Panas Senior Rescues Panthers in 2OT Win over Lakeland

Thank Evans!

Walter Panas senior F Caleb Evans, shown here flushing one down in the host Panthers’ 62-48 win over John Jay CR last Wednesday, was also rising and surprising in the Panthers’ 70-68 double overtime triumph of visiting Lakeland last Friday night when Evans scored a game-high 27 points and Panas improved to 3-0. Panas failed to sustain that momentum Sunday when the worn-out Panthers suffered a 44-40 loss to host Yorktown... see Boys’ Hoops Notebook
Thankfully, the schedule makers wasted no time. It was virtually rivalry week as we embarked upon the local Section 1 hoops season as many bordering foes had at it in Week 1 of the 2021 campaign.

League titles, in fact any titles, will take on significant meaning in Section 1’s abbreviated, five-week season, which will culminate in regional playoff divisions set to be approved by Section 1’s Executive Committee some time in the near future.

Early action has been fast-paced and furious, littered with upsets, come-from-behind wins, fatigue and overtime thrillers, including an epic double overtime rivalry war between sister schools Walter Panas and Lakeland, which the Panthers essentially stole, 70-68, but then turned around and lost to Yorktown in Sunday’s knock-down, drag-out affair. Here’s how some of the action shook out.

CONFERENCE I-II

WALTER PANAS has shown that it can and will challenge for the league title and anything else that comes its way after the win over LAKELAND, which hung tough behind a career-high 25 points from senior G Rob Nardelli, who hit five shots from behind the arc. Panas would hit three key hoops, though, to force overtime, double OT and the win. At the end of regulation, senior F Caleb Evans hit the biggest of his 25 points; and the end of the first OT Cam Nicholas hit the biggest shot of his career, an NBA-range trifecta; before silky smooth sophomore G Alex Tavarez drained the game-winner with 3.6 seconds left to cap an incredible win.

“We were a little sluggish to start against Lakeland,” Panas Coach Mike Auerbach said. “I think the schedule caught up to us some, but more importantly Lakeland was red hot early on. They have a ton of depth from the perimeter, so if you’re not sharp mentally and engaged physically on the defensive end, which we weren’t, they can really make you pay.

Nardelli did so throughout. Lakeland held a 10-point lead before Panas saw the combination of Evans (17 boards) and Tavarez (21 points, 9 assists) emerge, and when this dynamic duo clicked, it became tough to contain. Nicolas added 12 crucial points, all from distance.

“Our guys really responded in the second half,” Auerbach said. “We went to some full court pressure, which we really haven’t spent much time working on and it turned the game for us. We look good when we’re playing with energy and have a lot of guys who will make the extra effort plays. Caleb Evans was outstanding! His defense has been really good as well. He’s very mobile to go along with being 6’3”. He’s taken on a leadership role for us this year, too, which was needed after graduating eight seniors. Tavarez makes everything go for us offensively. He’s been creating good looks for himself averaging 20 a game through our first three games, but more importantly he’s gotten everybody involved in the offense. Our next handful of guys have all been big contributors, too. Rob Simmonds has played excellent defense and provided some timely baskets late vs Lakeland. Oliver Smith and Dillon Chenard have both been reliable on both ends of the court seeing their first varsity action. Cam Nicholas has provided a lot of offense off the bench. He saved us with a deep three at the end of the first overtime vs Lakeland.”

Panas roared out of the gate with a pair of convincing wins, including a 57-32 win over Greeley, the reigning Class AA champions. The Class A Panthers backed that up with a stellar defeat of John Jay CR, 62-48. Tavarez is an emerging star; there’s no other way to put it, dropping 19 on the Wolves and 21 on the Quakers. Panthers Smith and Nicholas had 14 points each in the win over Jay.

Smith, one of several bigs at Panas, added a backboard-shaking flush for good measure.

Kennedy transfer Myles Buckley has been a sweet find for Mahopac, providing a strong backcourt option for 3-0 Indians.
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Smith each tallied 11 points for Panas, Quaker G Zach Eichenberg paced Greeley with seven points while Connor Melis and Sam Rosenberg added five apiece for Greeley (0-1), which lost all five starters from arguably the best team in school history. Panthers Etan Linton and Smith scored 11 points apiece for the Panthers, who saw Evans add nine points.

Tavarez finished with a team-high 17 in the 44-40 loss to Yorktown.

HEN HUD pulled off the upset of the day last Tuesday in a 77-72 win over host PEEKSKILL, which had total control throughout the first half until Nick Hiltsley commandeered the wheelhouse and went for a career-high 37 points to go with 14 boards and three steals. The senior swingman was the best athlete on the floor.

“Nick was a warrior, especially in the second half,” Sailor Coach Jordan Hirsch said. “Never count out the Sailors. Peekskill has a heck of a basketball team. They went on a big run in the first half with some really athletic play on their part and as you know, you’re never really leading comfortably when you play them.

“Our guys were so excited to play tonight that I think our emotions got the best of us in the first half,” Hirsch added. “We needed to settle in and focus on what we could control within the confines of the game. To our guys credit, they took some halftime adjustments and anchored themselves mentally on what we think is important and chipped away until the game was over. That win was all the kids and I’m really happy for them.”

The kids were alright, to quote the Who, including Rocco Capicotti (6 points, 7 rebounds), Jack Kapfer (7 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists), Josh Gillison (10 points, 9 boards) and Dean Hiltsley (15 points, 4 assists). The ceaseless rivalry between the Red Devils and Sailors brought out the best of both programs, which combined to put up decent numbers in the first game of the season, showing little rust offensively.

“It’s a wonderful rivalry,” said Hirsch, who balled for the Sailors back in the day. “We have so many connections between the two towns. I loved it as a student and now as an alum and a coach. We’re looking forward to playing them again tomorrow in what will undoubtedly be another tough and hard fought game.”

Indeed it was and Capicotti was at the forefront of Hen Hud’s sweep of the Red Devils on Wednesday, going for 19 points, 12 boards and three blocks in a 78-64 Sailor win. Nick Hiltsley scored a game-high 23 to go with 10 caroms.

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The Sailors (3-0) capped off the week with a 76-58 win over Sleepy Hollow Saturday when four players went for double digits, including Nick Hiltsley (21), Dean Hiltsley (17), Gillison (12) and Kapfer (11).

**LEAGUE B**

**MAHOPAC** swept CARMEL in the home-and-home set and has emerged as the early favorites to take the League B title due to its depth and athleticism. The Indians could run the table in this league if they play to their potential and work a very high seed for regionals, unless YORKTOWN has something to say about it, which they might if they play like they did in Sunday’s 44-40 win over visiting Panas.

“Agrred, Mahopac is athletic, strong, good size and they’ve been playing together in the off-season so they’re on the same page.”

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ROB DIANTONIO/BOB CASTNER/GIL MCMAHON PHOTOS

Mahopac’s John Cosentino goes up for two of his game-high 18 points, challenged by Carmel’s Kevin Dall in Indians’ 57-45 win over Rams Tuesday.

Mahopac’s Michael Callahan pulls up for two in Indians’ 57-45 win over visiting Carmel Tuesday.

Carmel’s Andrew Fiore fires short J against defense from Mahopac’s Vin Bastone in Rams’ 57-45 loss to Indians Tuesday.
Briarcliff’s Brett Lachtman finishes inside as Pleasantville’s Nick Bates defends in Bears’ win over Panthers.

Briarcliff’s Elliot Jones rises up for two in win over rival Pleasantville last Wednesday.

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Somers Coach Chris DiCintio said of the Indians.

In Mahopac’s 55-31 triumph Indian senior G John Cosentino continued a torrid start, backing up a career-high 18-point effort with another 16 points. Junior G Patrick McMahon added a career-high 13 for Mahopac (3-0), who saw eight players score.

Cosentino scored 18 points Mahopac’s 57-45 season-opening win over visiting Carmel and Vin Bastone chipped in with 10 points, but the biggest win of the week came in Saturday’s 69-64 win over John Jay EF, which roared out to a 20-point lead before the Indians gathered their wits in the 11 a.m. start. “Yeah, that was two different games in one,” Mahopac Coach Tom McMahon admitted. “We weren’t tough for the first 12 minutes and then finally got our stuff together.”

Kennedy transfer Miles Buckley had his coming out party for the Indians, scoring 19. Junior G Michael Callahan added a career-high 12 points and senior F Ryan “Tree” Reilly went another 16 points. Junior G Patrick McMahon scored 18 points Mahopac’s 55-31 triumph over host Somers also posted a 39-36 win over brewed a 39-36 winning games will not be easy unless we fix our shooting from the stripe. The kids are playing tough, physical defense with full court pressure. It’s what has saved us up to this point. We have given up 31, 39 and 46 points so far. The whole season is a question mark, but I am thrilled for the kids as they seem to be enjoying themselves. I’ll never take coaching a game for granted again.”

YORKTOWN chalked up its second win of the season in a 52-21 win over Lakeland on Senior Night Saturday, doing so behind a breakout game from senior C Eddie Brucaj, who scored the game-winning hoop and glistened on 24 points and 15 rebounds, both game-highs. Sophomore Antoine Coles (9 points) and Tony Granitto (10 rebounds) were prime contributors for the Huskers, who also worked a 39-36 win over SOMERS behind 14 points and 13 boards from Brucaj, who gritted out the win over Paisa behind Brucaj, who finished with 19 points and 11 boards, including four points in OT and a crucial block. The Huskers were clutch at the stripe down the stretch, getting

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FOX LANE stormed out to a 4-0 start this season with impressive wins over White Plains, Harrison, Yorktown and Byram Hills. “Defensive energy and intensity have been a critical part of our early success,” Fox Lane coach Mike Tomassi said. “We also have a group that is motivated to be the best teammates they can be. Team success is better than individual success.”

The Foxes tipped off their season with a 52-36 rout of host Harrison on Tuesday behind 16 points and seven boards from James DiBiasi. Oliver Shevick (13 points, 6 rebounds), Aidan Giannelli (10 points, 5 assists, 5 rebounds) and Charlie Shevick (10 points) also contributed for Fox Lane.

Fox Lane moved to 2-0 the next day with a 44-29 victory over Yorktown. Oliver Shevick tallied 14 points and seven rebounds while Giannelli added 10 points and four assists. Tony Granitto sparked the Huskers with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Foxes traveled to annual contender BYRAM HILLS on Friday and cruised to a 54-35 victory. Oliver Shevick (12 points, 7 rebounds), Giannelli (8 points, 4 assists, 5 rebounds), Charlie Shevick (12 points, 5 rebounds), DiBiasi (11 points, 6 rebounds) and Aidan Hicks (9 points, 7 assists) led a very balanced effort for Fox Lane.

“On offense we have 5-6 guys that can score 10 plus points a night,” Tomassi said. “We share the ball and play for each other. It’s hard to scout and limit us when we share the ball. Each game a new guy can step up. We need to continue to share the ball and play together.”

Charlie Shevick scored a team-high 17 points as Fox Lane capped off their impressive opening week with a 52-48 win over host WHITE PLAINS on Saturday.
Briarcliff’s Aidan Murnane hits a deep three at buzzer over Pleasantville’s Aidan Picart in Bears’ 58-38 win over host Panthers last Wednesday.

“Briarcliff was able to come back and get a steal next year,” said Coach Joe Virgadamo. “We have a lot of guys who can score it,” Briarcliff coach Nick Friedman said. “The key is to make sure we take the right kinds of shots within our offense. It was nice to see the balance but we did have long stretches where we weren’t taking the kinds of shots we want. This is something we will work on.”

Justin Cronk sparked Pleasantville’s 92-90 win over host Panthers last Wednesday with a game-high 18 points. Daniel Picart tallied 12 points.

Murnane (14 points) and Jayden Larregue (13 points) sparked the Bears to a 56-34 win over Blind Brook on Saturday.

“Our half court man-to-man defense has to be the core of who we are,” Friedman said. “If we can get stops and take teams out of what they’re trying to run, it covers up a lot of the mistakes on offense and doesn’t allow another team to go on a big run.”

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Against Putnam Valley, the Blue Devils had four scorers go for double figures, including Matteo Santos (10 points), Ryan Irwin (10 points) and Darrin Santos (10 points). The Tigers were led by junior G Cole Durocher (matched career-high 24 points), an icy shooter from distance, who kept PV in striking distance.

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Jordan O’Brien (10 points) and Cervone (13 points) paced the Tigers (0-1).

“Coach Woodbury (20 points) and Tymir Greene (16 points) paced the Tigers (1-0), who opened the season by splitting a pair of games with Mamaroneck.

Menzy Carden had 12 points and Joe Carrier added 10 in White Plains’ 60-54 season-opening loss to Mamaroneck. White Plains bounced back two days later with a 61-51 road win.

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Mahopac Impressive in 3-0 Start; Westlake Stuns Briarcliff

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There are certain girls’ hoops teams in the Examiner region who will have to settle for regional titles in a year when, if not for COVID-19, they should be eying nothing less than challenging for a Section 1 title. Class AA Mahopac and Class B’s Briarcliff and Putnam Valley would undoubtedly be within the mix of sectional title contenders in a normal season, but each will be forced to set their sights on the regional playoff events that will be approved by the Section 1 Executive Committee some time this week.

LADY RAMS CLIMB IN LEAGUE B

CONFERENCE I-II

LEAGUE B

MAHOPAC has been shot out of a cannon to open the season at 3-0, sweeping rival CARMEI (0-2) and knocking off John Jay EF.

Against John Jay, the Indians had four players go for double figures in their 83-54 win over John Jay EF Saturday, including Julie DeBrocky and Lauren Beberman (14 points each), Kristina Rush (12) and Caitlin O’Boyle added a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

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SOMERS posted what some considered a surprise win when the youthful Tuskers knocked off a veteran BREWSTER club, 47-45. Somers sophomore Ava Guidice dropped a career-high 16 points as the Tuskers narrowly survived a 10-point fourth-quarter advantage.

Tuskers Lauren McCartin and Alexa Warycha, who will need to take on big roles this season, finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively. The Bears missed a last-ditch attempt to win and were led by Carly DeLanoy’s 15 points.

The day prior, Brewster worked a 54-47 win over Somers The Bears were led by Grace Galgano 17 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks. Alexa Mark and Madison Dakin added 11 points each for the Bears while Amy Lasher scored 21 to pace Somers.

Brewster did everything well Sunday. By halftime, Brewster was on pace for nearly 80 points in its 67-32 win over John Jay CR, taking a 39-11 lead into the break. The Bears worked the ball effectively behind senior F Galgano, who scored 24 points, snagged 11 rebounds and served four blocks.

Alexis Mark (20 points, 10 rebounds) added a second double-double for the Bears, who improved to 2-1 on the season.

“Overall, I am very pleased with the start we have had,” Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo said. “We have a big week coming up with Mahopac and Carmel, so hopefully we can continue to play well.”

LEAGUE C

It has become evident early on that this OSSINING’s league to win with the ultra-quick emergence of senior swing Tyler Dendy, who scored 30 points, grabbed six rebounds and four steals in the Pride’s 79-46 season-opening win over host LAKELAND. The Pride had a slew of other contributors, including Katie Marx (19 points, 5 boards), a double-double from Karen Perriott (10 points, 10 rebounds, 4 blocks), Kacie Scarduzio (8 points, 4 assists), Malin Johnson, a player to watch, led the Rams with 12 points while Shannon Cuccia gave it up in the paint and drew three offensive fouls.

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Mahopac C Caitlin O’Boyle drives lane against Carmel F Madelyn McMath in Indians’ 70-29 win over host Rams Tuesday.

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Mahopac’s Mia Klammer drives through Carmel’s Shannon Cuccia in Indians’ 70-29 win last Tuesday.

Carmel’s Madelyn McMath and Mahopac’s Melanie DeMeco engage for rebound in Rams’ 70-29 loss to visiting Indians Tuesday.
Byram Hills’ Beth Corelli goes up for two over Fox Lane’s Cara Drapala in the Bobcats’ 55-37 win.

Byram Hills and Olivia Barry were on the fast break all game in a win over Fox Lane and Susannah Kinsal.

Byram Hills’ Olivia Picca looks for open teammate as Fox Lane’s Quoya Schnell trails in Bobcats’ win over host Foxes.

Byram Hills’ Kathlyn Raguso should have been a steal or rebound.

Byram cruised past the host Foxes, 55-37, on Friday afternoon. The high-octane Bobcats built a 34-12 halftime lead behind aggressive pressure defense, transition baskets and deadly perimeter shooting.

“We are focused on pushing the ball on fast breaks,” Byram Hills coach Tara Ryan said. “We have speed with playing four guards on the floor and want to take advantage when we get a steal or rebound.”

Bobcat Beth Corelli led the way with 19 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Picca (11 points, 8 rebounds), Grace Corelli (8 points, 3 steals, 3 assists), and Kylie Blackmar (6 points, 4 rebounds) also contributed to the win.

“Every quarter we are getting stronger as a team and learning to play with each other,” Ryan said. “We have 10 girls that can contribute and will be ready to contribute when they are called on. The Corelli sisters are defensive threats and have a special chemistry on offense that you cannot teach. Beth has the experience from playing on varsity for four years. She can shoot and drive from anywhere on the court. Her younger sister, Grace, is ready to step out and grow together for our future.”

Freshman Bella Schulman paced the Quakers with 16 points in her varsity debut. Kaylin Genda added 12 points and nine rebounds. Julia Herzner had four points and seven steals.

“I expect big things from Bella and I hold her to a very high standard,” Benischek said. “Her name will be written in ink a lot over the next four years. But it will be a group effort every night. We have kids on this team that won’t have fancy stat lines that are putting in a ton of dirty work. As long as they stay together and stay hungry it should be fun the next few years.”

Behind 19 points from Emma Rose, the Quakers moved to 2-0 with a 39-38 win over Edgemont on Saturday. Rose connected on five threes while adding nine rebounds and two blocks. Ava Gusba (11 points, 5 rebounds), Schulman (5 points, 8 rebounds) and Genda (9 rebounds) were key contributors in the win.

SOUTH LEAGUE

BRIARCLIFF began its campaign with a 62-52 win over rival PLEASANTVILLE last Wednesday. The sophomore trio of Cat Carrafiello (game-high 22 points), Caroline Barbitalo (12 points) and Dylan Zednik (10) combined for 44 points. Jordan Smith, the Bears’ towering center, added 16 points.

“All three of the sophomores stepped up,” said Briarcliff Coach Don Hamlin, whose Bears avenged a late-season loss to Pleasantville last season. “Really, at times, it felt like they had three girls on Jordan. I told them you guys can drive anytime you want. They’re really loading up on Jordan, so it should open up for you and it did.”

“I think they’re going to be a big part of what we’re going to do this year,” Smith added regarding the sophomore trio.

Briarcliff was clinging to a two-point lead at halftime but erupted in the third quarter, outscoring the Panthers 20-7 to take a 48-33 lead into the final eight minutes.

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the third gave the Pride a 65-56 lead and all momentum heading into the fourth.

“I wish I had her for four years,” Ossining Coach Dan Ricci said of Dendy. “She is very, very good. She can create her own shot and she creates for others.”

Walker was a major force, adding 13 points, a career-high 21 rebounds and seven assists.

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“I think it had to do with our transition defense and I take responsibility for that,” Pleasantville Coach Dillon Clark said of the third quarter woes. “We had a sequence there where they made two layups and we missed two layups and that’s eight points right there.”

Jenna McAllister paced Pleasantville with 14 points. Lila Donohue and Mary Grace O’Neill added 10 points apiece.

“It’s a disappointing outcome because we’re the senior-laden team,” Clark said. “But we’ll go back to the drawing board and be ready to go. I’m looking forward to the opportunity to play them again.”

The Bears held Tina Matica, one of the Panthers’ top scorers, to just two points.

“We watched Matica yesterday and I thought she was the best player on the floor against Valhalla,” Hamlin said. “We wanted to limit her touches and we did a pretty good job of doing that.”

The Bears and Panthers are overjoyed to be playing a season that got a last second green light, starting over two months later than usual.

“I couldn’t be more excited that we’re getting to play,” Hamlin said. “I felt early on in September we were talking and I thought we were going to play. Then October went by and November went by and I’m like, ‘Oh, my God.’ And we lost December and I was thinking maybe not. We were actually thinking maybe not. We were actually getting to play. ’Oh, my God.’ And we lost December and I’m like, ‘Oh, my God.’ And we lost December and I’m like, ‘Oh, my God.’"

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WESTLAKE
pulled off a stunning 59-45 win over host Briarcliff (2-1) on Sunday morning behind 22 points from Nicole Karagi, who consistently attacked the basket and finished at the rim.

“It was a very big win for our team today,” Westlake coach Sean Mayer said. “We have a tough start to the season with the first three games against Pleasantville and Briarcliff. Coming off our loss yesterday there were some things we discussed that we needed to do better. We need to make shots in all four quarters and we did that vs. Briarcliff. We played with some intense defense today that helped us keep a lead. I was very proud of the way the girls started the game and the way they kept it up.”

The Wildcats held a 28-22 lead at halftime and extended the lead to 45-32 behind a strong third quarter.

“At halftime, we discussed that it was a great first half but we needed to keep up the momentum in the second half,” Mayer said.

Julie Lyden and Allie Castellone notched 10 points apiece for the Wildcats, who had eight of nine players score. Carrafiello led the Bears with 12 points.

Pleasantville (2-1) cruised past visiting Westlake 65-49 on Saturday behind 15 points each from Matica and O’Neill. Castellone paced the Wildcats (1-1) with 16 points and Karagi added 15.

The Panthers opened the season with a 59-32 rout of visiting VALHALLA on Tuesday. Matica (13 points) and O’Neill (10 points) sparked Pleasantville. Tvisha Sivaramakrishnan led the Vikings with eight points.

“We’re going to try to win every game that we play,” Clark said. “Not from a bragging standpoint, but we have girls that’ve been on the team for four or five years. We’ve been sort of building toward this season as a program. Our schedule is tough and we wouldn’t want it any other way.”

Valhalla dropped to 0-2 with a 47-30 loss to Rye Neck on Saturday.
The BYSNS started off the ice-hockey season with an 8-7 statement win over visiting WHITE PLAINS on their senior night on Sunday at Brewster Ice Arena.

Jonathan Graham netted the go-ahead goal for the Herd with 2:37 left in the game to put the BYSNS up 7-6 with the assist coming from Timmy Froesel and Connor Brooks. Froessel provided a necessary insurance goal just 40 seconds later on a power play.

The Tigers got a late goal from John Myers with 23 ticks on the clock but it was too little, too late.

Froessel and Graham had two goals each for the BYSNS (1-0). Matt Gergley stood on his head in net, recording 40 saves for the Herd.

Daniel Cardozo, a one-man breakaway, paced White Plains (0-1) with three goals. Myers (2A) and Jack Chetti tallied two goals apiece while Myers established the all-time school record for assists.

HORACE GREELEY and CORTLANDT faced off twice last weekend with the Quakers earning a 5-4 win in the first meeting on Saturday.

Jacob Rothman paced Greeley with two goals while Joe Jimenez sparked Cortlandt with two tallies. Jack Tuite had a goal and two assists for the Rebels.

Quaker goalie Ben Madden made 27 saves while his counterpart Aaron Hathaway of Cortlandt stopped 26 shots.

Cortlandt (1-1) returned the favor with a 4-3 win over Greeley (1-2) the following evening.

After Greeley received goals from Ilan Laurence and Ben Cohen to tie the contest up at 3-3, Jimenez scored the game-winning goal for Cortlandt with 3:41 to play.

Andrew Druhak sparked the Rebels with three goals. Nick Mele made 43 saves for Cortlandt while Greeley’s Arye Wolberg stopped 29 shots.

The Quakers opened the season with a 10-4 road loss to perennial power Suffern. Cohen scored three goals while Rothman had a goal and two assists. Dylan Mutkoski and Gabe Adams notched two assists apiece. Madden made 30 saves.

MAHOPAC erupted for 10 third-period goals to cruise past FOX LANE 14-4 on Sunday night. It was the Indians’ senior night and the season opener for both teams.

For Mahopac, senior captain Ryan Caraher was en fuego, tallying five goals and three assists. Senior captain Nick Biagini (4 goals, 2 assists) and junior captain Matt Luczkowski (3 goals, 2 assists) also had big nights. Jonny Martirano added two goals and two assists. Goalie Mike Horan made 31 saves.

Mahopac’s Ryan Caraher, who tallied five goals and three assists in 14-4 rout of Fox Lane, skates past the Foxes’ Sheldon Rothfleisch.

Carmel’s Luke Galisano and Brendan Murphy celly a Ram goal in 9-3 loss to John Jay CR Sunday at BIA.

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Brien Suchanek of the BYSNS looks to make his move while White Plains’ Trent Munch looks to slow him down in Herd’s 8-7 win over Tigers Sunday.
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Mahopac Sweeps Rival Carmel, Upends Jay EF

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