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COUGAR SOCCER SENIORS...Pictured, left to right, are: front; Jameson Chang, Joe Silano and Tyler Burns; Andrew Iacovani, Jesse Madsen, Kyle Lynskey, Roman Onica, Patrick Walsh, Nick Batista and Chris Georgiou. Missing Cole Blazek.

CAPTAINS ARE LYNKEY, GOLDFEDER, BURNS, FARLEY

Cougar Soccer Boys Are Ready For Watchung Div. Challenge

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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Bumping up to the top-notch Watchung Division of the Union County Conference last year certainly had its challenges but this year's Cranford High School boys soccer team is looking forward to the amped up action.

Once again the Cougars will be facing the always tough Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Westfield and Elizabeth teams twice during the regular season.

"We are still there against Westfield, Scotch Plains, Elizabeth, Summit and Plainfield. It's one of the toughest conferences in the state. We know we got our work cut out for us but we go into the season with that expectation. These guys are ready for that challenge. I know they like playing against those big teams. We are going to give it our all and try to grab a couple wins at the conference level," Cougar Head Coach Greg Campbell said.

Last year grabbing a brass ring seemed to be just out of reach for the Cougars, who dropped a number of very tight games and finished with an 8-12 overall record.

"We graduated 17 seniors last year. We had a lot of turnover here at the varsity level but I have been very happy with the progress of many of our underclassmen. I am excited about the aggressive and high energy ap-

proach that we are going to have to take into this season. I think we will be successful if we do that effectively," Coach Campbell expressed.

After a few preseason scrimmages, the Cougars came up with a 4-1 scrimmage victory over Columbia, co Coach Campbell said, "The outlook has looked pretty good and has gotten better as the preseason has gone on. We really struggled in our first scrimmage losing Piscataway but we've gotten good results from the last few. I feel like the team is coming together."

The Cougars have selected seniors Kyle Lynskey and Tyler Burns and juniors Drew Goldfeder and Colin Farley as team captains. Goldfeder and Farley will man the all important center back positions to add support for returning senior goalkeeper Andrew Iacovano, who made 72 saves last year.

"A couple of our returning varsity players are in really key positions. Our defense needs to be a place where we are particularly strong. Our returning keeper Andrew Iacovano, I think he could be one of the best keepers in the county this year. Drew Goldfeder was a second team All-Conference selection as well. As junior center backs, they bring lots of experience. The three of them playing those key positions are going to be

really important for us," Coach Campbell pointed out.

The outside backs are sophomore Matteo Beltran and junior Matt St. George. Burns returns at the holding midfield position.

"We've got a lot of experience down the spine, goalkeeper, center back, holding center midfielder are all returning varsity players, so that's a really nice advantage for us," Coach Campbell added.

Lynskey returns as an attacking midfielder, along with senior Jameson Chang. Junior Tim O'Donovan will be in the midfield and with the temporary absence of senior Cole Blazek due to injury, sophomore Jake Icklan and junior Ryan Dooley have been doing a nice job as strikers.

"We are trying a couple of different formations depending on the team that we are playing and what type of personnel we have healthy," Coach Campbell said.

The Cougars will open their rigorous schedule at Elizabeth today, September 5, at 7 p.m.

"We get to play under the lights but that's Watchung Conference and Union County. We are going to be playing those kind of games all season, so we have no problem starting with them. Last year we lost to them in overtime, so it's a chance to redeem ourselves," Coach Campbell expressed.

LEY, ALOE, KESSLER NAMED RAIDER TEAM CAPTAINS

Soccer Raiders Return Solid, Experienced Nucleus of Girls

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Youth was a concern for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team last year but that concern was put to rest when the Raiders won their 13th Union County Tournament (UCT) title in 14 years, advanced to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 semifinals and finished with a 14-5-1 record. That fielding of such a bountiful number of young players should pay off this season.

was the Raiders' very solid defense that limited opponents to an average of just one goal per game. Seniors Gabby Aloe and Maya Kessler, who played a major in the Raiders' defensive success, return as co-captains, along with senior Lizzie Ley. Last year Aloe primarily controlled the midfield and backfield but in many cases she could be seen taking the attack to the opponents' end of the field. Joining her in the backfield would be seniors Julianna Scarella,

Ley, the leader of the midfield, was the corner kick specialist and also netted five goals and added eight assists last year. Others in the midfield will be senior Rachel Schoss (2 assists last year), juniors Giorgi Vacci and Abby Hanvey, and sophomore Alexa Fazio, who scored a goal last year.

The lightning-strike attack force will be led by junior third-year starter Corinne Lyght, who led the team last year with 13 goals and eight assists. Juniors Holly Nelson, Faith Price and



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PLAYING ON THE NEW TURF FIELD...The Lady Raiders, in blue, recently tested the new turf in a scrimmage game against Northern Highlands in Scotch Plains. The Raiders will open their season this Friday, September 6, at home against the Bayonne Bees at 4 p.m.

"The girls have been working hard in practice and are looking forward to the start of the season. The team has a good nucleus returning and some new players that will add to the team's ability," Raider Head Coach Kevin Ewing pointed out.

What did indeed pay off last year

Micaela Genty and Devon Danielovich, and sophomore Leah Klurman, who was quite productive offensively last year with six goals and four assists. As goalkeeper, Kessler recorded 102 saves, several that could have been considered game-saving.

Jamie Valian, along with seniors Brooke Klurman and Maya Sutterlin return up front.

Faith and Price were definite pleasant surprises last year as they finished with five goals and an assist, and three goals and three assists, respectively. Jamie Valian finished with a goal and an assist and Brooke Klurman contributed two assists.

As always, the Raiders will have very stiff competition within their own division of the Union County Conference.

"We are looking to hopefully another successful year. It will be difficult with all the other good teams in our Conference/Division, such as Oak Knoll, Summit, Cranford, Westfield and Union," Coach Ewing commented.

But the Raiders will also have some fun with non-conference foes such as Mendham, Wayne Hills, Kearny and Hunterdon Central.

"Our out of conference schedule is difficult as well. We are looking forward to a competitive season," Coach Ewing concluded.

The Raiders open their season tomorrow, Friday, September 6, by hosting the Bayonne Bees at 4 p.m.



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SETTLING THE BALL...A Lady Raider settles the ball during a recent scrimmage game against Northern Highlands in Scotch Plains.

Westfield/Scotch Plains-Fanwood/Cranford September High School Schedules:

Subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen inconveniences



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BLUE DEVIL VOLLEYBALL TEAM...The Lady Blue Devils are expecting another standout season. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Chelsea Duan, Sintra Rumpeters, Jessi Schlewitt, Rebekkah Dayon, Julia Becker and Abbey Zidel; back row, Kat Abdala, Kerry Donovan, Gianna Mangiamela, tri-captains Uzi Ijoma, Stephanie Margolies and Lydia Nisita, Emma Hanley and Audrey Heber.

Cranford Boys Soccer		
Head Coach: Greg Campbell		
9/5	Thu Elizabeth	A 4:00 PM
9/7	Sat St. Mary	A 11 AM
9/10	Tue Union	A 4:00 PM
9/12	Thu Westfield	H 4:00 PM
9/14	Sat N Hunterdon	A11:30 AM
9/17	Tue Summit	A 4:00 PM
9/19	Thu Sc PI-Fanwd	H 4:00 PM
9/24	Tue Oak Knoll	A 4:00 PM
9/26	Thu Union	H 7:30 PM

SPF Girls Volleyball		
Coach Adrienne Stack		
9/05	Thu So Plainfield	H 4:00
9/11	Wed Union	H 4:00
9/13	Fri Westfield	A 4:00
9/16	Mon Oak Knoll	H 4:00
9/18	Wed Elizabeth	H 4:00
9/19	Thu ALJ	H 4:00
9/23	Mon Union	A 4:00
9/25	Wed Westfield	H 4:00
9/26	Thu Edison	A 4:00
9/27	Fri Oak Knoll	A 4:00

Westfield Girls Tennis		
Coach Matt Varhley		
9/4	Wed Oak Knoll	H 4:00
9/5	Thu Cranford	A 4:00
9/6	Fri Kent Place	A 4:00
9/7	Sat Tournament	H 11:00
9/8	Sun Tournament	H 2:00
9/11	Wed New Prov	H 4:00
9/12	Thu Montclair	H 4:00
9/13	Fri Summit	A 4:00
9/14	Sat Tournament	A 9:00
9/15	Sun Tournament	A 2:00
9/16	Mon Oak Knoll	A 4:00
9/17	Tue BrH2O	A 4:00
9/18	Wed Kent Place	H 4:00
9/23	Mon Sc PI-Fanwd	H 4:00

Cranford Girls Soccer		
Coach: Andrew Gagliardo		
9/4	Wed Oak Knoll	H 4:00 PM
9/7	Sat Lawrence	H 11 AM
9/10	Tue Union	A 4:00 PM
9/12	Thu Westfield	H 4:00 PM
9/14	Sat N Hunterdon	A11:30 AM
9/17	Tue Summit	A 4:00 PM
9/19	Thu Sc PI-Fanwd	H 4:00 PM
9/24	Tue Oak Knoll	A 4:00 PM
9/26	Thu Union	H 7:30 PM

Westfield Gymnastics		
Amanda Diaz/Laurie McCormack		
9/9	Mon ALJ (cancel)	H 4:30
9/16	Mon Cranford	H 4:30
9/18	Wed Dayton	H 4:30
9/23	Mon Sc PI-Fanwd	A 4:30

SPF Gymnastics		
Head Coach: Lisa Cerchio		
9/5	Thu East Bruns	A 4:30
9/9	Mon Union Cath	H 4:30
9/12	Thu Hunt Cent	A 4:30
9/16	Mon ALJ	H 4:30
9/18	Wed Union	A 4:30
9/23	Mon Westfield	H 4:00

Westfield Girls Volleyball		
Head Coach: Bev Torok		
9/6	Fri Union	H 4:00
9/7	Sat Paramus	A 9:00
9/13	Fri Sc PI-Fnwd	A 4:00
9/16	Mon Elizabeth	A 4:00
9/18	Wed Union Cath	H 4:00
9/19	Thu Union	H 4:00
9/21	Sat Bloomfield	A 8:30
9/23	Mon Oak Knoll	A 4:00
9/25	Wed Sc PI-Fnwd	A 4:00
9/26	Thu Colonia	H 4:00
9/27	Fri Elizabeth	H 4:00
9/28	Sat Livingston	A 9:00

Cranford Tennis		
Coach Lisa Williams		
9/4	Wed Roselle Park	H 4:00
9/5	Thu Westfield	H 4:00
9/6	Fri Plainfield	A 4:00
9/9	Mon Sc PI-Fanwd	H 4:00
9/11	Wed Union Cath	A 4:00
9/13	Fri New Prov	H 4:00
9/16	Mon Dayton	H 4:00
9/18	Wed Gov Liv	A 4:00
9/19	Thu Roselle Park	A 4:00
9/20	Fri Plainfield	H 4:00
9/23	Mon Oak Knoll	H 4:00

SPF Field Hockey		
Alexandra Neidig		
9/5	Thu Union	A 4:00
9/12	Thu Gov Liv	H 4:00
9/14	Sat Glen Ridge	H 10:00
9/17	Tue Cranford	H 4:00
9/19	Thu Livingston	A 4:00

Cranford Gymnastics		
Michelle Charney-Hulse		
9/10	Tue Union	H 4:30
9/12	Thu Old Bridge	A 5:00
9/16	Mon Westfield	A 4:30
9/21	Sat ALJ	H 10:00
9/24	Tue Dayton	A 4:30
9/26	Thu Summit	H 4:30

SPF Boys Soccer		
Head Coach: Tom Breznitsky		
9/05	Thu Summit	A 4:00 PM
9/07	Sat Steinert East	H 3:00 PM
9/10	Tue Plainfield	A 4:00 PM
9/12	Thu Westfield	A 4:00 PM
9/14	Sat E Brunswick	H 2:00 PM
9/17	Tue Cranford	A 4:00 PM
9/19	Thu Elizabeth	H 4:00 PM
9/24	Tue Summit	H 4:00 PM
9/26	Thu Plainfield	H 4:00 PM
9/28	Sat So Plainfield	A 12 Noon

SPF Girls Soccer		
Head Coach: Kevin Ewing		
9/6	Fri Bayonne	H 4:00 PM
9/7	Sat Mendham	H 11 AM
9/10	Tue Summit	H 4:00 PM
9/12	Thu Oak Knoll	H 4:00 PM
9/17	Tue Westfield	H 4:00 PM
9/19	Thu Cranford	A 4:00 PM
9/24	Tue Union	A 4:00 PM
9/26	Thu Summit	A 4:00 PM
9/28	Sat Wayne Hills	H11:30 AM

Westfield Girls Soccer		
Head Coach: Alex Schmidt		
9/7	Sat E Brunswick	A10:00 AM
9/10	Tue Oak Knoll	H*4:00 PM
9/12	Thu Cranford	A 4:00 PM
9/17	Tue Sc PI-Fnwd	A 4:00 PM
9/19	Thu Union	A 4:00 PM
9/21	Sat Livingston	A11:30 AM
9/24	Tue Summit	A 4:00 PM
9/26	Thu Oak Knoll	A 4:00 PM
9/28	Sat Ridgewood	A11:30 AM

SPF Raider Tennis		
Coach Luke Piede		
9/5	Thu Colonia	H 4:00
9/6	Fri Union Cath	H 4:00
9/9	Mon Cranford	A 4:00
9/11	Wed Dayton	H 4:00
9/17	Tue Oak Knoll	A 4:00
9/18	Wed Roselle Park	H 4:00
9/20	Fri Union Cath	A 4:00
9/23	Mon Westfield	A 4:00

Cranford Volleyball		
Coach Taylor Antoniewicz		
9/11	Wed Roselle Cath	A 4:00
9/13	Fri Gov Liv	A 4:00
9/16	Mon Summit	H 4:00
9/18	Wed Rahway	H 4:00
9/20	Fri Kent Place	A 4:00
9/23	Mon New Prov	A 4:00
9/25	Wed Linden	A 4:00
9/27	Fri Roselle Cath	H 4:00



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