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Carmel 2B Douses Ossining Rally, Rams Win, 7-0

Carmel 2B Jonathan McIntyre attempts to turn double-play after forcing out Ossining SS Jack DeAngelis Friday in the host Rams' 7-0 victory over the Pride, who failed to scratch out a run off Carmel hurler Matt Demme and the error-free Rams, who face a loaded schedule in the days ahead with mighty Fox Lane (today), a home-and-home set with arch-rival Mahopac (Wed./Fri.) and two-time reigning Class A champ Lakeland (Sat.)... see Baseball Notebook

Hungry Huskers Come out Firing, L/P Rebels Upend Rye

P'Ville, Briarcliff Looking Strong in Class D, C; Mahopac Cops Putnam Bragging Rights

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Perhaps no team in NYS has been chomping at the bit to play more than 40-time Section 1 champion **YORKTOWN**. First it was John Jay in 2018-19 that knocked seven-time NYS champion Yorktown from its championship perch, then COVID-19 cancelled the 2020 season and prevented Coach Sean Carney's **CLASS B** Huskers from attaining the Section 1 title they have not had their hands on since 2017, the longest such championship drought since we started keeping records.

Then, it was a self-imposed quarantine that delayed the start of Yorktown's 2021 campaign, so it was only natural that 715 days since the last time the Huskers took the field Wappingers were merely lambs at the slaughter during the visiting Huskers' 18-1 opening-day win last Wednesday. While some believe the Section 1 Class B field is wide open in 2021, there are others that abide to the notion that the hungry-hungry Huskers (2-0) are the team to beat, and they looked the part against Wappingers and followed that up with Saturday's 10-4 triumph of **SOMERS**.

Against Wappingers, the Huskers' attack unit was unstoppable. Senior A Dylan Beck went off for five goals and four assists to pace the offense. Senior A Will Embury added five goals and two assists and junior A Harry Griff finished with three goals and four assists in a long-awaited and highly-anticipated varsity debut. Junior M Jay Fastiggi won 13-of-16 face-offs.

"We were just glad to get this skilled group of kids back out throwing on a field in a meaningful game," Carney said.

Against Somers, Griff (3G, 3A), Beck (3G), Evan Makar (1G), Spencer Norris



Pleasantville's Brennan McDermott looks for a teammate as Fox Lane's Christian Horvath defends in Panthers' 9-6 win.

(1G), Jack Duncan (1G) and Will Embury (1G, 1A) all found the back of the net while G Adam Norris notched 11 saves, Justin Meyreles scooped seven GBs and Fastiggi won 13-of-18 face-off.

"We played tight," Carney admitted. "We forced our passes and didn't have a lot of flow early. Somers is tough. They fight and are very athletic. We will learn from it. It was good to have some competition as it has been a long time coming. We will need to find more flow on offense as we have the players to do well there."

Somers got goals from Cole Zampaglione, Lorenzo Sessa, Zach Nyikos and Kieran Gill.

The Tuskers started the week off on the right foot when senior T.J. Deagan bagged five goals and an assist in the Tuskers' 15-6 win over **BREWSTER**. Somers had another three goals and an assist from Zampaglione, plus two more goals and three assists from Sessa.

Another outfit that looks the part of a
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Pleasantville's Nick Bates runs the offense while Fox Lane's Nick Andreades defends in Panthers' win over Foxes.



Panthers' Emmet McDermott looks to pass while the Foxes' Thomas Olsen defends.



Pleasantville's Matt Fuccillo looks to clear as Fox Lane's Jack Cicchelli charges in Panthers' win over Foxes.



Fox Lane's Matt Magidson goes on the attack while the Panthers' Kieran Cotter defends in Foxes loss to Panthers.

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championship contender is **LAKELAND/PANAS**, which knocked off a pair of perennial powers last week, including John Jay CR, 12-6, and Rye, 12-10.

Against reigning Class B champion John Jay CR, the Rebels saw senior Conor Hufnagel (5G, 1A) -- a legit sniper from any angle -- and methodical Reed Thompson (4G) explode for nine goals while budding junior A Nick Graap (2G, 3A), sophomore M/A Liam Burke (1G, 1A), senior D Mark Cummins (1A) and sophomore M/A Justin Stabile (1A) all scored or set up scores for an extremely talented and versatile Rebels outfit.

It was Graap's career-high fifth rip of the game with 1:38 left in the fourth that knotted the Rye game up at 10-all before Thompson scored the game-winning goal with 45 seconds left from Hufnagel (3G, 4A). Thompson (3G) tacked on another at the buzzer for good measure while L/P Coach



Carmel senior M Ryan McDonald cranks goal in Rams' 15-4 loss to host Putnam Valley Wednesday.

Jim Lindsay was ready for a pacemaker.

"I'm getting too old for games like this," he joked. "The boys played hard, never backed down. I'm so proud of them. Graap showed his smooth stroke today. Some of these younger kids are good, tough players. He's one of them."

The Rebels, who improved to 4-0, will tune up for Saturday's much-anticipated Murphy Cup game against rival Yorktown (12:15 p.m.) with a major test against runaway Class A favorite Mamaroneck today. The Rebels, who look like legit Class B title contenders, will know a heck of a lot more about themselves come next Saturday. The winner of the Yorktown vs. Lakeland/Panas game would go a long way toward locking down the No.1 seed in the Class B playoffs, thus potentially avoiding Rye in the

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Putnam Valley M Garrett Leitman dominated possession in Tigers' 15-4 win over Carmel Wednesday.



Fox Lane's Jake Wollman attacks from behind the cage as Pleasantville's Jack Collins defends in Foxes' loss to Panthers.



Putnam Valley junior A Ryan Denike (6G, 3A) had career day in Tigers' 15-4 win over tough-checking Rams Jeremy Smith and Nick Fazzino Wednesday.

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semifinals, so this Murphy Cup showdown is as big as it gets this year.

"There's a long way to go before we start that discussion," Lindsay said.

MAHOPAC brought home Putnam County bragging rights after a 14-4 win over host **PUTNAM VALLEY** Saturday. West Point-bound junior A Mike Harney (4G, 2A) was a one-man wrecking ball.

"Harney was really feeling it," Mahopac Coach Jon Bota said.

Sophomore A Jake Degnan, silky smooth around the cage, added a hat trick and set up two scores for the Indians. Mahopac's Gavin Vigalucci (2G), Ryan Geoghean (2G), Danny Koch (1G, 1A), Mike Rettberg (1G) and Matt Puckhaber (1G) all tickled twine. Mercy-bound Mahopac G Brett Crecco made eight saves, several point blank.

The Class C Tigers played closer than the score would indicate, according to PV Coach Tim Weir. Ryan Denike (1G, 1A), Ethan Mounier (2G, 1A) and Hayden Gumbrecht (1G) all scored for the Tigers.

"Ground balls were the difference and the Mahopac kids kicked our tails in this aspect of the game," Weir admitted. "If you don't pick up the ball off the ground, then you will not be successful. Credit to the Mahopac kids, they did a great job."

The Class C Tigers were much smoother in their 14-5 win over Class A **CARMEL** when junior A Ryan Denike lit the Rams up for a career-high nine points (6G, 3A). Fellow A Jack Murphy bagged a hat trick for the Tigers.

"I thought we really executed our game plan and played to our ability in this one," Weir said. "Our scorers scored, our mids possessed and our poles were excellent."

CLASS C/D

PLEASANTVILLE and **FOX LANE** locked horns in a down-to-the-wire battle and the Class D Panthers were able to grind

out a 9-6 victory last Thursday on the road over a Class A club.

With Pleasantville clinging to a 7-5 lead in the fourth quarter, freshman Daniel Picart scored two goals in less than a minute to stretch the advantage to 9-5 with 7:37 to play. The first tally was an EMO goal.

"The extra-man goal I thought was a nice turning point for us offensively," Panthers coach Chris Kear said. "It gave us a little breathing room. We had a few good stands on defense which led to burning off some time on the clock. I thought our defense played really well today and it kind of helped out our offense, who played a little sloppy in the first half."

With the Panthers leading 6-3 at halftime, Fox Lane came out firing to start the second half with goals from Dan Leader and Everett Banks in just over a minute. The Foxes, however, didn't score again until there was 1:32 left in the game when Jack Cicchelli found the back of the net.

"Our guys were tired. We have a small squad here and that certainly plays into it," Fox Lane coach Craig Henley said when asked what changed after the Foxes scored the first two goals of the second half. "But at the same time, it's a credit to Pleasantville's defense. Our guys are not bad athletes and they're not bad scorers but that Pleasantville defense is stout."

The Panthers' defense, led by goalie Ryan Raeski (10 saves), stood tall in the second half, allowing just one goal over the final 23 minutes.

"We paid really close attention to their midfield shooters and we tried to limit their touches as much as possible," Kear said. "We just played sound defense. We were forcing them down the alleys and preventing good shots. Ryan made some tremendous saves and we were forcing those low angle shots."

Pleasantville's Ryan Challice scored three of his four goals in the second quarter to send the Panthers into halftime with a 6-3 lead. Challice, a junior, has 28 goals through six games.



Carmel freshman A Matt Risely (L) is hounded by Put Valley junior pole Anthony Esposito in Rams' 14-5 loss to host Tigers.

"At some point," Kear said when asked if he expected underclassmen like Challice to have a big impact right away. "I didn't know this would happen so soon but I knew what their potential was. I felt like at some point they would start to do it but I'm glad they're doing it this early."

Senior Brennan McDermott led the Panthers with three goals and three assists.

Henley was proud of the Foxes' defensive effort against a Pleasantville team that had scored 65 goals in its first four games.

"There's not one ounce of varsity experience on the defensive end," Henley said. "We have seniors but obviously no one played last year. So, as far as defense goes, we try to simplify some things for them. They are very intelligent, hardworking and athletic kids who are clearly doing probably better than expected at this point."

Banks paced the Foxes with three goals. Matt Magidson also had a goal.

The Panthers cruised past **HORACE GREELEY** 14-2 last Tuesday behind five goals and four assists from McDermott. Challice added two goals and two assists while Picart and Nick Bates had two goals apiece. Raefski made 12 saves. Greeley's Sam Rosenberg stopped 15 shots.

Pleasantville (6-0) stayed unbeaten with a 9-5 win over host **HENDRICK HUDSON** on Saturday. Emmet McDermott and Challice totaled three goals and an assist each. Brennan McDermott had a goal and three assists while Bates added a pair of goals. Raefski made six saves.

Dean Hiltley had two goals for Hen Hud while Ryan Clark tallied a goal and an assist.

The Panthers face some stiff tests this week with John Jay-Cross River (Tuesday), Somers (Thursday) and Pelham (Saturday).

"I think we've made good progress," Kear said when asked to evaluate the early portion of the season. "Obviously, based on how sloppy we passed and caught the ball today (against Fox Lane), our clears need to be cleaned up. We're in a good spot but I think there's a lot of room for growth."

Leader (2G, 1A) and Will Shepherd (2G) led Fox Lane to an 8-5 win over Hen Hud last Tuesday. Fox Lane then rebounded from the loss to Pleasantville with a 10-4 victory over Brewster on Saturday behind four goals from Banks. Jake Wollman added two goals and an assist while Leader, Magidson, Christian Horvath and Cicchelli had a goal each for the Foxes, who improved to 5-1.

"It seems like we've been getting better

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Somers' Shane Repp heads up the field while being pressured by Brewster's Ethan Hamm in Tuskers' win over Bears.



Put Valley attackmen Jack Murphy (L) and Ryan Denike combined for 9 goals in 15-4 win over Carmel Wednesday.

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every game but at the same time we've been playing better teams as we go," Henley said. "I'm just happy that the kids believe in themselves after a very short preseason and no experience last year. We've had to put a lot in in a short amount of time and they've been totally on board and bought into the systems. They practice hard and they challenge each other. I would say that's the biggest reason they're looking as good as they are."

Last year's Section 1 Class D champion **BRIARCLIFF**, which moved up to C this season, started the campaign with big wins over Pelham and Bronxville.

The Bears made quick work of the visiting Pelicans in a 12-2 rout on Tuesday. Matt Waterhouse sparked the attack with four goals. Elliot Jones added two goals and an assist. Jack Ricciardi dished out four assists. Lucas Proctor, Brandon Rispoli, Anthony Capasso, Nick Santucci, Brett Lachtman and Aidan Murnane had one goal each.

Behind five goals from Rispoli, Briarcliff passed a big road test in a 10-9 win over previously unbeaten Bronxville on the road Saturday.

The Bears jumped out to a 4-0 lead but Bronxville rallied and it was neck and neck the rest of the way. Briarcliff's defense rose to the challenge down the stretch, holding off a Broncos' comeback attempt. Jones netted two goals while Ricciardi and Proctor had two assists each.

"It was definitely a big win against a very well-coached team and program," Briarcliff coach Al Meola said.

The Bears have some enticing showdowns this week with Rye (today) and on the road at Mamaroneck (Saturday, 1 p.m.).

"Overall, our start (to the season) has seen some good stuff and some bad," Meola admitted. "We need to continue to fine tune what we do and be more consistent."

WESTLAKE (1-1) won its opener, 12-2, over Hastings on Tuesday but fell to Scarsdale 12-4 on Friday. In the win over

Hastings, Matt Sardo led the way with five goals and three assists. Andrew Llamas (3G, 3A) and Connor Cronin (2G, 4A) also had big games.

Hayden Fruhling tallied four goals and an assist in **BYRAM HILLS'** 18-9 loss to powerhouse Mamaroneck last Tuesday.

The Bobcats (2-1) bounced back with a 14-6 win over Arlington behind five goals from Benny Rakower and four goals and an assist from Fruhling. Gavin Javorsky added two goals.

CLASS A

CARMEL went 1-1 on the week, knocking off visiting Pawling 13-4 Friday after falling at Class C **PUTNAM VALLEY** Wednesday. Against Pawling, freakish freshman Matt Risely continued his torrid rookie season by netting five goals to go with one assist for the Rams. Ryan McDonald, Chase Carroll and Ryan Abel scored two apiece for the Rams and Ryan Terwilliger finished with a goal and three assists. McDonald finished with two goals and an assist in the loss to PV.

Carmel concluded the week in a 15-10 win over Class C **CROTON-HARMON** Saturday when Risely went for a career-high eight points (5G, 3A). Terwilliger and Abel added six points apiece, three goals and three assists. McDonald and Will Myers each had one goal and two assists for Carmel. Ryan Robine had three goals and an assist for the Tigers, who led the game for a good portion. The Tigers saw Michael McCarthy and Noah Bovens each score twice.

It was a three-win week for **WHITE PLAINS**, which improved to 5-1. The Tigers started the productive week off with a 12-1 victory over Hastings last Monday. Ryan Ortiz (4G, 3A) and Colin Walsh (4G) led the offense. Jesse Formica added two goals while Jack Herman dominated on face-offs.

White Plains won in blowout fashion again on Wednesday, cruising past Eastchester 10-1 behind three goals each from Walsh and Jake Strabel. Nick Armogida (1G, 4A) and



Putnam Valley senior M Ethan Mounier is hounded by Carmel pole Jake Elner in Tigers' 15-4 win over Rams Wednesday.

Ortiz (2G, 2A) also contributed.

The Tigers won a low-scoring 3-2 nail-biter on Friday at Harrison. Ortiz netted his second goal of the game with three minutes left for the game winner. Walsh added a goal. Herman won 6 of 7 face-offs while Nicolas Spista made 12 saves in net to lead a big defensive effort.

HORACE GREELEY (1-2) picked up its first win in a thrilling 9-8 overtime victory over visiting **HALDANE** on Wednesday. Boden Bounds scored the game winner with a minute remaining on a feed from Eli Brail.

Sam Rosenberg made 24 saves in net to earn his first varsity win. Jason Lungen and Matt Hutchings had two goals apiece. All seven Greeley goal scorers netted their first varsity goal.

For Haldane, Darrin Santos (5G, 1A), Frankie DiGiglio (2G) and Jordan Henkel (20 saves) led the way.

CHSAA

KENNEDY CATHOLIC scoring leaders (through 7 games): Jack McInerney (32G, 17A), Brendan Sullivan (20G, 22A), Fin McConnell (15G, 15A). PJ Wu tabbed as an outstanding defenseman by Coach Vin Savastano; M Connor Baia 81% faceoff wins dubbed a certified bad man.

Hard to comprehend but some coaches are still not responding to the chance to feature their student athletes in our weekly Boys' Lax Notebook, so please contact raygallaghersports@gmail.com (N. West & Putnam teams) or Rob DiAntonio robertdiantonio@yahoo.com for inclusion with game-by-game results or a weekly recap due Sundays by 6 p.m.



Brewster's Dom Rienzi works his way to the cage while absorbing a check from Somers' Jared Hackmyer in Bears' loss to Tuskers.



Brewster's Ethan Hamm goes on the attack while Somers' Evan Lasseter defends in Bears' loss to Tuskers.

Mahopac's Dellamura/Becker Connection is Years in Making Becker, Yorktown's Servedio, Lakeland's Bale Each Fire No-Hitters

By Tony Pinciario

MAHOPAC C Michelle Dellamura knew exactly what position she wanted to play when she began playing softball at seven years old.

"I wanted to be a catcher ever since my MSA coach asked, 'Who wants to catch?' It seemed really cool," recalled the Mahopac senior, "being able to wear all the equipment."

It would be the start to what evolved into an outstanding career as a high school and travel softball catcher. It also led Dellamura to meet one of her best friends -- Mahopac pitcher Shannon Becker, the Notre Dame-bound slinger.

Every Mahopac opponent knows all about Becker, but what the opposition does not realize is Dellamura's all-around impact on the game.

"Aside from Michelle's unbelievable skill, she is extremely knowledgeable of the game," Mahopac Coach Cristina Giansante said. "Michelle studies the batters while they are up, and what they've done in the past, and is able to recall their strengths and weaknesses. She learns from each at-bat and implements it in their next at-bat. I should add that Michelle is top-25 in her class, so it's clear that she is a smart kid all-around."

Dellamura enjoyed the catching equipment as a seven-year-old. As she got older and progressed through little league, then high school softball, Dellamura became aware of how involved a catcher is in a game. This would lead her to focus on all aspects of catching.

"I honestly enjoy being a catcher just because of the perspective of the game I get to have," said Dellamura, who will attend Fairfield University in the fall. "Being able to completely see the field and watching everything that goes on is something I love. I love the adrenaline rush when there is



Mahopac senior C Michelle Dellamura has caught Shannon Becker, one of the best in the nation, for several varsity seasons.

a play at the plate and just how involved I constantly am during a game.

"I pride myself, mostly, on calling pitches and framing," she added. "From a young age my coaches taught me how to really be able to call a good game, observing the little things like where the batter will stand in the box, what pitches she is chasing and what pitch she can get around on. Knowing that I can help my pitcher get calls by framing a pitch well is honestly just an overall great feeling."

While Becker has the pleasure of throwing to an incredible catcher, Dellamura also realizes how fortunate she is to be catching Becker. Along with their parallel Mahopac varsity careers, the Mahopac battery has played together for six years with the Empire State Huskies travel team.

"I think Shannon and I work so well together because we understand each other

so well," Dellamura said. "I've been catching Shannon for so many years I just really understand her pitches and the movement she is able to create with each pitch. I also think she trusts me being able to handle all her pitches since we've been doing it for so long together. I honestly love being able to catch Shannon. It is just so exciting, and being so in tune with each other makes it even better. Knowing I can handle her pitches takes a lot of pressure off me and I also think the same goes for her."

Giansante trusts Dellamura and Becker implicitly. Prior to the 2019 season, Dellamura and Becker asked Giansante if they could call the game and the Mahopac coach said yes.

"Michelle has been catching Shannon since fourth grade, so their chemistry is unmatched," Giansante said. "I have all the faith in them, their knowledge, and their chemistry to call games. I have not regretted it once. There are times when we will discuss approaches or I will call over to Michelle, and often we're on the exact same page. Those times are few and far between where I even call over. Michelle is just extremely intelligent and mature beyond her years."

Mahopac is off to an excellent start, led by Becker and Dellamura. The catcher is happy to be back playing with her teammates her senior year.

"In all honesty I love everything about my team," Dellamura said. "We all get along so well and just have an amazing connection. Everyone hypes each other up no matter what. I have so much confidence in each of my teammates because I know they are all capable of so much. After losing all of the 2020 season, it was definitely upsetting, but just knowing I got one last opportunity to play with my teammates and just the Mahopac team, all together, is truly amazing and I am very thankful for it."

Becker no-hit Roy C. Ketcham (2-0) and North Salem (20-0, in five innings), and also blanked Arlington (3-0).

Becker rang up 16 strikeouts against RCK. She drove in a run and freshman Ava Lichtenberger hit her first career home run, of what should be many.

Arlington hitters struck out 17 times against Becker, including her 800th career strikeout. Lauren Zecca and Dellamura each doubled in a run.

Becker ran her shut-out streak to five with the win over North Salem. She collected 15 strikeouts, giving her 828 for her career (as of press time).

Dellamura had a double among her three hits and drove in three runs. Zecca homered twice and had four RBI and Becker had



Yorktown players mob Maya Servedio (C) after her no-hitter against Byram Hills. (Courtesy of Twitter)

four hits and two RBI.

YORKTOWN is now 7-0 this season for Coach Samantha Fernandez after the Cornhuskers defeated John Jay-Cross River (15-2), Byram Hills (11-0) and Horace Greeley (18-3).

Maya Servedio threw a no-hitter against Byram Hills and struck out 18. She also went 4 for 4, including a home run, double, three-runs scored and four RBI.

Charlotte Constantine collected two hits, three RBI and swiped two bases. Lainie Ornstein also had two hits, scored two runs and stole five bases. Lauren Strauss smacked a home run and Piehler had a run-scoring double.

Fernandez said her offense was on fire against Greeley, led by Ornstein with three hits, three runs, two RBI and four swipes. Adrianna Albano also had three hits, two RBI and two runs scored, Salveggi collected

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White Plains' Kiersten Hardy races to first in 11-0 win over Eastchester.

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White Plains' Alexa Galligani takes a big hack in 11-0 rout of Eastchester.



Byram's Alexis Conigliaro races home for a run in the Bobcats' win over Somers.

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White Plains' (L-R) Rhyleigh Falvey, Darla Palombo, Amanda LeMark and the Tigers had plenty to celebrate in 11-0 win over Eastchester.

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three hits, scored four runs and drove in two and Constantine added three hits, four stolen bases and two runs.

Albano, Ornstein and Buck each had three hits against John Jay. Albano registered three RBI, Ornstein scored three runs and Buck added two runs scored and an RBI.

"We are having a great start and playing with a lot of energy and hustle," Fernandez said. "I'm so proud of the way the girls are having fun and playing their hearts out."

LAKELAND improved to 4-1 this season as Stella Bale tossed a no-hitter and struck out 17 in a 7-0 win over Horace Greeley. Bale has allowed two runs, one earned, this season, and has rung up 81 strikeouts in 37 innings. Her lone loss was to Mahopac and Shannon Becker, 1-0.

Hannah Matusiak supplied the thunder with a home run and double. She drove in two runs and scored twice. Ryleigh Melendez also had two hits and scored two runs. Shannon Scotto and Bale each had a hit and run scored.

Following four games in four days to open the 2021 season, resulting in a 2-2 start for **HEN HUD**, the Sailors split a pair -- a 6-0 win over Fox Lane and a loss to John Jay-East Fishkill.

Pitcher Alana Espinoza registered her second shutout of the season on a four-hitter with 18 strikeouts. Taeghan Dapson

supplied two RBI while Lisa Pasquale, Kami Johannsen and Jess Bleakley each had an RBI.

John Jay, which had dropped a 5-3 verdict to Hen Hud in week one at the Yorktown Tournament, shut out the Sailors. In the loss, Dapson had two hits.

"We have been really good when Alana throws the ball well," said first-year Hen Hud Coach Will Mauro. "The defense has been pretty good and eighth-grader Lucy Mager has been a bright spot defensively playing outfield and shortstop."

Hen Hud shut out Beacon and beat John Jay, in week one, and lost to undefeated Yorktown and Arlington.

BYRAM HILLS rallied to derail **SOMERS**, 9-7, when the Bobcats scored five runs in the fifth to take the lead for good. Gabby Monteleone's two-RBI single was the big blow. RBI hits from Alexis Conigliaro, Olivia Addeo and Madison Nero padded the lead. Gabby Nero had four hits, scored a run and drove home another. Avery Kossow was 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBI for the Tuskers while Ellie Walsh went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Led by senior Kat Gallelo's three



White Plains P Serena Gillen winds up to fire pitch in shutout of Eastchester.

hits, three runs and four RBI, **PUTNAM VALLEY** out-slugged Blind Brook, 16-15, to get its first win of the season.

Taylor Peduto collected her first varsity hit among her three hits, including a triple, and she drove in three runs. Abby Lowder had a hit, scored twice and had two RBI.

Dobbs Ferry was an ungracious guest and ruined Putnam Valley's Senior Day for Western CT-bound Frankie Reyes, Gallelo and Lowder with a victory.

The Tigers also lost to Hastings, despite a hit and RBI apiece for Gallelo and Peduto. LeAnn Keeler also had her first varsity hit.

WHITE PLAINS rebounded from a season-opening loss with victories over Pelham (14-8), Harrison (14-4) and Eastchester (11-0), but Ardsley, the 2019 New York State Class B champions, bested the Tigers, 6-4.

Veteran White Plains' Coach Ted O'Donnell's team is 3-2 and has overcome the loss of his all-state pitcher from 2019, who chose not to play this year. He has handed the ball to 13-year-old eighth-grader Serena Gillen and she has responded with the poise of a veteran varsity player.

"Serena is as tough as nails, is a fearless and fiery competitor and extremely composed for an eighth-grader," O'Donnell

said. "She already has a variety of pitches with good location and good speed. She has a very bright future."

"A very good Eastchester team had runners on first and third in the first inning with no outs and didn't score. She gave up three singles to earn her first varsity shutout. She struck out 10 against Ardsley. I know she will get better every week and has only been on varsity for two weeks."

Natasha Mendez fueled the Tigers' offense against Eastchester with three hits and an RBI. Amanda LeMark (three RBI), Zoey Kovach and Kiersten Hardy (three runs) each had two hits.

Mendez had three hits, including a home run, against Ardsley as the Tigers rallied from an early 5-0 deficit to bring the tying run to the plate in the seventh. Darla Palombo added two hits.

In the Harrison game, Mendez delivered three home runs, including a grand slam, and knocked in eight runs. Alexa Galligani also had three hits, including two home runs, and four RBI. Palombo added four hits and Kovach had three hits.

Mary Grace O'Neill and Ashley Rosen guided **PLEASANTVILLE** to a 3-0 week with triumphs over Hastings (5-4), Croton (14-8) and Blind Brook (10-5).

O'Neill was almost perfect at the plate in three games, going 11 for 14 (.786 average) with a home run, two triples, five RBI and nine runs scored. She was also a perfect 6 for 6 on stolen bases. While O'Neill was supplying the offense, Ashley Rosen was racking up strikeouts -- 30 in three games.

Julia Serena went 3 for 4, including a double, in **VALHALLA's** 7-2 loss to perennial Section 1 Class B power Rye Neck. Kathryn Wolfthal and Emma Levine had a hit and an RBI apiece.

FOX LANE had a rough week, dropping games to Arlington and Hen Hud. Adriana Piccolino slammed a home run and triple in the Arlington game and Sam Sanchez doubled.

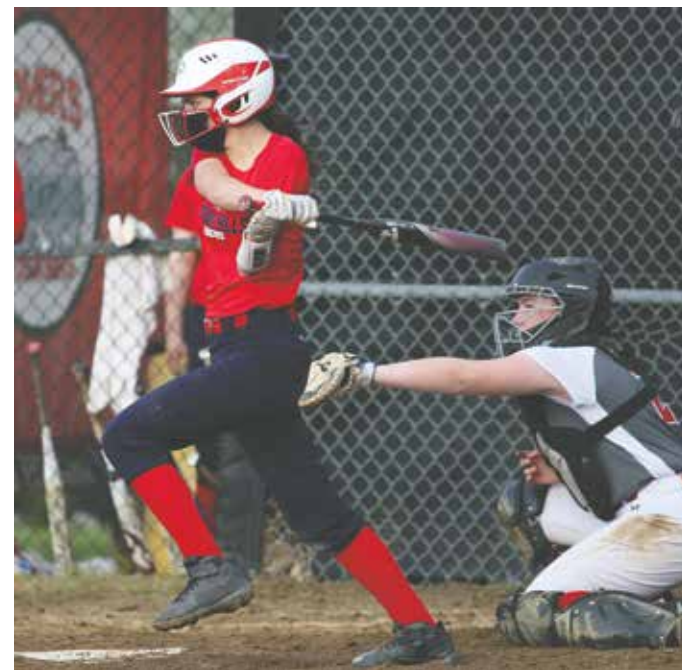
Hannah Getman rang up two hits, including a double, and Sanchez and Katie Cristiano also doubled against Hen Hud.



Bobcats' Emily Pizzorusso heads for third in 9-7 win over Somers.



Byram Hills' Madison Nero serves a clutch RBI single and mini bat-flip in win over Somers.



Byram Hills' Lorraine DiSano follows through on a swing in last Tuesday's win over Somers.

Hard to Ignore Yorktown, Unbeaten Huskers Handle Byram Hills Carmel Blanks Ossining, Briarcliff Remains Undefeated

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It's hard to argue that winning a Section 1 Class A baseball title is as tough as it gets; given the very nature of baseball and the absurd number of strong teams scattered throughout the section. The Class AA, B and C champions are scheduled to be crowned on June 12, but because of the huge size of the Class A bracket, those teams will be split into two different divisions and the winners of the two divisional finals on June 12 will meet on June 13 to determine the overall Section 1 champ. The cream will rise to the top come mid-June, but here's a look back at early May and the start of the 2021 season.

CLASS A

It's also hard to ignore **YORKTOWN** right now, even though the Huskers have but one sectional title in school history (1995). Not only are the Cornhusker boys lacrosse and girls softball teams undefeated, but first-year baseball Coach CJ Riefenhauser, he of former Mahopac and Major League Baseball fame, has the 5-0 Cornhuskers off to a roaring start, having scored 10 or more runs in every game.

"I give a ton of credit to my team and this coaching staff," Coach Rief said. "They have all really bought in and are having fun. We feel like we have the ability to be in every game. We're getting contributions from everyone. No one is being selfish. Everybody is stepping up and really buying into what we are trying to do."

Yorktown continued that trend in a 13-6 win over host **HORACE GREELEY** last Friday, jumping out to an 8-0 lead behind starter Jon Sica. Yorktown senior SS Brett Warden clocked a three-run yard bomb and junior Nick Cortino hit a two-run HR to lead the offense.

Yorktown also went to town on highly-regarded **BYRAM HILLS** earlier in the week in a 13-3 rout of the Bobcats, blowing open a close game with nine runs in the fifth and sixth combined.

Husker Jon Munoz had three hits and three RBI, including a pair of doubles while



Yorktown's Jon Sica and the Huskers have had plenty to roar about during torrid start to 2021 campaign.



Yorktown senior SS Brett Warden gets five from Coach CJ Riefenhauser after going yard for 3 RBI in 13-6 win over host Greeley.

Jon Sica (2 hits) doubled, drove home two and scored twice. Stephen Haglund (2-for-3) added a double, RBI and two runs while Swaroop Pujari doubled home a run and scored to support junior starter Matt Alduino, who worked five innings of two-hit ball, whiffing seven Bobcats to earn the win. Alduino, a rangey lefty, his high-80s gas, and is one of several Yorktown starters with big-time stuff in his repertoire.

BYRAM HILLS (3-2) went 2-2 on the week and saw things start out with a bang with Jack Leary blasting a fourth-inning two run homer and fifth inning grand slam to propel the Bobcats to a 12-2 six-inning rout of Somers last Tuesday. What's even more amazing is that those were Leary's first two varsity hits.

Jared Cohen went 3 for 3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Michael Ascanio tossed 4.2 innings for the win.

The offensive onslaught continued the

next day when the Bobcats routed Pelham 14-3 behind Bobby Chicoine (3 for 5, double, home run, 4 RBI), Daniel Bernstein (3 for 3, double, triple, 3 RBI) and Dom Miano (2 for 4, 3 runs).

The Bobcats suffered their first two losses against an unbeaten Yorktown squad (13-3, 6 innings) on Thursday and a perennially tough Ketcham squad (6-1 setback) on Saturday. Against Yorktown, Cohen socked a solo homer while Chicoine had an RBI double. Ascanio homered against Ketcham.

WALTER PANAS, according to Carmel Coach Joe Hackert, has a big-time lineup, and Coach Anthony Fata's Panthers proved that and then some in a 12-3 win over Beacon Friday. Panas P Jackson DiLorenzo got the W, scattering just three hits while allowing



Flame-throwing Yorktown lefty Matt Alduino was tight and tidy with 6 K's in 5 frames in win over Byram Hills.

one earned run. His eight whiffs through five frames were a career high. Panas SS Sammy Stafura went 2-4 with an RBI double and Danny Witters did so as well.

"So far, so good," Panas Coach Anthony Fata said. "I really love coaching these kids. It's great to be back on the field with them. We need to take one game at a time and learn from each game and get better. I'm very excited to see how this group can finish."

HEN HUD got a walk-off, game-winning hit by Michael Gagliardi to give the Sailors an 8-7 11-inning come-from-behind win over visiting **SOMERS** Saturday. Senior Shayne

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The 2021 Sorrentino Cup winners, Yorktown High, pose with coveted trophy Huskers have owned more often than not over Lakeland.

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Baseball Notebook



Carmel Coach Joe Hackert (R) will rely largely upon the bat and gifted right arm of senior P Jack Sullivan in 2021.

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Naley hit a lead-off double and scored the winning run. Josh Shea was the winning pitcher, firing five innings of relief.

“Josh really allowed us to continue to fight back each inning,” Hen Hud Coach Van Vourliotis said. “After starting 0-2 in a very uncharacteristic way that our program does not accept or is used to, we had a great week of practice and the message was simple, just compete: Compete in every drill, in every situation, in water breaks, it didn’t matter, just compete. Our team over the last week has embraced our identity as being that scrappy team that won’t back down or go away. It may not be pretty all the time, but we know we are capable of winning in multiple ways and every player is willing to do whatever it takes. Against Somers, literally every player on our 14-man roster had a role in our comeback win and that’s how it will be going forward. It’s an absolute pleasure coaching this group of young men.”

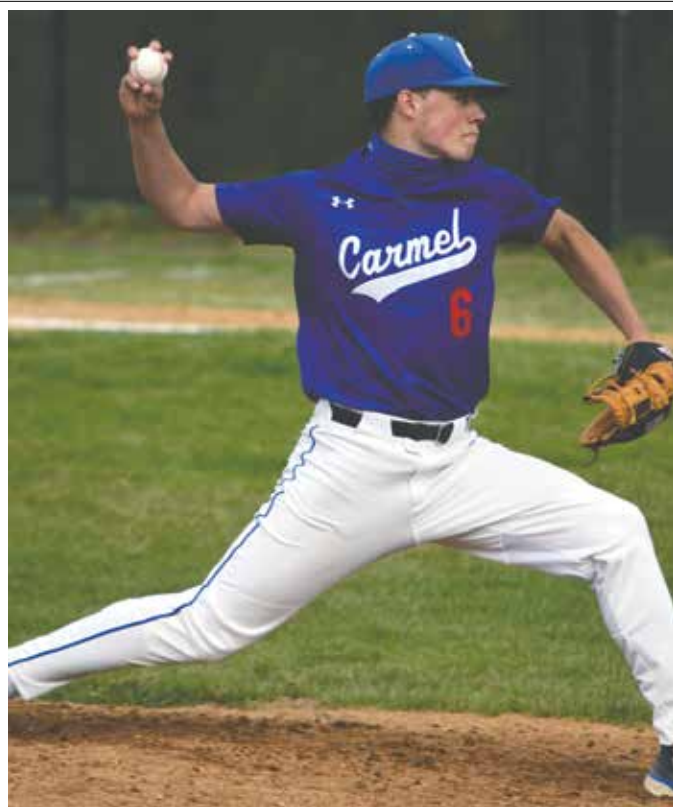
The previously winless Sailors got in the win column earlier in the week by defeating Lourdes 11-0 behind Donovan Burns’ complete game shutout.

Two-time reigning Class A champion **LAKELAND** has struggled with bouts of inconsistency early on, including a 4-1 loss to Lourdes Saturday, in which Hornet Frank Kowal went 2 for 3 but not much else for Lakeland. The Hornets got off to a nice start last week, taking out Horace Greeley 7-2 when Kowal tripled and drove home two. Joe Torres (1-for-2) drove home two on an inside-the-park homer and Anthony Zeccola doubled home a run.

BREWSTER squandered a 4-1 lead in a 6-5 walk-off loss to John Jay CR, wasting



Ossining P Dan Galef didn’t get much help when Pride committed 4 errors and had just two hits in 7-0 loss to host Carmel Friday.



Carmel P Matt Demme fired a complete game shutout of visiting Ossining Friday, fanning seven batters along the way.

six strong innings from starter John Gerfen, who set down nine on strikes. Connor Brooks knocked in two runs in the loss. The Bears also allowed nine runs in the final two innings of a 13-3 loss to visiting Beacon, which punched out 17 hits.

CLASS AA

CARMEL made short work of **OSSINING** in a 7-0 Rams victory last Friday when P Matt Demme fired a two-hitter, whiffing seven along the way, but he does need to limit the walks (7), which could get him in trouble down the line. Carmel C Mason Compton went 3-of-3 with a double and three RBI to support the cause. Carmel SS/P Jack Sullivan (2-for-3, double, triple,



Carmel C Mason Compton (3 hits, 3 RBI) heads for home after having his way with visiting Ossining Friday.



Carmel SS-P Jack Sullivan (2 RBI) mashes then tracks one of two doubles in 7-0 win over visiting Ossining Friday.

2 RBI), among the most valuable players in the section, continued to rake at a pace the Rams (3-1) have not seen in quite some time. Senior Anthony Febo added an RBI for the Rams. Hard-luck Ossining hurler Dan Galef struck out six over five frames and was the victim of four Pride errors.

“We made adjustments the second time through,” Carmel Coach Joe Hackert said. “We couldn’t keep letting (Galef) get ahead

early in count. Demme battled on the hill for us, but he’s got to eliminate the walks.”

Earlier in the week, the Rams easily dispatched **WALTER PANAS**, 8-1, behind a commanding pitching performance from Sullivan (1 RBI). The RHP worked six innings and sent 14 Panas batters in search of pine via K-way. Demme drove home three

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Ossining SS Mark DeAngelis forces out Carmel LF-C Anthony Febo in Pride’s 7-0 loss to host Rams Friday.



Throw is late to Byram Hills second baseman Jared Cohen as Somers' Jett Colella slides in safely in Bobcats' 12-2 win over Tuskers.

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and Nick Montaga drove home two for the Rams.

"Sullivan was very impressive," Panas boss Anthony Fata said. "The kid had command of three pitches and is legit."

Panas may have lost the battle but sophomores DiLorenzo, Stafura and C Dan Witters had quality at-bats against one of the section's best hurlers, but six Panthers errors were their own undoing.

Carmel has ducked nobody so far, splitting with Dutchess powers **RCK** (5-4 loss to open the season) and John Jay EF, who the Rams crushed, 11-1, behind a career performance from P Montagna, who worked five innings, whiffed four and allowed three hits. At the plate, Montagna had three hits and three RBI while Kevin Dall and Demme each knocked in a pair.

The Rams were set to continue their tough schedule last night against Fox Lane before a home-and-home set with Mahopac (Wednesday & Friday) and a Saturday visit from Lakeland (11 a.m.).

It was the Michael Lombardi show again last week. The **FOX LANE** junior posted monster games in wins over Roy C. Ketcham and **MAHOPAC** as the Foxes (3-1) bounced back from a loss to Arlington earlier in the week.

In a 7-0 win over host Ketcham on Thursday, Lombardi tossed six innings while striking out six and allowing just three hits to earn the win. He added an RBI double at the plate.

"Our game plan going in was to attack hitters right from the start with the fastball," Lombardi said of his success on the hill. "Pitching off the heater allowed each of my off-speed pitches to be that much tougher to square up. I had good command of my breaking ball throughout the game. The fastball and curveball played really nicely off one another, which kept their lineup off balance."

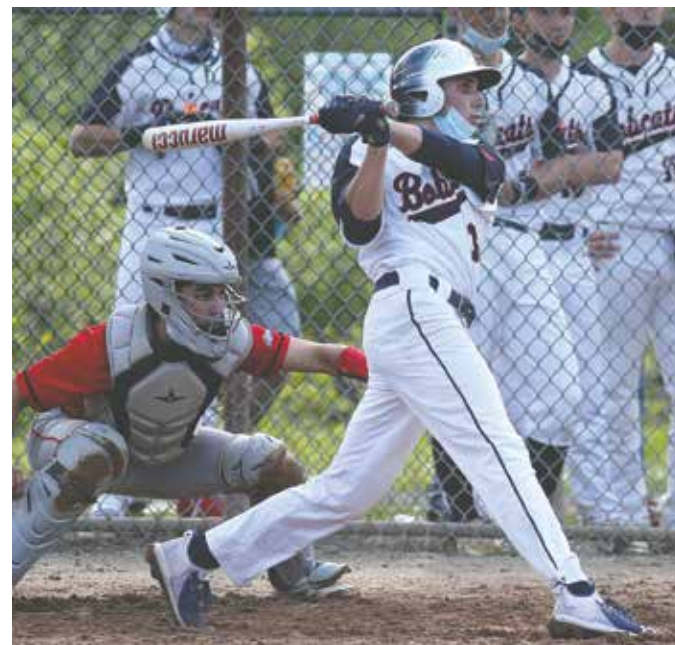
Jack Williamson (2 doubles, 2 steals), Bruno Spadafora (2 hits, RBI), Matt Antolino (RBI double), Chris Giamo (RBI) and Nick Cutaia (RBI) all contributed at the dish.

Lombardi blasted two home runs including a walkoff solo shot in a 6-5 extra-inning win over visiting Mahopac on Saturday. The junior slugger, who was 2 for 4 with three RBI and two runs scored, crushed a 1-0 pitch to left center in the ninth inning, tossed his helmet after rounding third and the celebration commenced at home plate.

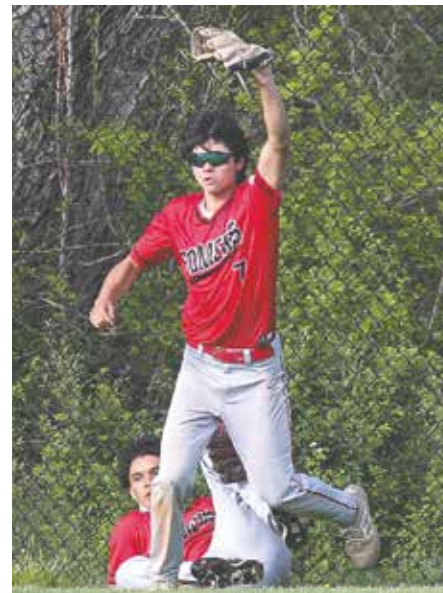
Aidan Hicks and Williamson (2 RBI) each had clutch RBI singles for the Foxes. Logan Matson had a huge outfield assist, gunning out a runner at the plate in the eighth inning to keep the game tied.

The Foxes fell behind 2-0 but put up a five-spot in the fifth before Mahopac rallied for three runs in the seventh to force extras. Ryan Caraher led Mahopac with two RBI while Kevin McKeon added an RBI. Steven Perrone stole four bags.

Fox Lane's Mike Byrns pitched 5.1 innings, allowed one earned run and struck out six in a 3-2 loss to Arlington. Williamson went 2 for 3 with a homer.



Byram's Michael Ascanio takes a rip against Somers in Bobcats' 12-2 win.



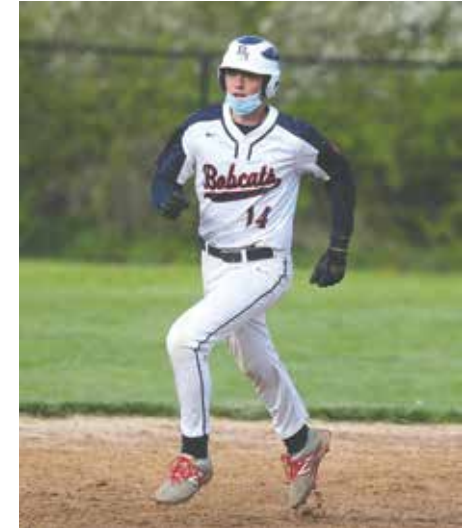
Somers outfielder Jett Colella made a tough catch at the fence and avoided a collision with teammate Ravi Dass in 12-2 loss to Byram.

MAHOPAC has not gotten off to a good start, falling to perennial powers **RCK**, 12-0, Arlington, 9-2, and **FOX LANE**, 6-5, in extra innings. Say what you want about the sluggish start, but Coach Myk Lugbauer's Indians aren't ducking anyone.

Ryan Caraher drove home two runs in the loss to Fox Lane and P Chris McKeon struck out six over four innings of relief. There were 10 errors in all between the two normally steady defensive programs, Mahopac had six defensive miscues and has some stuff to clean up before being considered legit challengers in a super competitive Class AA field.

WHITE PLAINS kicked off its season in style, winning three out of four games last week. The Tigers defeated Mahopac (9-3), Ardsley (11-6) and Eastchester (10-0) while falling to John Jay-East Fishkill (5-4).

Mark Kent (complete game, 3 earned runs, 6 Ks), Chris McGuire (grand slam), John Myers (2 for 4, 3 RBI, double), Declan Bruton (2 hits, run), Nick Vendola (double, 3 runs) and Jake Dorchak (2 runs) paced the Tigers in their season-opening win over Mahopac. Nick Angeloni was 3 for 4



Byram Hills' Jack Leary rounds bases after blasting grand slam (plus two-run shot) in 12-2 rout of Somers.

for the Indians while Nicky Moeller and Vin Mariella had two hits and an RBI apiece.

In a comeback win over Ardsley last Thursday, White Plains' Spencer Englert picked up the win in relief, striking out three over two innings. Vendola (2 for 3, triple, RBI), McGuire (2 for 3, 2 doubles, RBI) and Teddy Hauser (2 for 3) paced the offense.

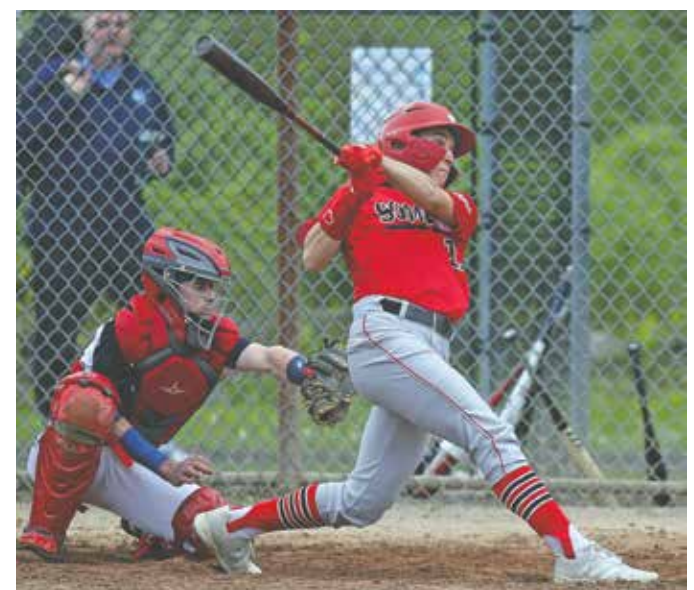
Derek Diaz (6 innings, 1 earned, 4 Ks, 4 hits) was the hard-luck loser in a 5-4 defeat to John Jay-EF on Friday. McGuire (RBI double), Hauser (2 for 4, run) and Bruton (RBI) led the Tigers at the plate.

White Plains bounced back against Eastchester on Saturday with Kent (4 innings, 3 Ks, 1 hit) and Englert combining on a one-hitter. Myers (2 for 2, 2 RBI, 3 runs), McGuire (3 RBI), Diaz (2 for 2, 2 RBI), Joe Salerno (RBI), Mason Lang (double), Bruton (2 runs) and Vendola (2 runs) led the offense.

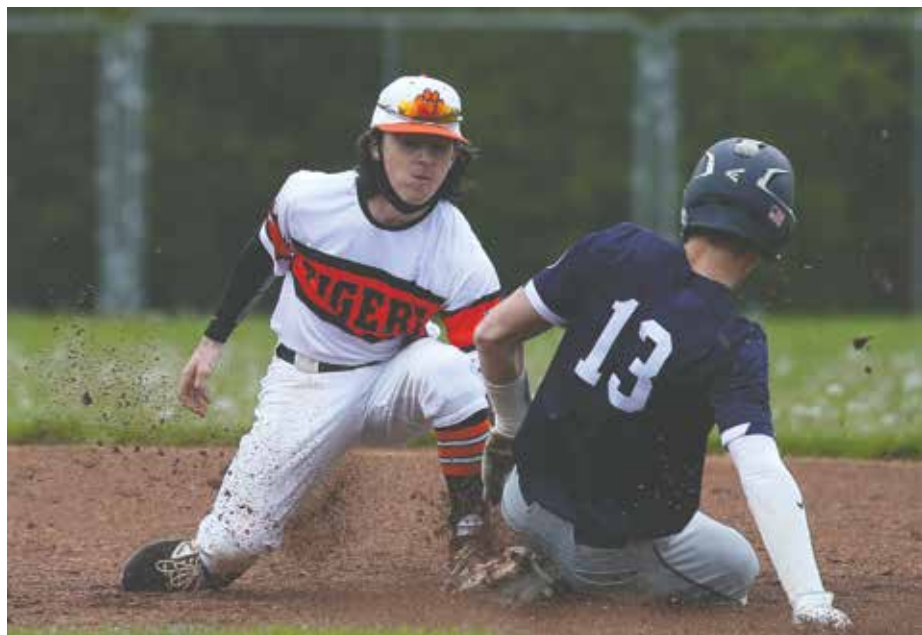
CLASS B/C

BRIARCLIFF won four games last week to improve its unbeaten record to 5-0, defeating Croton-Harmon (6-0), Putnam Valley (12-1), North Salem (11-5) and Pawling (15-4).

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Somers' Brandon Iorizzo connects in loss to Byram.



White Plains shortstop Nick Vendola gets the tag down a second too late in 10-0 win over visiting Eastchester.

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Jack Manganello (5 innings, 7 Ks, 4 hits) and Zack Diamond (2 innings, 5 Ks, 0 hits) combined on the shutout against Croton last Monday. Jayden Amador had a double, two RBI and a run scored while Marc Milano (3 hits), Giulian Greco and Max Haberman (3 hits) had an RBI apiece. Tom Poggi scored twice. Jackson Mauro had three hits including a triple.

Poggi struck out 12 over six innings while allowing two hits and no earned runs in the win over Put Valley on Thursday. He also tallied three hits and had two RBI and two runs scored. Mauro had four hits, three runs and two RBI. Ben Raphael scored four times and had two RBI. Haberman added three RBI.

Milano had four RBI against North Salem while Haberman (2 hits) and Poggi added two RBI apiece. Manganello struck out eight in five innings of relief and allowed two hits to earn the win.

Milano, Greco, Chris Beard, Mauro, Haberman and Poggi each had two RBI in the victory over Pawling. Raphael earned the win, striking out eight over three innings. Diamond had five Ks over the final two innings.

PUTNAM VALLEY (2-3) lost to Valhalla, 8-3, Saturday and travels to Hastings on Monday in the hopes of reaching .500. Earlier in the week, first-year Coach Ken Santoanni's Tigers knocked off Blind Brook, 8-4, turning to sophomore P Ryan Moriarty, who chucked five strong innings and fanned seven while allowing two runs on five hits. Senior Matt Jacobson led the Tiger offense, going 2-3 with a rib-eye and a walk.

The youthful Tigers have just two seniors and do not have what it takes to contend for a title in 2021, but they can be viewed as the team that challenged in 2022 and helped establish a foundation for what could be a rich future in the years ahead in what has become a baseball-crazed town at the current 9-13U levels.

VALHALLA won three out of four games last week to improve to 4-1. The Vikings began the week with an 11-1 five-inning win over Haldane. Leo Dragone struck out nine over five innings to pick up the win. Jason

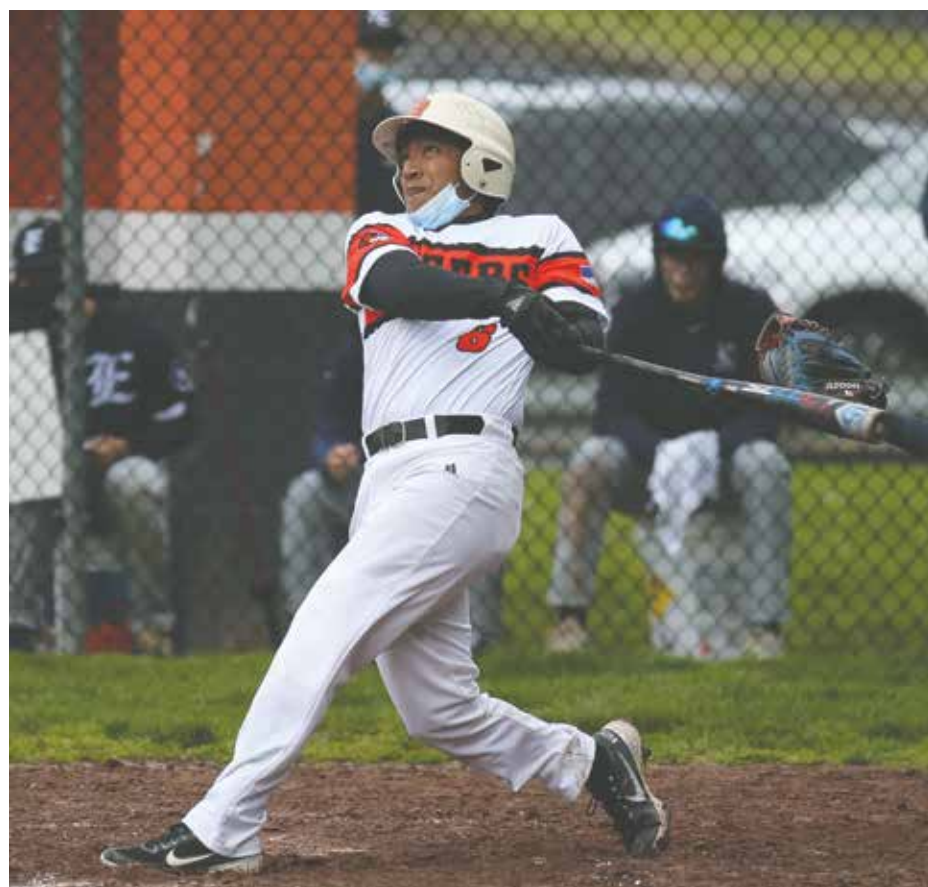
Rodriguez (2 for 4, 4 RBI) and Jake Sekinski (3 for 3, 2 RBI) sparked them at the plate.

Michael Dawson roped the game-winning RBI double as the Vikings earned a 3-2 win over North Salem last Thursday. Sekinski hurled a complete game with nine Ks and one earned run to pick up the win. He also went 2 for 2.

The Vikings bounced back from a 4-2 eight-inning loss to Bronxville on Friday with an 8-3 victory over Putnam Valley on Saturday. Rodriguez (3 for 3, homer, double, 2 RBI) led the offense while Dragone struck out five in four scoreless innings of relief and also went 2 for 3.

WESTLAKE began its season with a 5-4 win over Putnam Valley last Monday. Marc DeNunzio led the way at the plate (3 for 4, 4 RBI) and on the hill (3 innings of scoreless relief, 2 hits, 5 Ks).

DeNunzio went 3 for 4 with five RBI and two runs scored as the Wildcats routed



White Plains' Edgar Muniz sends it for a ride in 10-0 win over Eastchester.

Sleepy Hollow 15-5 on Friday afternoon. Tommy Giaccone (2 hits, 3 RBI, 4 runs), Anthony Arrichiello (2 hits, 2 RBI, 2 runs), Nick Mulvey (2 hits, 2 RBI), Nino Mastracchio (2 hits, 2 runs), Josh Gelman (2 runs, RBI) and Justin Silva (2 hits, run) helped fill up the stat sheet as the Wildcats pounded 14 hits.

PLEASANTVILLE (2-2) won two out of three games last week with victories over Dobbs Ferry (7-2) and Haldane (11-0) along with a 7-0 loss to Harrison.

In the Panthers' home opener, Matt Satriale (12 strikeouts) and Charlie Bateman

(3 RBI) led the team to the win. The duo also combined on the shutout against Haldane. Anthony Palma (2 hits, 3 RBI) and Joseph Reich (2 hits, RBI) paced the Panthers at the plate against the Blue Devils.

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White Plains senior outfielder John Myers rips an RBI single against Eastchester.



White Plains' Mark Kent pitches four scoreless innings in 10-0 win over Eastchester.

Local Athletes Shine at 53rd Loucks Games in White Plains

By Alexa Jindal

The 53rd annual Glenn D. Loucks Memorial games took place from Thursday, May 6 through Saturday, May 9 at White Plains High School. It was established in 1968 and has since been regarded as one of the most elite High School Track and Field competitions the US has to offer. Last year's Loucks Games were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic but the year before, in 2019, eight meet records between boys and girls events were set. In 2018, Katelyn Tuohy, formerly of North Rockland, set the national 3200-meter record of 9:47.88 minutes, which still stands. The prestigious meet, led by Fred Singleton, coach of White Plains track and cross-country teams, usually attracts over 3,000 athletes.

Although this year's games were limited to schools from New York, competition was still abundantly present. Singleton led a successful three-day competition consisting of 14 running events and five available field events, featuring a women's section first, then, to allow for greater social distancing, a men's section an hour later each day. In a normal year, the stands would be bustling with spectators excited to observe the thrilling speed and unmatched endurance that Loucks boasts annually. The empty stands made Singleton "sad compared to Loucks Games in the past, but I understand it's a pandemic, and it was just a blast to just see kids running at White Plains High School and seeing our kids having a chance to compete." He had mixed emotions because of the changes but was overall "just so happy just to see people running at their hardest and throwing and jumping."

When asked what the highlights of the Games were, Singleton responded saying, "The fact that we had a meet. There were a lot of hoops to go through starting way back in December when our Superintendent, our principal, and our athletic director all gave me permission to pursue having the meet." After noting that things were worse with COVID back in December, when the meet was first being organized, he said, "They all

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Peekskill's Juliette Salazar won 1st place in the 400m run with a time of 1:00.23 Saturday at Loucks Games.



Horace Greeley's Rishi Young crosses the finish line in first place in the 3,200 meters (9:27.63).



Hen Hud 4 x 800 relay team - Isolde McManus, Emma Schembari, Sarah Mandelkow, Zoe Rose - had record-breaking win Saturday at highly competitive Loucks Games.

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Carmel's senior Katie Turk was 2nd, Peekskill's Brianna Carter was 4th and Brewster's Sarah Luby 5th in the Section 1 mile at Saturday's Loucks Games.



Brewster's Ryan Neubauer and Patrick Ford take 1st and 2nd place overall in the Section 1 boys mile at Loucks Games Saturday.



Pleasantville's Isabelle Kapoor marking a time of 15.57 to win first place in the girls 100-meter hurdle race.



Pleasantville's Maeve Roney, left, and Ella O'Malley race for the finish line in the 100-meter dash. Roney placed first (13.43) with O'Malley taking fifth (13.80). Roney and O'Malley also teamed with Ava Horigan and Isabelle Kapoor to win the 4x100-meter relay in a school record time of 51.16.

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felt, as did I, that this was so important not only to our kids at White Plains High School but to kids from our immediate area that if it could be done, it should be done."

Singleton has both run the meet and run in the meet since its inception 53 years ago.

He participated in the first three Loucks Games, before his time on the Penn State track and field team, and this is the 21st one he's been the director of. He is also a long-time teacher at White Plains High School adding: "As a history teacher, knowing that the participants now will be able to tell their

grandchildren that, 'Yeah, during the pandemic I was actually able to run in a major track meet,' and what that might mean."

The first day's weather was pleasant and sunny and a beautiful sky of blue and pink shone through for the boy's section at night. Saturday was rainy all day but, as shown by the results, it did not faze the athletes in attendance. One-hundred meter winner Maeve Roney of Pleasantville stated: "It's really exciting especially because last season we weren't able to come out because of COVID and I'm really pleased with the results."

University of Connecticut track and field signee, Isabelle Kapoor of Pleasantville, who with a significant lead, clinched the gold in the 100-meter hurdle event, added, "It feels great to compete after such a tough year with COVID and the challenge of maintaining motivation. I was really happy to win hurdles because it showed that my hard work paid off."

The two seniors earned 10 more points for Pleasantville after winning the 4x100-meter relay Friday in 51.16 seconds, which was a school record.



Byram Hills' Jennifer Mui crosses finish line to earn the girls DMR third place and a school record (12:39.50) with Ella Javorsky, Alexa Jindal and Madison Jakubek.



Carmel's Katie Turk, seen here running to third in the mile (5:11.67), also took third in the 800 meters (2:19.99).



Somers shot putter Brian Luciano placed third with a throw of 44-09. He also placed fifth in the discus.



Hen Hud seniors Kat Warner, Claire Popolizio, Kiara Virada, Grace Moretti and Fiona McGovern are honored on senior night.

FOCUS ON GIRLS LAX



Mahopac junior Avery Przymyski (15G through 5 games) has been on a scoring spree all season for surging Indians (4-2).



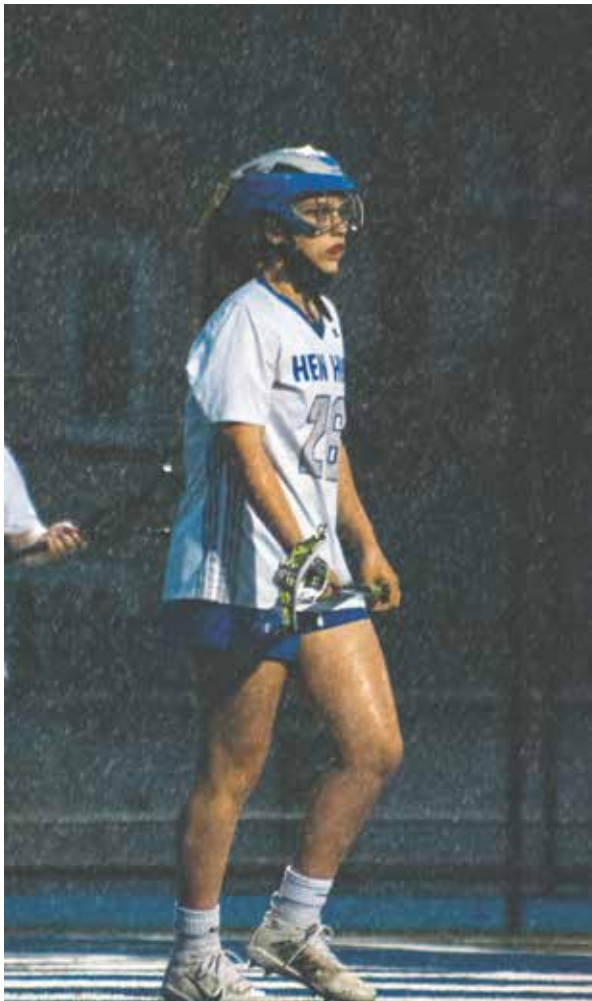
Mahopac players have had good reason to celebrate during solid 4-2 start to 2021 season.



Somers senior Ella Kittredge recently scored her 100th career point in win over North Rockland.



Hen Hud’s Colleen Ryan is a two-way dynamo for strong Sailors’ outfit.



Hen Hud’s Jordan Porter withstands driving rain storm in recent Sailor game.



Lakeland-Panas senior Katelyn Cerrato carries in recent win over Arlington.



L-P junior D Gwen Laukaitis clears zone in recent loss to Pleasantville.



Mahopac senior Gigi Genovese scored four goals in Indians’ 12-10 come-from-behind win over Fox Lane Thursday.



Lakeland-Panas senior Keirra Ettere went off for 7 goals in 20-15 loss to Pleasantville.

A Work of Picart!



Pleasantville Frosh Goes Rembrandt in Win over Fox Lane



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Pleasantville freshman Daniel Picart expressed his skill and euphoria (inset) while sketching two fourth-quarter goals on host Fox Lane in the Class D Panthers' 9-6 win over Thomas Olsen (3) and the Class A Foxes last Thursday. The Panthers will know a lot more about where they stand in the days ahead when they take on Class C heavyweight Briarcliff (5/18), Class D giant Bronxville (5/20) and Class B power Lakeland/Panas (5/22)... see Boys' Lax Notebook