished 25-30. In the Freshmen two-mile race, the Blue Devils took fourth at 105 and Erin McKinney finished 15th at 14:26.4. Jordyn Ament at 15:24.5 and Maggie Cassidy at 15:36.4 finished 32-33.

The Westfield senior boys placed second with a total of 129 and the Raider boys placed fifth at 182. Raider Ben Fleischer finished fourth with a time of 15:57.2. Blue Devils Cooper Brennan at 16:49.1 and Ronnie Melao at 16:56.5 crossed 16-17. Raider Brandon Garcia finished 21st at 17:01 and Blue Devils James McCutcheon finished 23rd at 17:04.8. Raider Drew

Burfeindt finished 26th at 17:12.4.

The Blue Devils won the Junior Class race with a total of 32. Kevin Yucetepe at 16:19.2 and Will Loggia at 16:26.7 finished 3-4, while Zach Spergel at 16:35, Jonathan Givelber at 16:42.1 and Jack Maranz at 16:48.7 finished 8-9-11. Aidan Kilbourn finished 19th at 17:09.3, Raider Max Cardarelli crossed 22nd at 17:15 and Blue Devil Alex Maurillo crossed 23rd at 17:21.4.

McGlynn took top honors in the Sophomore Class with a time of 16:32.5 as the Blue Devils placed third with a 146 total. Tom Chen finished 18th at 17:41.9, followed by Raider Peter Shih at 17:43.3. Raider Miles Roper finished 24th at 17:57 and Blue Devil Will Frontero crossed 40th at 18:41.1. Westfield took seventh in the Freshman Class with a 192 total. Ben Hacker finished 16th at 12:38.1 and Colman Scanlan finished 22nd at 12:49.



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GANG TACKLED BY COUGARS...Rahway Indian running back Zi'on Pendleton, No. 24 center, gets crushed by a gang of Cougars during the game at Memorial Field in Cranford on September 21. Rahway scored three late TDs to win 22-0.

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Rahway Gridders' 'D' Stifles Cranford Cougars' 'O', 22-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Defenses ruled significantly in the first half and throughout most of the third quarter until the Rahway High School football team caught a break and took advantage of it late in the quarter then added shifty running late in the fourth quarter to set up a second touchdown and finally capitalized on a desperation pass to add a third touchdown en route to a 22-0 victory over the Cranford Cougars at Memorial Field in Cranford on September 21.

The effectiveness of both teams' defenses left little for both teams' offenses to brag about in the first half. Due to three sacks, the Cougars totaled zero yards rushing on 12 carries but junior quarterback Connor Katz did manage to complete nine passes for 69 yards in the half. Senior tight end Rob Schork made three receptions for 31 yards. Junior Mike Kalnins had two receptions for 20 yards, Anthony DeCostello had a nine-yard reception, Cole Zuckerman had a six-yard reception and Tom Korzeneski had a three-yard reception. Katz would complete two more passes in the second half but he would be the victim of a 52-yard interception for a touchdown in the final minute.

"They played very well on defense and a lot of it is on me. The offense

runs through me. I got to be better. We all got to step up, look ourselves in the mirror and see what we can do better. We improve from here and things will be better," Katz said.

Rahway carried 16 times for just 28 yards in the first half and quarterback Ja'kir Robinson completed just three of six passes for 13 yards. By game's

end, Cougar safety Jake Chapman would be involved in nine tackles and would make what could have been a key interception in the end zone. Cougar linebacker Ahmad Rasheed was involved in seven tackles, including two sacks. Owen Ballweg was involved in eight tackles and Chris

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JOB WELL DONE AGAINST THE VIKINGS...Cranford Cougars Drew Patterson, No. 7, James Coleman, No. 19, Simon Levenstein, No. 4, and Tyler Burns, No. 23, were pleased with the outcome of their game against Union Catholic.

PATTERSON, BURNS, COLEMAN, LEVENSTEIN SCORE

Cougars' 3 Second-Half Goals Reject Viking Soccer Boys, 4-0

By ALEX LOWE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Cranford scored three second half goals to pull away from Union Catholic on the way to a 4-0 Boys soccer victory on September 22 in Scotch Plains. Drew Patterson, Tyler Burns, James Coleman and Simon Levenstein each had a goal to spark the Cougar attack. The game was a key match-up between Union County programs hoping to impress ahead of the upcoming seeding meetings for the talent-rich Union County Tournament.

"We've got Plainfield, Elizabeth and Westfield coming up, so it is a big week for us especially with the county seeding coming up," said Cranford Head Coach Greg Campbell. "We've had a couple of tough overtime losses to Westfield and Elizabeth, so I think in those games we proved that we have the quality to compete with the other top teams in the county. Today it was about establishing and building confidence."

Early on, the host Vikings hung tough. Union Catholic, which entered the contest with a 3-1 record, had posted three shutouts in their victories. Union Catholic goaltender David Laguitan appeared to be in a typically stingy mood during the first half as Cranford struggled to finish off offensive chances. But the match was definitely a step up in class for the Vikings and it began to show as the game wore on.

"We were definitely frustrated, especially the first twenty minutes of the game," said Campbell. "We didn't feel like we were putting the ball on the floor and moving it around the way that we would like to. It felt like we were a little passive in terms of trying to win the ball back. I was happy to see the guys stick with it. We got much better as the half moved on. Unfortunately, we missed a couple of golden opportunities that were saved by their goaltender but we finally got one at the end of the half with a great strike by Drew Patterson."

Patterson broke the scoreless deadlock in the 38th minute with a great strike from about 15 yards out and to the right of the net. Patterson kicked a line drive that clanked the center of the crossbar and bounced in to the back of the net. Laguitan had no chance of swatting it away.

"It felt good coming off my foot."

said Patterson, a senior. "It has been a while since I hit one like that. I had missed a pretty easy chance about five minutes before that so I felt like I had to make up for it."

The goal sent the Cougars into the break with a 1-0 lead. Union Catholic came out after the break determined to equalize the match. Arthur Almeida had an opportunity to score in the 50th minute but his kick was high over the crossbar. Five minutes later, Almeida had another chance but once again he was high and to the left on his kick.

The Cougars took advantage when they had the opportunities in the second half. In the 63rd minute, Burns put one in the back of the net to extend the lead to 2-0.

"It was off of a free kick," said Burns. "The ball was flicked to the back post. The ball got bounced around and I just tapped it in. It was my first goal in a while and it felt

really good."

After that, the goals came in rapid succession for Cranford. Coleman scored next after getting ahead of the field for a one-on-one against the UC goalie in the 65th minute for a 3-0 lead. Less than three minutes later it was Levenstein, who tapped it in for a 4-0 advantage. Levenstein was the recipient of a fortunate bounce as Patterson's shot on goal was deflected away by Laguitan. The ball bounced over to Levenstein, who quickly chipped it in past the prone goalkeeper.

Laguitan notched four saves in defeat for Union Catholic, while Cougar Andrew Iacavano tallied three. Gaven Bridgman, Kevin O'Donovan and Chris Rehbein each contributed an assist to the Cougar offense. Cranford improved to 3-4 on the season while Union Catholic fell to 3-2.

Cranford	1	3	4
Union Catholic	0	0	0



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CRANFORD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK...Olivia Tardibuono, a freshman on the varsity tennis team plays second singles and is currently 5-1 this season. Andrew Iacavano, a junior on the varsity soccer team, has been a vital part of the team's success. He has registered three shutouts and only conceded four total goals in five games.

Westfield Tops Cougars In Girls Tennis, 4-1

The Westfield High School girls tennis team improved to 8-1 with a 4-1 victory over the Cranford Cougars on September 22. The only Blue Devil loss came at first singles when Natalie Zalechowski had to retire in the first set to Molly Gardiner. Rachel Rothenberg defeated Olivai Tordibuono, 6-1, 6-2, at second singles and Katey Peretz stopped Alyssa Columbrita, 6-0, 6-0, at third singles.

Leah Bremer and Sloane Silverman topped Julia Sorkin and Amanda Newport, 6-0, 6-1, at first doubles and Haley Gasson and Coco Herz defeated Hailey Seals and Kylie Brown, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0, at second doubles.

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