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Byram Hills Junior a Certainty in Bobcats' Win over Putnam Valley

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Byram Hills junior G Beth Corelli, who averages 18 PPG this season, scored 12 points, grabbed eight rebounds and snagged three steals Saturday in the host Bobcats' stunning 43-27 demolition of defending Section 1 Class B champion Putnam Valley, which was fresh off a 59-58 win over previously undefeated Hastings Friday. Byram, which ran its unbeaten streak to six games, is now among the strongest challengers to contend for the Southern Westchester Group 2 Regional Championship this week while PV's Arianna Stockinger (game-high 25 points), Nat Mazza (11) and the Tigers hope to quickly regroup and challenge for the Putnam/Northern Westchester Small School crown.... see Girls' Hoops Notebook

Mahopac, Put Valley, Byram Hills Cop League Titles

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And when we blinked, the regular season was over. Just like that, the playoffs were upon us in this five-week COVID-19 abbreviated season. The Section 1 regional tournament seeds were set to come out today (Tuesday), and while the culminating events are not what we're used to – the Westchester County Center Final 4 hoopla and all – most coaches and players are simply thankful to have had an opportunity to shine, however brief it was.

Nobody likes to wake up early on Saturdays, and that became increasingly apparent for a pair of Putnam County girls' basketball teams with high postseason aspirations. Coming off its biggest win of the season in Friday's 59-58 win over Hastings, reigning Section 1 Class B champion Putnam Valley put up a clunker in a 43-27 loss to Class A host Byram Hills. Previously undefeated Class AA Mahopac followed suit in a 44-30 setback at Arlington, so, lucky for both, they've got a week to get the bearings straight before next Saturday's regional championships; should they each survive the opening-round rigors on Wednesday and Thursday.

PUTNAM / NORTH. WESTCHESTER (Large School Group)

As of press time Monday, it seemed highly unlikely that anyone would overtake **MAHOPAC**, the overwhelming favorite, for the No.1 seed in the Putnam/Northern Westchester Large School Regional Tournament, though **OSSINING**, which suffered a recent 63-59 setback at the hands of the Indians, would dispute that on many levels and is considered a legit challenger.

BREWSTER, YORKTOWN and **FOX**



Mahopac F Caitlin O'Boyle scoops shot on Somers F Natalia Rukaj in Indians' 49-32 win over visiting Tuskers Thursday.



Mahopac sophomore G Lauren Beberman goes for two in Somers F Natalia Rukaj in Indians' 49-32 win over visiting Tuskers Thursday.

LANE fall in line accordingly and have the horses to make a run at Coach Chuck Scozzafava's Mahopac club as well.

In **MAHOPAC**'s 37-28 win over host **SOMERS** Wednesday, Indian junior G Melanie DeMeo and senior F Mia Klammer (12.3 PPG) each scored nine points. Somers played a pretty even game behind Lauren McCartin's career-high 13 points.

Mahopac improved to 9-0 in Thursday's 49-32 win over visiting Somers, but lost for the first time this season in Saturday's setback at Arlington, which beat the Indians at their own game -- defense and transition scoring; holding the Indians to just six, yes, six(!) first-half points. Klammer had eight to lead the way.

Against Somers at home, the Indians took control largely behind a critical stretch in the



Mahopac junior G Melanie DeMeo goes up strong for two against Somers F Alexa Warycha in Indians' 49-32 win over visiting Tuskers Thursday.



Mahopac sophomore G Kristina Rush splits Somers defenders Lauren McCartin (L) and Alexa Warycha in Indians' 49-32 win over visiting Tuskers Thursday.

game when they went to full court pressure late in the second quarter. Sophomore G Kristina Rush (11 points) hit back-to-back 3s and sophomore G Lauren Beberman (10 points) made a steal and layup to cap an 8-0 run. Mahopac senior F Caitlyn O'Boyle (11 points, 13 boards, 3 blocks) was tough in the paint and averages over 12 RPG. Klammer did typical Klammer things, including five assists and five steals. DeMeo (5 assist, 4 steals) also contributed to the Conference I-II League B-title-clinching win.

"The hard part of playing great teams like Mahopac is: Give them an inch, they take the mile," Somers boss Marc Hattem said. "Beberman and Klammer are relentless, and Rush didn't hit the rim on her makes. That's a complete team.

"We turned it over against their full court a couple times and they scored quickly in that run," he added. "Outside of that, I am so proud of how the girls battled them the last two days, especially on the boards. No quit and a lot of fight. Lauren (McCartin) is a special athlete. I haven't coached many in my past 20-plus years that could match her in that category. She's comparable to Livy (Rosenzweig) in that regard. This year has been great for her because she's getting the game experience. I'm excited to coach her for a full season next year and see the leap her game will take."

Any time a coach from Section 1 compares ANY player to Rosenzweig, that is high praise.

In Yorktown's 50-24 win over Carmel, Husker junior G Melissa Severino (19 points) continued a torrid stretch as the Huskers won back-to-back against the Rams. Olivia Lucas added nine points for Yorktown while Morgan Johnson led Carmel with 11 points and Madelyn McMath added eight. In Yorktown's 57-17 win over Carmel, Severino was on fire from distance, going for a career-high 29 points off five 3's. Lucas added seven points for the Huskers, who led 28-4 at one point. McMath (7 points) led the Rams.

Ossining senior G Tyler Dendy is

averaging nearly 30 PPG and 10 RPG for the Pride (6-5), which have lost three in a row but could hold on for the League C title with a win over Panas last night. A loss would create a tie for league bragging rights with the Panthers. Katie Mark is averaging 15 PPG for the Pride.

Brewster junior F Grace Galgano (16.8 PPG, 15 RPG, 4 BPG) and the Bears, winner of four in a row, are flying under the radar but having a solid season nonetheless. Coach Mike Castaldo's Bears (6-2) put Lakeland away, 54-41, behind Galgano's monster double-double (15 points, 20 caroms, 3 blocks).

"Grace has been playing on another level," the coach said. "She is getting double- and triple-teamed but because she can shoot threes and go coast to coast. She is a difficult player to defend. I'm really proud of how she is handling all the defensive attention."

Brewster junior Alexis Mark (8.5 RPG) added a game-high 18 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore Madison Dakin played a tremendous game from start to finish, doing all the little things.

"I was so proud of how she stepped up," Castaldo said. "She held Lakeland's best player, Tyler Hormazabal, to seven, got a ton of offensive rebounds and steals."

"The first meeting at Brewster (against Lakeland) was a very close back and forth game for 32 minutes," Castaldo said. "Playing Lakeland is always a battle, they are well coached and tough kids. We were able to make a few more plays late in the game and converted on free throws to seal the win."

Galgano led the way with 24 points, 17 rebounds and six blocks. Carly DeLanoy added 10 points and Sophia Alzugaray was key in the first half with several 3s and great defense.

The second game at Lakeland was a tad sloppy in the first half.

"We couldn't shoot and weren't converting on easy opportunities," Castaldo said.

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Mahopac junior G Julie Debrocky fires 3-ball in Indians' 49-32 win over visiting Somers Thursday.



Fox Lane's Lauren Antolino runs the offense while Greeley's Ramsey Edson defends in Foxes' 55-19 win over Quakers.



Fox Lane's Natalie Pence leads a break while the Quakers' Ramsey Edson trails in Foxes' 55-19 win over visiting Quakers.



Somers G Ava Giudice works the dribble against Mahopac G Melanie DeMeo in Tuskers' 49-32 loss to host Indians Thursday.

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"Luckily, we took a three-point lead into half and came out to one of our best third quarters of the season. We were able to build a 20-point lead and never look back. Lex had a great bounce back game. She only had five points in the first game and really stepped it up for us."

CARMEL chalked up its first win of the season in a 52-33 triumph of Peekskill. Rams Devin Fusco and Morgan Johnson led the way with 13 points each while Madelyn McMath added 12.

Natalie Pence has been on a mission for **FOX LANE**. The senior went for 17 points, 12 rebounds, five assists, five steals and three blocks in a 55-19 romp of **HORACE GREELEY** on March 1.

The smooth left-handed senior guard



Greeley's Bella Schulman takes a baseline jumper in Quakers' 55-19 loss at Fox Lane.

generates lots of attention from opposing defenses and when they collapse on her she has plenty of capable teammates ready to knock down open looks.

"Every team, and Natalie's used to it, they dedicate their whole defense to stopping her," Fox Lane coach Kris Matts said. "When the other girls shoot like they can, we're a very difficult match-up. If they're off then it gets a little problematic and Natalie's got to shoulder us a little bit more."

Quoya Schnell (11 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists), Nicole Picinich (6 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists), Susannah Kimsal (6 points, 5 rebounds) and Holly Ades (6 points) all contributed. Kaylin Genda paced the Quakers with 11 points.

"Quoya Schnell is a great shooter, Nicole Picinich can drive to the basket and Holly Ades, our co-captain, she shoots lights out sometimes," Matts said. "Basically everyone on the team can shoot."



Fox Lane's Maddie Broghammer shoots a runner over Greeley's Ava Gusba in Foxes' 55-19 win over visiting Quakers.

Matts said that Lauren Antolino, Maddie Broghammer and Cara Drapala provided "amazing hustle and were diving all over the floor." Ibby Moccia, Ella Bahari and Jordan Daglio brought energy off the bench. They played scrappy defense, corralled rebounds and swiped steals.

The Foxes traveled to Blind Brook and earned a 47-40 victory on Friday behind Pence's 16 points, 14 rebounds, three steals and two blocks. Picinich also had a big game with 13 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. She also clinched the win with a putback. Drapala added six points and three steals while Schnell had five points and eight boards.

Matts earned his 100th career win and Fox Lane won its third straight game with a 52-28 rout of North Salem on Saturday. Pence (17 points, 10 rebounds) and Drapala (10 points) led the Foxes.

Fox Lane (7-3) closed out the regular season with games against Pelham and Walter Panas before the playoffs begin on Wednesday.

PUTNAM / NORTH. WESTCHESTER (Small School Group)

This could be a raging four-day battle for all the marbles with a slew of regional title contenders in the grouping, including **LAKELAND**, **WALTER PANAS**, **PUTNAM VALLEY** and **BRIARCLIFF**.

PEEKSKILL, **CROTON**, **HALDANE**, **HEN HUD** and North Salem round out the nine-team field.

Here comes **PANAS** (9-1). You know how we know? Friday's 75-58 win over Ossining gave it away, as did six-straight wins. Panas senior G Kristen Cinquina, who scored the 1,000th point of her career in a prior win over North Salem, had 19 points against the Pride. Panther F Kelsey Cregan's double-double was impressive (18 points, 17 rebounds) and senior G Cailean Nolan added 15 points and eight rebounds for the surging Panthers, winners of six-straight after Saturday's 47-29 win over **YORKTOWN**.

Against the Huskers (5-5), Cinquina (15.6 PPG) sat out with an ankle issue that should be cleared up before playoffs, so Coach Matt

Evangelista pulled a couple of eighth-graders from his bag of tricks. Cadence Nicholas (remember that name) scored a game-high 14 points and grabbed eight boards to pace the Panthers and classmate Sophia Tavares (remember her, too) went for six points. Nolan added 13 points and five rebounds while Cregan chipped in with eight points and nine boards and now averages 15 RPG.

"I told the girls I have never been more proud of any team I've ever coached," Panas boss Matt Evangelista said. "Not because we won but because of their confidence and attitude throughout this this season."

Speaking of eighth-graders, **PEEKSKILL's** Bethani Overby is averaging nearly 17 PPG and 13.2 RPG while **HEN HUD** eighth-grader Kaitlin Raguso is averaging 13 PPG and 9.4 RPG #BrightFutures.

Yorktown's Severino had been on fire leading up to the Panas loss, scoring 85 points in three previous games, including a career-high 37 in a 67-46 win over reigning Section 1 Class A champion Hen Hud. She is having an All-Section-type season when you throw in her hustle, defense and rebounding (8 RPG).

PUTNAM VALLEY got sophomore G Eva DeChent (17 PPG, 8 RPG, 7 APG) on track when she went for a season-high 33 in the win over previously undefeated Hastings, which was held to a season low in the 59-58 Tiger win. Senior F Arianna Stockinger added 13 points and followed up with 25 against Byram, which PV Coach Kristi Dini called "a letdown".

Stockinger, who averages over 16 PPG and 9 RPG, dropped 23 on Dobbs Ferry in a 44-38 PV win over the Eagles. Her defense on Eagles standout Julia Schwabe was better than stellar. Amanda Orlando added 12 points for the Tigers (7-2), who had won six straight before the Byram loss and took sole ownership of the Conference III North League title in Sunday's 62-35 win over **CROTON**, which the Tigers needed badly as they headed into the playoffs. PV was led by Stockinger's 24 points. DeChent (17) and Orlando (12) were prime factors. Croton was led by Anna Eng (17 points).

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LAKELAND bounced back from its loss to Brewster in Saturday's 71-50 win over visiting John Jay CR behind Hannah Devane's game-high 16 points. Hornet G Tyler Hormazabal (13 PPG) did her typical thing (1e Blue Devils and Maddy Morter added 14. Maddie Chiera (18 points, 4 steals) and Ruby Poses (6 points) led Haldane.

Croton's Eng scored 19 points, one below her season average in a 59-42 win over Valhalla Sofia Tuman (16 points) and Lucia Thoreson (14) were solid secondary options. Paige Williams scored 16 points to pace the Vikings.

5 points, 10 steals). Nichole Ljuljic (12 points) and Sarah Devane (9 points) chipped in for the Hornets (5-6).

Defending Section 1 Class A champion Hen Hud picked up its first win of the season at Haldane, 64-36 when G Grace Moretti dropped 17 points on the Blue Devils. Raguso added 10 and G Kira Varada had nine. Haldane was led by Maddie Chiera (18 points, 4 steals) and Ruby Poses (6 points).

BRIARCLIFF (4-1) went on a quarantine pause after a win over Valhalla back on Feb. 24. The Bears returned to action yesterday against Hendrick Hudson and concluded their regular season at Westlake today.

SOUTHERN WEST. (Group 3)

PLEASANTVILLE survived a scare from host **CROTON-HARMON**, edging the Tigers 51-49 last Tuesday. Lila Donohue (16 points), Mary Grace O'Neill (14 points) and Jenna McAllister (12 points) paced the Panthers while Anna Eng led Croton with a game-high 23 points.

Two days later, the Panthers went on the road and battled powerhouse Rye in a 51-47 defeat. McAllister (14 points) and O'Neill (12 points) led Pleasantville.

The Panthers' second contest with Croton was nothing like the first meeting as Pleasantville cruised to an easy 59-30 win. Tina Matica and McAllister sparked the team with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Julia O'Reilly added 12 points. Eng led all scorers with 21 points.

Pleasantville (8-2) ended its regular season against Blind Brook on Monday.

WESTLAKE (4-1) returned from a pause on Friday, defeating host Rye Neck 54-23



Panas G Cailan Nolan had 19 points in 61-27 win over North Salem Thursday.



Panas players and coach gather around Panther G Kristen Cinquina after she scored 1,000th point of her career in win over North Salem Thursday.

behind 13 points from Nicole Karaqi and 10 points from ToniAnn Mastracchio. The Wildcats jumped out to an 18-4 lead after one quarter and never looked back.

The next day, the Wildcats won their fourth straight game with a 56-37 rout of **VALHALLA**. Sami Oswald went for a career-high 20 points on the strength of four 3-pointers. Mastracchio added 11 points and four assists while Julie Lyden tallied 10 points. The Vikings were paced by Tvisha Sivarmakrishnan's nine points.

Westlake traveled to Bronxville on Monday before wrapping up the regular season the next day when they host Briarcliff, who they defeated 59-45 back on Feb. 21.

Valhalla topped Yonkers Montessori Academy 46-36 on Tuesday behind Sivarmakrishnan (14 points), Paige Williams



Byram's Gabby Ripka takes a corner three in the Bobcats' 43-27 win over Putnam Valley.

(11 points) and Megan Lynch (10 points). Williams had 16 points in a 59-32 loss to Croton the next day.

SOUTHERN WEST. (Group 2)

After being on pause for eight days, **BYRAM HILLS** returned to action with a bang, sweeping John Jay Cross-River and defeating both New Rochelle and last year's Section 1 Class B champion **PUTNAM VALLEY**.

In a defensive slugfest, Byram defeated visiting Putnam Valley 43-27 on Saturday morning. Byram Hills was sparked by junior guard Beth Corelli, who tallied 12 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Freshman Grace Corelli (9 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals) and senior Olivia Picca (7 points, 12 rebounds, 2 steals) were also key contributors.

Byram Hills built a 26-14 halftime lead and was up 34-23 after three quarters.

"Once we knocked down a few shots, our



Byram Hills' Grace Corelli fires a three from the wing over Putnam Valley's Arianna Stockinger in Bobcats' win over Tigers Saturday.



Byram Hills G Beth Corelli takes a jumper over PV's Arianna Stockinger in Bobcats' win over visiting Tigers Saturday.

team's confidence really grew," Bobcats coach Tara Ryan said. "Senior Gabby Ripka knocked down two threes, which gave us a nice lead in the first quarter. We were pushing the ball when we could but really working on screening when Putnam Valley was playing man defense. In the second half, PV did a nice job of switching to zone and we had to find a way to score other than outside shots. Beth and Picca did a great job rebounding along with Olivia Barry."

The Bobcats held star Putnam Valley guard Eva DeChent to just one point.

"We had a plan of face guarding her and Grace did a fantastic job," Ryan said. "We were able to get her in foul trouble which changed how she has to play. She is a fantastic player. I am happy our team played great help defense on her. We were able to defend and rebound and great things happened for us. Kids hit shots when we needed them and we came out on top today."

Arianna Stockinger led Putnam Valley with a game-high 25 points. It was a tough shooting day for the Tigers, who went just 7 for 18 from the foul line.

Byram cruised past league opponent John Jay 69-36 on March 1 with Beth Corelli (21 points), Grace Corelli (17 points) and Picca (10 points) leading the way. Two days later they topped the Wolves again, this time in a tighter 59-51 contest where they led just 31-30 at halftime. Beth Corelli (18 points), Grace Corelli (12 points), Picca (9 points) and Olivia Barry (7 points) did the damage offensively for the Bobcats, who secured a league title.

The unbeaten Bobcats (6-0) concluded the regular season on Monday against **WHITE PLAINS** before entering the regional playoffs.

SOUTHERN WEST. (Group 1)

WHITE PLAINS lost to New Rochelle (52-43) and Ursuline (81-33, Aliya McIver 12 points) to start the week but rebounded with three victories.

The Tigers earned a measure of revenge against the visiting Huguenots in a 50-48

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Byram Hills' Olivia Barry looks to get a shot off over Putnam Valley's Amanda Orlando and Arianna Stockinger in Bobcats' win over Tigers.

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league win on Wednesday. Freshman point guard Ineivi Plata scored the game-winning basket on a feed from sophomore Anneliese Reggio with 14.9 seconds to go and the Tigers were able to get a crucial stop on New Rochelle's final possession.

White Plains built an 18 point lead in the second half that New Rochelle erased but the Tigers were able to claw back for the win.

"Based on our inconsistency to close teams out, our youth kicked in and we started making senseless turnovers," Tigers coach Benji Carter said. "That's how we lost to Scarsdale and New Rochelle to start the

season. New Rochelle took advantage of our miscues offensively and chipped away until they took the lead in the fourth quarter. I called a few timeouts to discuss how important paying attention to details and working hard for 32 minutes matter. I didn't want to micromanage at the end. I wanted them to figure it out and they did. Although I felt we were the better team, it showed my team that hard work and mental toughness can overcome talent when talent doesn't work hard on each possession."

Plata netted a game-high 17 points and grabbed six boards. Sequoia Layne added 10 points while McIver had a strong all-around effort with six points, five rebounds, seven assists, seven steals and two blocks.

"Beforehand we discussed who their top scorers were and the assignments to make adjustments from the first loss," Carter said of the bounce back win. "We had to maintain a body in front of them at all times. [New Rochelle] plays hard and if left open we knew their guards were good shooters and their forwards were scrappy."

Behind 17 points from McIver, the Tigers topped Pelham 51-45 on Thursday. Layne and Plata added nine points apiece.

White Plains celebrated senior day with a 52-38 win over Mount Vernon on Friday. Layne (14 points, 10 rebounds) and McIver (12 points, 9 assists) paced the attack.

"It was a nice victory for the four seniors: Danielle Falcone, Adriana Moreno, Katie McAteer and Daisy Klink," Carter said.

White Plains (4-4) wrapped up the regular season at Byram Hills on Monday.

"We are progressing nicely despite the early losses," Carter said. "They are understanding how to handle pressure, maintain mental toughness and play together as a team despite us being a young team."



Put Valley sophomore G Eva DeChent has rare down day Saturday against Byram after going for 33 points in win over Hastings Friday.



Putnam Valley's Arianna Stockinger goes up for two of her team-high 25 in Tigers' 43-27 loss to host Byram Hills Saturday.



Putnam Valley's Amanda Orlando attacks the rim in Saturday's loss to Byram Hills.

Mahopac, Briarcliff, Hen Hud, Fox Lane Clinch League Titles

Quartet Among Expected Challengers for Upcoming Regional Playoffs; Don't Sleep on Lakeland

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Let the playoff speculation begin. With the release of its regional postseason breakdown last Monday, Section 1 has plotted a course for regional culminating events for boys' and girls' hoops, so that means coaches and players can begin scouting one another in earnest because they know who's in their respective brackets. There won't be much time for interpersonal scouting, though, as the playoffs were set to tip-off Wednesday afternoon (with playoff seeds released today).

Teams won't have long to gather intel on one another because the seeding meeting is scheduled for today (Tues., 3/9) with quarterfinals to follow tomorrow (Wed., 3/10), semifinals (Thurs., 3/11) and the finals set to wrap up at the highest remaining seed on Sat., 3/13. Coaches will rely on scouting reports and game film for teams they had not been prepared for, though most anticipated the regional groupings the Section 1 Executive Committee had released.

We broke up this week's notebook accordingly, taking a look at the second season, which gives every team a new lease on life in a year that's been anything but normal.

"It's a crazy season," Yorktown Coach Mark Pavella said after his Huskers were shocked, 64-56, by previously winless Brewster Sunday. "Anyone can win any game in our region."

Same can be said of just about any region in 2021 #GoodLuckToAll.



Fox Lane center James DiBiasi goes up for two in last Wednesday's win over visiting Greeley.



Fox Lane's Aidan Hicks glides in for a layup as Greeley's Connor Melis defends in Foxes' win over Quakers Wednesday.

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If I'm League B champion **MAHOPAC** Coach Tom McMahon, for instance, I'd have a set of eyes on League A champ **FOX LANE**, one of the top teams in the Putnam/Northern Westchester large school grouping, along with Mahopac and **YORKTOWN**. All three programs have had solid campaigns heading into the playoffs but all three can be picked off on a bad night. **CARMEL**, **GREELEY**, **OSSINING**, **JOHN JAY CR** and **SOMERS** round out the eight-team playoff field (as of press time Brewster opted out).

FOX LANE captured its fifth league title in the last seven seasons after earning two

league victories over **HORACE GREELEY** last week. The previously undefeated Foxes finished a perfect 6-0 in their league and hope to bounce back from Sunday's regular season-ending loss to Lakeland.

"It means a lot to the program," said Foxes coach Mike Tomassi, whose team last won a league title two seasons ago. "Winning any games in high school basketball is hard but being able to put six games together to go 6-0 in a league that is all rivalries is awesome. I am happy for the boys. They worked extremely hard for this moment. This was one of our goals that we wanted to achieve this year."

James DiBiasi's 20 points and 10 rebounds led the Foxes to a 53-29 win over the Quakers on March 1. Oliver Shevick (8 points, 4 assists, 7 rebounds) and Dylan Watson (10 points, 7 rebounds) also were key contributors.

Two nights later, Fox Lane defeated Greeley again, this time by a 49-37 final. DiBiasi (10 points, 10 rebounds), Aidan Hicks (10 points, 4 assists, 6 rebounds), Aidan Giannelli (10 points) and Charlie Shevick (11 points, 5 assists) sparked the Foxes.

"We have 5-6 very good players that on any night can be our star," Tomassi said. "We have great senior leadership with Oliver, James and Aidan Hicks. We are a true team that is unselfish and wants to move the ball to get the best shot. We don't have any egos on the team and it's all about winning. I think playing us is tough because we have such depth and so many guys can score the ball."

Fox Lane squared off with previously unbeaten **BRIARCLIFF**, handing the visiting Bears their first loss in a 48-34 win on Friday. Hicks (12 points, 4 steals), Giannelli (8 points), Charlie Shevick (10 points, 5 assists) and Oliver Shevick (10 points, 4 assists, 6 boards) led them to the win.

The Foxes' hopes for an unbeaten season were dashed after a 56-48 loss to Lakeland on Sunday. Oliver Shevick (11 points, 4 assists, 6 rebounds) and DiBiasi (15 points, 10 rebounds) both fouled out in a physical contest. Charlie Shevick added eight points.

Fox Lane (10-1) closed out the regular season at Peekskill yesterday and enters the Northern Westchester/Putnam large school regionals this week with the first round on Wednesday.

"Our goals are always to win a championship and this year will be no different," Tomassi said. "We know it won't be easy and we're battling some injuries right now. We will need to continue to get better. It's basketball and on any given day someone can be beat. We need to keep working and put ourselves in a position to be successful."

Greeley (0-10) nearly pulled off an upset win over **WHITE PLAINS** last Tuesday, but gave up a late lead in a 57-53 defeat. Connor Melis (18 points), Owen Parsons (16 points) and Dylan Anderson (13 points) paced the Quakers.

The defending Section 1 Class AA champion Quakers lost to North Rockland 47-35 on Friday. Anderson had 18 points in a 40-37 loss to John Jay-Cross River on Saturday.

MAHOPAC pounced on visiting Arlington, 55-37, Saturday and finished the regular season at 9-1 behind three players in double digits, including Patrick McMahon (13), Max Gomes (12) and John Cosentino (10). This physical unit is loaded with multi-sport athletes and would appear, as the possible No.2 seed, headed for a potential third bout with Yorktown in the semis, and likely No.1 Fox Lane in the finals, so long as the brackets chalk out as expected.

The Indians locked up the league title behind a balanced effort over Brewster, 46-38, to finish league play 7-1. Indian C Ryan Reilly had 10 points and Cosentino added

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Greeley's Connor Melis soars in for two in the Quakers' loss at Fox Lane.



Ossining G Chris Acosta is contested by Lakeland's Aidan Welcome in Pride's 85-64 loss to host Hornets Thursday.



Lakeland G Marc Cummins has path to hoop against Ossining's Khy'leil Hawkins in Hornets' 85-64 win over Pride Thursday.

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Teams that have not scouted **OSSINING** yet will soon notice the difference between Coach Mike Casey's Pride before and after junior G Jaeden Carr's return. The silky smooth Pride leader returned to a noticeably-boosted Ossining lineup last Tuesday when he debuted in a 72-67 win over **PEEKSKILL**. Carr dropped a game-high 26 points and snagged eight rebounds and three steals for the Pride (3-4), who have been exhaustingly inconsistent but remain a dangerous out.

"He's a game changer," Casey exclaimed! "He is our leader on and off the court. He's been up on varsity since eighth grade. The three games that he missed, it was like having another coach on the sidelines. We know what he brings to the team and we are grateful he is back."

Ossining eighth-grader Kris Banwareesingh (14 points, 3 rebounds) and senior point guard Khy'llell Hawkins (13 points, 8 dimes and 3 steals) each settled in nicely behind Carr. Eight Pride players were in on the scoring in all. Peekskill countered and made it close with a 21-point fourth quarter behind Jayson Tinsley (16 points), Ezekiel Jones (15) and Travis Brown (11). Peekskill senior F Brennan Heaven (5 points) was in foul trouble and finished well below his scoring average.

Ossining (3-4) showed a ton of promise before falling in a big way at **LAKELAND** Thursday, 85-64. The Pride were careless with the ball and Lakeland exploited at every turn, getting a game-high 21 points from senior F Aidan Welcome. From that point forward, Ossining took a downward turn and remains an enigma heading into the playoffs after losing to Panas as well, before recovering in Saturday's 45-40 win over rival Sleepy Hollow. Carr had 15 points and eight rebounds while Hawkins had a



Ossining freshman F Isaiah Ahlers goes up strong in Pride's 85-64 loss to host Hornets Thursday.

well-rounded effort (12 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists). Griffin Dahle snagged 12 boards for Ossining, which got off to a late start and has yet to scratch its surface.

"Dropping two of the last three has been a surprise," Ossining Coach Mike Casey admitted. "All the credit to the teams we have played. Missing the first 10 days of the season has set us back, but knowing the fire power we have we are still confident in a strong finish."

Mahopac has the physical tools to match up with any team in the grouping, but can the Indians score the ball enough to eke out wins over equally tough defensive units like Fox Lane and Yorktown? The Indians needed extra time and two sets of heroics to beat Somers, 52-51, in OT last Wednesday. Indian G John Cosentino (17 points) hit a running 3-pointer to beat the buzzer to end regulation, and G Miles Buckley (13 points) nailed a conventional and-one three with three seconds left in OT. Like many of the slugfests in League B, it wasn't pretty but it kept the Indians in the hunt for the league title, which they claimed when Yorktown lost to Brewster Sunday.

"Sometimes teams just need to find a way to win," McMahon admitted. "Our guys showed strong character to prevail, and I felt bad for Coach DiCintio and their kids because they outplayed us tonight."

YORKTOWN has also won its fair share of low-scoring battles, but managed to put up 60 in an eight-point win over **CARMEL** on Wednesday. Somehow, though, the Huskers went off to **BREWSTER** on Sunday and suffered a critical 64-56 League B loss, giving Mahopac sole possession of the league bragging rights.

As he has done all season, Husker junior C Eddie Brucaj (12 points, 10 rebounds) wore down the Rams. He has that effect for the Huskers, who saw good-looking sophomore G Antoine Coles score a game-high 15 points. Huskers Tony Granitto and Jared Faivre each scored 11 points. Andrew Fiore (12 points), Nick DiLeo (10), Trevor Cayea had (9) and Kevin Dall (8) paced the Rams. DiLeo was coming off a 25-point, eight-rebound effort in the 55-53 loss to Yorktown the day before when Brucaj (16 points, 20 boards) and Granitto (9 points, 14 rebounds) dominated.

Prior to the Brewster loss, the Huskers (8-3) had finished up a strong week in a 50-48 win over Hen Hud when Faivre scored 13 points and Brucaj added eight points and 15 rebounds. Husker Tony Granitto (10 points, 10 rebounds) posted a double-double and was key in containing Hen Hud sniper Nick Hitsley, who scored 20 points, four below his average. Rocco Capicotti added 13 points for the Sailors.

Carmel has come on strong of late but may lack the necessary scoring punch to advance to the second round. The Rams defeated John Jay EF, 73-67, when Nick DiLeo continued a torrid stretch of play with 19 points and five rebounds. Andrew Fiore had 19 points and eight rebounds while Kevin Dall (8 points), Trevor Cayea (9 points) and Randy Aboagye (7 points, 13 rebounds) made solid contributions for the junior-heavy Rams (12 of 13).

Wins have been tough to come by at Brewster this winter but that didn't stop Coach Tom Nelligans Bears (1-6) from play #Spoiler in Sunday's win over Yorktown.



Lakeland's Andrew Mendel goes up for two against Ossining's Isaiah Ahlers in host Hornets' 85-64 win over Pride Thursday.

Shane McLaughlin and Connor Griffin scored 15 apiece and Kobe Hart added 14 points for the Bears.

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Had to feel bad for **HALDANE**, which was off and running with a 9-0 start, only to be hit with a 10-day quarantine. However, Coach Joe Virgadamo's Blue Devils will be somewhat rusty but ready for today's regionals. The Class B Blue Devils were playing hard for Coach V and deserved a shot at reigning Class C champion Hamilton, which they needed to prepare for some of the tougher teams they will see in the playoffs; like Class A **LAKELAND**, **PANAS**, and **HEN HUD**, plus a Class B **BRIARCLIFF** club that many are touting as the favorites after winning the Conference III Central



Lakeland sophomore F Logan Shiland goes to finger roll on Ossining's Dominique Bautista in host Hornets' 85-64 win over Pride Thursday.

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Ossining F Griffin Dahle snags rebound in Pride's 85-64 loss to Lakeland Thursday.

League title.

BRIARCLIFF went unbeaten in its league to secure a league title, clinching the crown with a 49-43 win over host **WESTLAKE** last Wednesday. It's the Bears' first league title in three years. Westlake will compete in the Southern Westchester (Group 3) bracket of regionals.

"We had a call the day that they decided there wasn't going to be a state tournament and we said we're still going to compete for championships," Briarcliff coach Nick Friedman said. "We talked about that all

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Ossining 8th-grader Kristian Banwareesingh goes up for two on Lakeland's Logan Shiland in Pride's 85-64 loss to host Hornets.

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week if I'm being honest. I'm just really proud of our group that they accomplished that."

The Wildcats led 22-18 at halftime, but Briarcliff erupted in the third quarter, outscoring Westlake 16-2 to take a 34-24 lead into the final quarter. The run was capped off by a Brett Lachtman drive and finish with four seconds left.

"We were really tight in the first half," Friedman said. "When we play defense the way we're capable of, we play loose on offense. When we don't have energy on defense, we play tight on offense because we feel that we have to be perfect and make every shot. So we really just kind of joked around with the guys (at halftime) and got them loose. But we also said, 'Let's have better accountability on defense so we can enjoy ourselves on offense.'"

Westlake coach Chad Charney noted that costly turnovers helped swing the momentum in the Bears' favor.

"I thought we were pretty confident coming into the second half," Charney said. "I thought our adjustments were pretty good. We turned it over maybe the first four possessions of the second half and that was just big from a momentum standpoint where [Briarcliff] was just making layups on fast breaks or whatever else."

Justin Silva, who scored a game-high 17 points, did all he could to get the Wildcats back in it in the fourth quarter. Hamad Azhar nailed a three and Silva connected on a runner midway through the quarter to trim the Bears' lead to 36-33. Briarcliff junior forward Luke McCann finished inside on a feed from senior point guard Aidan Murnane to respond. Elliot Jones then made two free throws and hit a baseline jumper to stretch the Bears' lead to 42-34 with just over two minutes to go.

Silva knocked down a three with just over a minute left then nailed another three from the left wing to make it a two-point game with 27 seconds left. McCann answered with a layup on the other end to stretch the



Briarcliff's Jayden Larregue goes up for a reverse layup over Westlake's Carter Falkenberg in Bears' league title-clinching win over Wildcats.

lead back to four. Westlake's Evan O'Brien missed a deep three and Jones corralled the rebound. He was fouled and made two free throws to seal the win.

Jones led the Bears with 12 points. McCann and Murnane added nine points apiece while Jayden Larregue and Lachtman had eight each. Friedman added that senior Spencer Safian stepped up off the bench when Murnane was in foul trouble in the first half.

Westlake star guard Carter Falkenberg was held to just three points by a swarming Bears defense. Falkenberg was scoreless in the second half. O'Brien finished with 10



Briarcliff's Jacob Zednik grabs a board over Westlake's Tommy Marto in Bears' win over Wildcats.

points but only had two points in the second half.

"In the first half, they were kind of getting what they wanted, getting to their spots and getting some good shots," Friedman said of Westlake. "In the second half, our guys were able to make it tough on them. Those are two really good players. I'm not going to miss seeing Carter. He's been a thorn in our side for a long time. I've got a lot of respect for him."

Charney commended a towering Briarcliff team for their defensive intensity.

"Those guys have been averaging close to 20 points each," Charney said of Falkenberg and O'Brien. "Against other teams we can get the ball to the rim but against them, they've got two 6-6 kids and another kid that's 6-7 coming off the bench. It's a tough match-up. But they're the best defensive team in Class B. We had a shot but they're a



Justin Silva did all he could in the fourth quarter to get Westlake back in it but Briarcliff and Luke McCann held on for the win.

really good team.

"This one is going to be tough to get over because we haven't won [a league title] since '91. I know our guys were really looking forward to that and hoping to beat them today. We've just got to refocus."

The Bears endured their first loss on Friday night, falling to host Fox Lane 48-34.

Briarcliff (9-1) bounced back with a 55-50 win over host Bronxville on Sunday to close out the regular season. McCann went off for a game-high 26 points while Jones added 10 points and Larregue had nine points.

O'Brien poured in a game-high 31 points behind nine 3-pointers in Westlake's 72-31 win over Rye Neck last Tuesday. Silva added 13 points.

Thirteen Wildcats scored, led by Silva (15 points) and O'Brien (13 points) in a 69-45 victory over Woodlands on Friday.

LAKELAND has gotten hot at the right time, having chalked up wins over Peekskill, Ossining and Fox Lane, which hadn't lost all year before the surging Hornets knocked off the Foxes, 56-48, Sunday. Panas has done likewise with victories over Ossining and Hen Hud, the League C champ, which has tailed off down the stretch with consecutive setbacks (Yorktown).

But everybody was talking about the Hornets after Sunday's stone-cold stunner.

"The guys have been bringing energy day in and day out over the last few weeks," Lakeland senior G Marc Cummins said. "It took us a little longer than expected to find that first win, but we stuck together and once we did we kept rolling. Our confidence is through the roof, and with the playoffs coming up we couldn't be in a better place, and after a win over a team like Fox Lane, I'd say Lakeland's back on the map."

Hornet Coach Steve Fallo never panicked after a rocky start that saw the Hornets open up at 0-5. Veteran swingman Rob Nardelli

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Briarcliff's Brett Lachtman soars past Westlake's Carter Falkenberg and Evan O'Brien in Bears' league title clinching win last week.



Briarcliff's Aidan Murnane attacks the basket in Bears' league-title clinching win over Westlake.

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dropped 26 on the Foxes and hit 11 of 12 free throws during a pivotal 15-point fourth quarter that saw the Hornets outscore the Foxes 24-16. This, just a day after Nardelli dropped a career-high 27 on Somers in a 63-60 Hornet win.

"We're just playing with a lot of confidence now," the veteran coach said, "especially today with two starters out against Fox Lane. It was nice to see our younger guys step up. Defense, rebounding and free throw shooting was very good today. Senior Rob Nardelli has just refused to have us lose."

Lakeland sophomore Logan Shiland hit three 3's for nine points. In Lakeland's 51-49 win over **PEEKSKILL**, Mark Cummins scored 13 points for the Hornets, who had four scorers in double digits. Brennan Heaven scored 14 points and Jayson Tinsley added 11 for the Red Devils.

PANAS (7-4, 4-3) just keeps on coming, too, evidenced by its 49-37 win over visiting Pleasantville Sunday, preceded by its 66-54 win over Ossining Saturday and a 48-44 win over Hen Hud. Imagine how much fun it would be if Panas and Lakeland were on opposite sides of the brackets and ran the table to Saturday?

In Panas' win over Pleasantville, F Caleb Evans (14 points) and Oliver Smith (15) led the Panthers, who took a 19-10 first-quarter lead and never looked back. The Panthers were in a better offensive mindset in their 66-54 win over Ossining when sophomore G Alex Tavaréz scored 21 points and Evans added 20. Smith, who is oncoming of late, added 10. Carr had 17 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Pride. Banwareesingh (17 points) and Hawkins (16 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists) enabled the Pride to hang around.

In Panas' 48-44 win over **HEN HUD**, Evans and Tavaréz scored 15 points apiece. Nick Hiltley scored 19 points for the Sailors (7-4, 6-2) while Capicotti added nine.



Westlake's Jack Neglia soars in for the shot while Briarcliff's Luke McCann goes for the swat in Wildcats' loss to Bears.

SOUTHERN WEST. (Group 2)

Westlake (9-2) played its fifth game in six days and earned a 70-58 win over **VALHALLA** on Saturday behind 21 points from Falkenberg. Teammates Silva (15 points) and O'Brien (13 points) chipped in for the Wildcats, who concluded the regular season against Bronxville yesterday.

"We're looking forward to the playoffs," Charney

said. "Hopefully everyone can stay healthy. All these teams are dropping out and they're quarantined. We're just trying to go day by day and stay with it."

Mahari Davis netted a game-high 21 points for Valhalla. Joe O'Neil added 13 points while Rashean Melvin had 10.

PLEASANTVILLE picked up an impressive 67-66 league win over visiting Valhalla last Wednesday. The Panthers had four players in double figures in scoring, led by Daniel Picart's 15 points. Tommy McPhee (14 points), Dominic Matica (12 points) and Justin Cronk (10 points) also helped Pleasantville secure the big win.

"Coming into this season we had a very inexperienced team with no returning starters from last season's team," Panthers coach Bob Jordon said. "With every game those minutes on the floor are adding up, so the kids are getting more and more confident. We've shown that if we put a complete game together we can compete with the top teams."

Jordon said that they had plenty of open looks in the first meeting with Valhalla, a 51-37 loss on Feb. 27. He told his squad that they had to keep shooting and they "worked very hard in practice on Tuesday shooting those shots."

"On Wednesday, those shots fell," Jordon said.

Melvin sparked the Vikings with a game-high 27 points. Davis added 11 points while Michael Giuliano netted 10.

"We knew that Rashean Melvin was going

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Westlake star guard Carter Falkenberg was swarmed all game by a tenacious Briarcliff defense (L-R Luke McCann, Ben Siegel, Elliot Jones).



Hen Hud G Dean Hiltley pulls up on Yorktown G Antoine Coles in Sailors' 50-48 loss to host Huskers Friday.



Westlake's Evan O'Brien puts up a finger roll while Briarcliff's Luke McCann goes for the block.



Westlake's Hamad Azhar glides in for a shot over the Bears' Jacob Zednik in Wildcats' loss to Bears.



Hen Hud senior G Nick Hiltley pulls up for two of his 20 in Sailors' 50-48 loss to host Yorktown Friday.

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to get his points,” Jordon said. “We just couldn’t let someone else beat us. Limit the others’ points and we had a chance to be in the game.”

Nick Bates had 14 points while Cronk added 10 in a 48-36 loss to Blind Brook on Thursday. Picart (20 points) and Cronk (18 points) led the Panthers to a bounce back win with a 68-22 rout of Woodlands on Saturday. Pleasantville (5-6) fell to host Walter Panas 49-37 on Sunday.

Melvin scored a game-high 18 points to lead Valhalla to a 50-32 win over Blind Brook last Tuesday. The Vikings finished the regular season at 4-4.

Matteo Sinon’s 26 points sparked **BYRAM HILLS** in a 56-42 league win over visiting John Jay-CR on March 1. The Bobcats went on the road and fell to the Wolves 59-48 two nights later. Brady Karp tallied a game-high 19 points and Sinon had 17 points in a 66-61 win over Pelham on Saturday. Teammate Tyson Repa added 10 points. The Bobcats (5-3) finished up the regular season when they traveled to Rye yesterday.

SOUTHERN WEST. (Large School Group 1)

It was an extremely busy week for **WHITE PLAINS**, who started it off with a massive 72-51 league win over visiting New Rochelle on March 1.

The Tigers, who arguably compete in the toughest public school league in all of New York State and have the most merciless regional grouping in Section 1, received a game-high 27 points from Tymir Greene. Mekhi Woodbury added 19 points. Teammates Joe Carrier (11 points) and Menzy Cardin (8 points) chipped in.

“It’s crazy, we had five games this week in six days,” said White Plains coach Spencer Mayfield, who joked that the Tigers can use some much-needed rest. “The body is not meant to do that after a year off. I want them to learn the mental toughness and take that away. When we’re in an adverse situation we’ve got to respond the right way.”

White Plains led New Rochelle 32-31 at halftime but outscored the Huguenots 40-20 in the second half to run away with the win.

The next day the Tigers had to come from behind to pull out a 57-53 win over host



White Plains F Joe Carrier makes his move in Tigers’ win over visiting Eastchester Saturday.

Greeley. Greene (15 points), Carrier (13 points), Woodbury (11 points) and Cardin (10 points) led the way for the Tigers, who receive balanced scoring on most nights.

“That matters,” Mayfield said when asked how critical balanced scoring is to the Tigers’ success. “We need guys to come off the bench and give us a few points. We have to get a balanced attack. If one or two guys are doing all the scoring then we don’t fare so well.”

New Rochelle turned the tables in the rematch, cruising past White Plains 77-52 on Wednesday. Carrier (12 points), Greene (11 points) and Woodbury (10 points) paced the Tigers.

White Plains lost to host Mount Vernon 90-63 in a league game on Friday. Woodbury netted a team-high 15 points while Cardin



Yorktown junior F Eddie Brucaj was a menace in the paint, scoring eight points and grabbing 15 boards in Huskers’ 50-48 win over Hen Hud Friday.

and Greene both had 11 points.

The battle-weary Tigers ended the week with a 71-59 win over visiting Eastchester on Saturday. Greene and Cardin tallied 21 points apiece while Woodbury added 11 points.

“We know Eastchester can shoot the three very well and we closed out on them a little bit better,” Mayfield said of the key to pulling out the win down the stretch. “We were able to stem the tide a little bit. And we matched their threes.”



White Plains’ Mekhi Woodbury leads a fast break in Tigers’ win over Eastchester.

White Plains was on fire from the start and took a 39-30 lead into halftime. They made 12 3-pointers in the game with Greene sinking five of them.

“In the first half I liked the way they moved the ball,” Mayfield said. “We had about 10 assists in the first half which was pretty good. Our goal is to try to always get 20. But we moved the ball a lot better.”

White Plains (6-3) finished its regular season when it hosted Mount Vernon yesterday and then will compete in the first round of the regional playoffs on Wednesday.

“I just want them to try to have some fun with it and grow from it,” Mayfield said of the mindset heading into the postseason. “Give my seniors a last experience at playoffs and my underclassmen an opportunity to prepare for the future.”



Hen Hud’s Rocco Capicotti tries to split defense of Yorktown’s Eddie Brucaj (24) and Tony Granitto (11) in Sailors’ 50-48 loss to Huskers Friday.



White Plains’ Menzy Cardin takes a contested three in Tigers’ win over Eastchester.



White Plains G Tymir Greene blows past defender in Tigers’ win against Eastchester Saturday.

Horace Greeley Ices Mahopac, 7-4, Snags League Title

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The COVID-19 abbreviated regular season is over. An eight-team post season is upon the Examiner-area teams who comprise the Putnam-Northern Westchester regional playoff grouping, including Mahopac, BYSNS, Cortlandt, Mount Pleasant, Fox Lane, 2020 D-II runner-up John Jay CR and Horace Greeley, the prescribed favorite, based upon a 5-4 win over John Jay and a 3-3 tie with the Wolves.

White Plains will try to make some hay in the Southern Westchester grouping that features Rye and undefeated perennial powerhouse Mamaroneck, the clear favorites.

HORACE GREELEY skated to a 3-3 tie with perennial power Mamaroneck on Saturday night at Hommocks Ice Arena.

Greeley fell behind 3-0 but rallied with three goals in the third period. Two of those goals were netted by Gabe Adams with one being scored by Jared Rothman. Dylan Mutkoski and Jacob Rothman each had two assists.

The next night, Greeley defeated **MAHOPAC** 7-4 to celebrate their senior night. Greeley built a 3-0 lead before Mahopac responded, cutting the deficit to 4-3. But the Quakers were able to close the game out with three unanswered goals.

Adams sparked the Greeley attack with a hat trick. Mutkoski (1 assist), Ben Cohen and Jacob Rothman also scored. Jared

Rothman and Johnny Spar each dished out two assists. Arye Wolberg made 17 saves.

Ryan Caraher and Matt Luczkowski each had a goal and an assist for Mahopac. Nick Stiller netted the Indians' other goal. Mike Horan made 32 saves in net.

Greeley honored its five seniors before the game: Mutkoski, Wolberg, Joe Lamb, Molly Babowal and Max Orlich.

The Quakers (3-3-1) closed out the regular season today with a game against the BYSNS. The regional playoffs begin tomorrow with the finals slated for Saturday.

Behind five goals and two assists from Daniel Cardozo, **WHITE PLAINS** cruised past **MOUNT PLEASANT** 11-4 on March 1.

John Myers had two goals and two assists. Harley Formica scored his first varsity goal and added two assists while Teddy Hauser dished out two assists. Alex Farber-Griggs, Jack Chetti and Jason Katz netted a goal each. Sean Keenan made 27 saves.

Tom Schutt scored twice for Mount Pleasant with Javier Wurster and Nathan Xie adding a goal each. John Sarfaty made 17 saves.

The White Plains Tigers then dropped a pair of games to Rye Town/Harrison by scores of 7-5 and 8-6. In the first meeting, Cardozo netted a hat trick. Myers added a goal and two assists, including the 100th assist of his career. Keenan made 30 saves. Cardozo (2 goals, 2 assists) and Myers (1 goal, 3 assists) paced White Plains in the second contest.



ANDY JACOBS FILE PHOTO

Greeley's Gabe Adams had a hat trick against Mahopac and two goals against Mamaroneck as the surging Quakers picked up a win and a tie over the weekend.



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTO

Mahopac G Chris 'Big Hands' Horan will need to get red hot if the Indians are going to challenge for regional title.

White Plains (2-4-1) faced off with ETBE on Monday and takes on Mount Pleasant tonight before heading into the regional playoffs.

FOX LANE fell to Mahopac 12-7 last Wednesday. Dan Leader had a trick for the Foxes while Aaron Easton notched two goals. Charlie Della Penna added a goal and two assists.

Nick Biagini sparked the Indians with four goals. Caraher and Luczkowski each had hat tricks. Horan made 37 saves for Mahopac while Fox Lane goalie Nick Pierce made 37 stops.

Two late goals, including Ryan Caraher's 22nd of the season, gave **MAHOPAC** a 4-3 come-from-behind win over **BYRAM HILLS** Thursday at the Brewster Ice Arena. Jonathan Martirano (2A) set up the game-winner for the Indians and G Chris 'Big Hands' Horan stopped 21 shots. Caraher earned the hat trick on his final goal and set up another for Matt Luczkowski, who dropped a four pack the night before in a 13-7 victory over **FOX LANE**. Caraher (3G 4A) had seven points in that game. Nick Biagini (3G, 1A) and Chris Stiller (1G, 2A) and had multi-point efforts for the Indians (4-2-1).

"We're missing one of our top defenders, Rich Gosniowski, the last two games, so the kids have stepped up," Mahopac Coach Tim Donaghy said. "The entire group is really starting to coming together."

CARMEL chalked up a 5-0 win over Byram Hills last Wednesday behind a hat trick from junior F Luke Golisano (2A). Brendan Murphy (1G, 2A), Jaden Albert (1G, 1A), Ryan McDonald (A, 1st varsity point), Graham Ludwig (1) and Noah Jettelson (A) all scored a point while Rams freshman G Nicco Positano stopped 20 shots for his first career shutout.

"Nicco is great," Carmel Coach Michael Chiacchia said. "He is going to have an awesome career."

Unfortunately, his postseason career, along with the rest of the Rams, will have to wait until the 2021-22 season as Carmel has entered a close-contact 10-day quarantine that will end their season immediately.

BYRAM HILLS fell to the **BYSNS** 6-2 on Tuesday and was shutout by Carmel, 5-0, last Wednesday. But the Bobcats gave Mahopac a battle in a 4-3 defeat on Thursday. Lucca Trotta, Austin Carlin and eighth-grader Alex Cutier scored for the Bobcats. It was Cutier's first varsity goal. Eighth-grader Ryan Nichols also notched his first varsity point with an assist.

Lucca Conigliaro scored both Byram goals in its loss to the BYSNS. Ben Sfarra made 17 saves in net. The Herd saw another solid game in net for G Matt Gergley, who notched his 1,200th career save in the win. Jacob Gasparini had a hat trick for BYSNS.

You're Welcome!

Lakeland Senior Drops 21 in Win vs. Ossining, Adds 13 in Upset of Fox Lane



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Lakeland senior F Aidan Welcome goes for two of his game-high 21 points in the host Hornets' 85-64 stomping of Ossining (and Dominique Bautista #3) last Thursday, when the surging Hornets won their fourth-straight game and ignited hope for a run at the Putnam-Northern Westchester Small School regional playoffs this week, which was further fueled after Sunday's 56-48 win over previously undefeated Fox Lane... see Boys' Hoops Notebook