



David B. Corbin (January 2019 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GETTING THE REBOUND...Cougar junior Arjun Petgrave, No. 12, will prove to be a major contributor under the boards this season as well as creating steals and sinking points.

Cougar Boy Cagers Look to Turn Losses to Wins

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less than three points. Almost every loss except one I believe was single digits. We were right in games and it was a big difference from what's happened in the past. Now they got to learn in those close games how to win them," Cougar Head Coach Sean Trotter suggested.

The Cougars did graduate three fine leaders with Hunter Goff, Jeremy Ruka and Kevin Donovan but there still remains plenty of talent and team depth to fill the vacancies.

"It's going to hurt. Those three guys were hard workers. They were leaders. They did a lot for our team but we are returning a lot too. We have a lot of good sophomores, we have a lot of good juniors and we are returning Cole Blazek as a senior, so I'm excited for this year," Coach Trotter said.

Last year Blazek became known as the "Chief Thief" because of his slight of hand that reeled in 41 steals. Blazek, a multi-sport athlete, also grabbed 86 rebounds and scored 141 points, including 10 3-pointers, so his all-around ability will be a boon to the team.

"He's a tough kid and he works hard. He's athletic, he's a football player and when he sees that ball, he is going to go get it," Coach Trotter expressed.

Forward Arjun Petgrave, now a junior,

certainly left a positive impression last year, not only for being second on the team in scoring with 248 points, which included 52 free throws, but also across the board. He was hands on everywhere and led the team with 201 rebounds, while creating 32 steals, dishing out 24 assists and adding 11 blocks. In the wild overtime game with New Providence, Petgrave, a wide receiver on the football team, pulled 14 rebounds.

"Arjun is the only guy we had here who played as a freshman. It's not very common in Cranford for a guy to be playing as a freshman," Coach Trotter pointed out. "He's just a great athlete. He loves the game and he's getting better every day. He's as athletic as it gets. He can jump out of the gym. Now we got to see what he can do as a junior."

Also returning is junior guard Joe Carrea, who has been a positive influence with his leadership abilities. Last year Carrea pulled down 99 rebounds. He scored 105 points and added 20 assists, 17 steals and a pair of blocked shots.

"Joe is a kid who is tough to take off the court. He's that guy who might not light up your stat sheet but he's the hardest worker out here. He gets our offense and defense going. He's got more passion than any guy that I've seen," Coach Trotter said.

Others who experienced a lot of varsity time last year are juniors Dennis DeMarino (guard), Devin Haughey (center), Jack Connolly (forward) and Adam Kutzer (forward).

"We got a few guys returning, Dennis DeMarino, Devin Haughey, Jack Connolly who came off the bench as well and got some time with us," Coach Trotter commented.

But the Cougars also have a wealth of younger players who are hungry to break into the starting lineup or, at least, experience ample court time.

"We have a great group of sophomores between Liam Kwiatkowski, Lucas Ruby, Matt Bush, Kyler Higgins," Coach Trotter said. "They are going to be role players for us on a day-to-day basis. They are going to be those guys who are taking away minutes when those guys are in foul trouble. Hopefully one of those guys steals a starting spot. They are going to be impressive this year."

Interestingly, the amount of depth and talent on the floor this season has presented another problem for Coach Trotter, but a good one.

"This junior class, this sophomore class, this freshman class are deep. There are a lot of great basketball players. It really made tryouts really hard because we had so many good basketball players in the gym. I'm excited to see how they progress this year and in the future. This should be a fun year."

The Cougars competed in a tough conference last year and will be facing the same foes this year with New Providence, Governor Livingston, Rahway, Summit and Oratory Prep.

"It's a tough conference. A lot of competitive basketball players. New Prov. was a tough team day-in-day-out and Rahway! Great coach, great players! That team is always really, really competitive," Coach Trotter expressed.

The Cougars will begin their fun when they open their regular season away against Northern Valley Regional on Friday, December 20, at 4:15 then they will host Delaware Valley on Saturday, December 21, at 12:30.

WF's Loder Compete In Petrofes Tourney

Wrestling for Gettysburg College, Brendan Loder of Westfield fell one win shy of a spot in the placement matches after going 3-2 at 184 pounds at the Petrofes Invitational hosted by Messiah College. Loder won his opening match 13-6 and lost his second by fall. The Gettysburg first-year recovered with a 27-10, technical fall before notching a pin with eight seconds left against Edgardo Caraballo from Thaddeus Stevens. Loder dropped his final bout to Ryan Errico by major decision.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

The Planning Board of the Town of Westfield will hold a special meeting on December 19, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of considering the proposed Master Plan Reexamination Report prepared by the Board's planning consultant. The Board will hear testimony from its consultant regarding the reexamination report, and all interested parties will be allowed to ask questions of the expert and provide testimony and comments regarding the report. Following the public hearing, the Planning Board may take action by amending and/or adopting the Reexamination Report. Copies of the proposed Reexamination Report is on file in the Planning Office of the Town of Westfield, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey, and may be viewed by the public Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Linda Jacus
 Administrative Secretary
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Raider Swim Boys Need Depth; Girls Return Experienced Cast

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

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys varsity swim team scored big during the 2018-19 campaign. The Raiders captured NJSIAA Tournament, North Jersey, Section 2, Group B crown with a 97-73 win over Montgomery and advanced all the way to the NJSIAA Group Tournament, Public B Final Round before coming up short against Mainland (98-72).

Josh Cohen, was a star in the 200-freestyle, capping his great career by winning the Union County Tournament (UCT) title setting a new meet record (1:40.07) and shattering the previous record he had set as a junior

ready to make a splash. Corey He, Aidan Trenery, Jason Mongiovi, Sean Merkle, Lucas Route, Ethan Morrobel, Matt London, Owen Ferrone, Mike DePaola, Bradely Frank and Owen Higinbotham are names to watch.

Corey He already began making his mark last season as a freshman. He finished fifth in the 200-freestyle (1:49.83) at the UCT behind Cohen and figures as one of the favorites in that event this year. He also took sixth in the 500-freestyle (4:56.18) at counties, so he projects as the Raiders' top returning freestyler.

Trenery returns for his sophomore season after claiming sixth in the 200-IM (2:01.77) at the UCT. Trenery's

He, Frank, Mongiovi and London posted a winning time of 1:35.18 in the 200-free relay.

Last year was also highly successful on the girls' side with a fifth straight UCT championship and a sectional semi win over North Hunterdon being among the accomplishments. The Raider girls return an experienced cast of swimmers and set up as one of the main contenders once again this season.

"We have some great leadership in our senior and junior class," said Hulnik. "Our sophomore class has a year under their belt and knows what to expect. We are pretty solid across the board up top and are looking for swimmers to step up in our outside



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LEADING THE SWEEP...Sofia Leonetti led a 1-2-3 sweep in the 100-breaststroke to put the Raiders in front 82-74 heading into the final event, the 400-free relay when they took second to edge Chatham, 86-84, on December 12, 2018.

(1:40.23). Cohen also won the 500-freestyle (4:36.37) and was part of the UCT champion teams in the 200-freestyle relay and the 400-freestyle relay. The Raiders will press forward without their superstar as Cohen has moved on to Georgia Tech University.

Additionally, Alan Shao, a UCT champ in the 200-Individual Medley (IM) (1:56.33) and the 100-butterfly (52.69) also graduated leaving numerous very big holes to fill. Head Coach Jess Hulnik, entering her 25th year at the helm of the program, remains undaunted.

"We graduated a very strong class and the beginning of this season will be spent on trying to figure out who goes where to maximize our potential as a team. We are looking for kids to step up and play some roles that they did not have to play last year. Despite graduation, we still have quite a bit of versatility. We hope to keep teams off-balance using that."

Hulnik has several talented swim-

time was only 5.44 seconds behind Shao's winning time of (1:56.33).

London, a junior, is the top returning freestyle sprinter. London placed fourth at counties in the 50-freestyle (22.79) and fifth in the 100-freestyle (50.54).

Hulnik sees no weaknesses in specific events but she knows she will need several young swimmers to step up and improve on their best efforts.

"Not so much events, but in terms of providing depth. We are going to need some kids, who may be freshman or who are competing in new events, to be able to get in there and score points for us."

The Raiders are already off to a fast start, claiming a 92-78 victory over Governor Livingston in their season opener on December 3. London won the 50-freestyle (23.06) and the 100-freestyle (51.42) while Trenery won the 200IM (2:03.39) and the 100-backstroke (58.84). Mongiovi won the 100-breaststroke (1:04.12). Corey He took the 500-freestyle (5:05.59).

lanes in all events." Abby Ryan, Rachel Small, Nicole Kenny, Julia Bonhote, Lily Hughes, Chloe Howell, Aislinn Mooney, Sofia Leonetti and Ava Mustacciolo all return for the Raiders after having logged extensive laps last season.

Perhaps most encouraging is the fact that so many top performers for the Raiders last season came from a very talented group of younger swimmers. Hughes was the UCT 100-backstroke champion with a time of 58.17. Expect Hughes to be a frequent winner in this event before she finishes her Raider career.

Bonhote and Howell were also freshmen phenoms. Bonhote specialized in the sprints and finished third at counties in the 50-freestyle (25.02) and fifth in the 100-freestyle (55.27). Howell gives the Raiders a second speedy sprinter having finished fourth, by a hair, in the 50-freestyle (25.03) and second in the 100-freestyle (54.31). With New Providence champ Sophia Kudryashova (50.70) having graduated, Howell appears to be the county favorite in this event.

Small returns for her junior season after finishing fourth at counties in the 100-freestyle (54.77) as a sophomore. Along with Bonhote and Howell, Small gives Hulnik perhaps the deepest group of sprinters the county has to offer.

As sophomores, Ryan (1:10.42) and Leonetti (1:10.65) provided third- and fourth-place finishes in the 100-breaststroke during the county championships. Look for that junior duo to battle each other as well as the rest of the county for the top spot in that event this season.

In the 500-freestyle, Mooney hopes to improve upon her county final time of 5:25.33 which earned her a fourth last year as a freshman. She will inherit the mantle of top distance swimmer for the Raiders now that Caroline Warren has graduated and swims for MIT.

The UCT championship winning 200-freestyle relay team (Small, Bonhote, Howell, Ryan) returns intact. They figure to better their winning time of 1:40.36 this season.

The Raider girls made waves in their season opening win over Governor Livingston (100-70). Raider winners included: 200-free Abby Ryan, 2:12:34, 200IM Mooney, 2:21:42 and 50-free Bonhote, 25:58. Small also turned in a victory in the 100-free (59:92).

Devilfish Have Strong Swims At BAC Treasure Island

The Westfield Area "Y" Devilfish sent 110 swimmers to the BAC Treasure Island Invitational, which was hosted by Berkeley Aquatic Club in New Providence on November 16-17. There were multiple first and second place finishes with many personal-best times being acquired.

TOP DEVILFISH:

GIRLS 10U: Emma Crall (3rd 200IM); Kaylie Gao (1st 50 Free, 2nd 200 Free, 200IM); Lila Griffith (4th 50 Back, 50 Breast, 6th 50 Free, 100 Breast); Jane Kavanagh (1st 100 Fly, 200IM, 2nd 100 Breast, 3rd 200 Free)

BOYS 10U: Alex Giangone (1st 50 Fly, 100 Fly, 200IM, 2nd 200 Free, 100IM); Kevin O'Neill (1st 50 Breast, 2nd 100 Breast, 3rd 50 Free)

GIRLS 11-12: Emelia Dengler (3rd 100 Breast, 100 Fly); Brooke McAndrew (1st 500 Free, 3rd 200 Free); Jacqueline Moser (1st 200IM, 2nd 50 Breast); Catherine Ritter (1st 50, 100, 200 Free, 50 Fly); Simran Tangri (3rd 50 Fly)

BOYS 11-12: Josh Cetin (1st 100 Back, 100 Fly, 2nd 50 Free, 100 Breast, 200IM); Ted Crall (3rd 100 Breast); Dylan Lagrimas (2nd 100 Back, 50 Breast); Cole Sharkey (1st 50 Fly, 200IM); Logan Swenson (1st

100 Free, 50 Back, 2nd 100IM

GIRLS 13-14: Emily Constable (1st 100, 200 Breast, 2nd 200IM); Lauren Lane (1st 200, 400IM, 2nd 500 Free, 200 Back); Clare Logan (1st 50, 100, 200, 500 Free, 200 Back, 2nd 100 Fly); Selah Tedesco (3rd 200 Breast)

BOYS 13-14: Will Crall (2nd 200, 400IM); Will Heinze (1st 1650 Free, 2nd 1000 Free); Charlie Jekell (3rd 1000 Free); Colin Kavanagh (1st 400IM, 2nd 50, 100 Free, 100 Back, 100 Fly); Patrick Miller (3rd 100 Back); Christian Tedesco (1st 200 Breast, 2nd 100 Breast, 200 Free, 3rd 200IM)

GIRLS 15+: Ellie Cestero (3rd 100 Breast); Emma Heinze (1st 1650 Free, 2nd 1000 Free); Julia McGann (1st 1000 Free); Abby McKinney (1st 50 Free, 100, 200 Back, 200 Fly); Bridget Thomas (3rd 100 Free)

BOYS 15+: Henry Brown (1st 50, 200 Free, 2nd 100 Free, 200 Fly); Seth Camacho (1st 200 Back, 2nd 100 Back, 200IM, 400IM); Bruce Kapp (1st 1650 Free, 2nd 1000 Free); Matt London (3rd 100 Fly); Billy Maguire (1st 200 Fly, 2nd 200 Back, 3rd 100 Back); Carsen Sharkey (2nd 200 Fly); TJ Walsh (1st 1000 Free)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS COUNTY OF UNION

TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will expose for sale at Public Auction, in accordance with Title 39:10A-1, at the times and locations specified below, the following motor vehicles which came into the possession of the Scotch Plains Police Department through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same.

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Purchase must be made by cash or certified check. A 10% deposit must be given at time of auction. Balance must be paid by 4:00 p.m. the same day.

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GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2155

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO."

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2019.

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