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***RASHEED, SCHORK, GUIDITTA GET SACKS; CHAPMAN, 9 TACKLES INTERCEPTS IN END ZONE***

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

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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 com-

pleted 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 Guiditta with eight tackles and Schork with five tackles, each delivered a sack and a throw for a loss. Matt Doran, Dante Cassero and Zach Blevins each made seven tackles.

Although both teams had their share, penalties haunted the Cougars' advancement.

"It was just talking back-and-forth throughout the whole game and some of us couldn't keep our composure, including me. There's no pointing fingers but we just got to get ready for next week," Schork said.

"I didn't see much. There wasn't too much name calling and penalties on the offensive side like personal fouls," Cougar senior

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