Westlake Junior Snipes Hat Trick in 8-4 Win over Valhalla

Westlake junior middie Gianna Eglauf -- among the best to ever play at the Thornwood-based high school -- gets that all-too-familiar "eagle-eye" look in her sights as she tees up one of three goals the Rutgers-bound star would net in the Wildcats’ 8-4 win at Valhalla last Thursday... see Girls’ lax Notebook
Sophomores throwing fastballs at 90 MPH never used to be a thing, ‘twas rare indeed. Once upon a time, it took a 15-year-old until he was 17-18 to hit that kind of velocity. Those days are seemingly gone if you were to head on over to WALTER PANAS High to catch a glimpse of stud RHP Jackson DiLorenzo. Just a 15-year-old sophomore, ‘DiLo’ touches 90 MPH regularly and torques a slider that has overmatched opposing hitters all season, including the better part of visiting HEN HUD’s lineup last Friday when DiLorenzo went the distance in a 4-1 win over the visiting Sailors, allowing one earned run while whiffing 12. He was also the beneficiary of RF Aidan Cohall’s gorgeous, diving catch in the sixth, which stalled a Sailor rally in its tracks.

“One once I settled in and found my stuff I felt more comfortable,” said DiLorenzo, who was also intentionally walked three times after hitting a game-winning seventh-inning grand slam in the opener of the home-and-home set with the Sailors. “Again, I just trusted my boys. Cohall’s catch is honestly one of the best catches I’ve seen and couldn’t have come at a better time.”

CLASS AA/A

Cohall raked all day for Panas (11-2), the No.1 seed in the A-2 bracket, going 3 for 3 with two doubles and two runs in front of slugging sophomore SS Sam Stafura (2 for 2, 3 RBI). Shane Finch added an RBI single for the Panthers, who have never won a sectional title, are considered the favorites to challenge for the Class A-2 (small school) title. The winner of the Class A-2 bracket would then meet the winner of the Class A-1 (large school) bracket for the overall Class A section title in what promises to be a wildly competitive scenario. Neighboring Yorktown is the current No.1 seed in A-1.

The unit has progressed as expected, coming along since their Cortlandt American Little League heyday and whatnot.

“We’ve been waiting for these years since we were all 9-10 years old playing little league together,” DiLorenzo said. “With Aidan being a junior and with Sam Stafura, Daniel Witters and I all being sophomores, we think there’s a chance we may be contending for section titles in the near future as well.”

The Sailors (9-6) battled but failed to come up clutch against DiLorenzo. With Section 1 athletic directors thinking outside the box this spring, the Panthers, who have never won a sectional title, are considered the favorites to challenge for the Class A-2 (small school) title. The winner of the Class A-2 bracket would then meet the winner of the Class A-1 (large school) bracket for the overall Class A section title winner in what promises to be a wildly competitive scenario. Neighboring Yorktown is the current No.1 seed in A-1.

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"I'm extremely happy with where we are now," veteran Panas boss Anthony Fata said of the Panthers, who have purportedly never won a sectional title. "We're just trying to get better each and every game. I knew we had a great bunch of talent, just didn't think it would take off like this. I love the way the whole team is playing, love the energy each and every day and we're having fun coaching these guys. We still have a lot of work to do. Just need to take it one day at a time and not get ahead of ourselves."

The Panthers, winners of nine in a row, escaped Hen Hud's Sunset Field with a 4-3 win last Tuesday when DiLorenzo (14 RBI) mashed the grand salami to plate both Carlucci brothers -- Gavin and Travis -- and Ben Faraca as the Sailors dropped their third in a row.

"Coming off four consecutive losses, this coming week will show what type of mental toughness we have and will determine how we fare going forward," Hen Hud Coach Van Vourliotis said. "I have total trust and belief in this group of young men that we will right this ship and begin playing our best baseball once again."

After splitting with Class AA CARMEL last week, Class A-1 YORKTOWN is also viewed as a viable sectional title contender, what would be the Huskers' second such title ever (1995). Baseball is the most unpredictable sport on the planet, but wouldn't be something else to see these two title-starved programs -- Panas, which has never won a sectional crown, and Yorktown (separated only by McDonlad's and A.J's Pub) taking on one another for the Class A crown, which is currently stored due north at bordering Lakeland #CartB4TheHorseWeGetIt.

"Yorktown is very, very good. What a great series we had with them," Carmel Coach Joe Hackert said after Yorktown IF Nick Jacoby's three-run yard-bomb blew the doors off a 5-4 game to hand the Huskers a 9-4 triumph Friday.

Yorktown P Kevin Weitman did not allow an earned run over seven frames, and Pat Ryan got down a squeeze in the top of the seventh for the Huskers (13-2). Carmel 2B Jon McIntyre homered and knocked in three runs to keep the Rams close, but a spirited Yorktown club can never be counted out, according to first-year Coach C.J. Riefenhauser.

"It was an awesome baseball game," the coach said. "Our kids know they are never out of the fight, and against a really good Carmel team it was good to see the fight in continued on next page
Yorktown junior Nick Jacoby stomps on home plate after crushing 3-run 7th-inning homer in 9-4 win over host Carmel Friday.

Yorktown's Kyle Zaslaw (L) and Swaroop Pujari celebrate Huskers' 9-5 win over host Carmel Friday.
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win, striking out four while letting up two hits and zero earned runs.

The Foxes couldn’t build off this win, suffering a pair of league losses to John Jay-Cross River (2-1, 5-4) on Tuesday and Wednesday. Fox Lane rebounded with an 11-3 victory over Clarkstown North on Thursday. Cutaia launched a home run and finished with two hits, three RBI and two runs scored. Bruno Spadaora (2 runs) and Williamson added two hits and two RBI each. Lombardi tallied three hits, three runs scored and an RBI.

Byram Hills lost to HORACE GREELEY, 6-4, in a league game on Wednesday. The Bobcats (8-8) bounced back on Friday with an 8-0 shutout win. Michael Ascanio pitched a two-hit shutout and struck out eight. He also received the Heart and Hustle Award in honor of late coach Bill Casey. Ascanio and Karp also homered in the win.

The Class A Quakers also defeated John Jay-CR, 5-4, in eight innings last Monday but lost to Suffern in five the next day by a 14-4 final.

MAHOPAC (5-11) hopes to have turned a corner after sweeping a vexing SOMERS (7-8) club last week. Mahopac 3B Nick Angeloni (2 RBI), IF Nick Moeller (2 RBI), Chris McKeon (2 RBI) and LF Craig Brandstetter (2 RBI) were the catalysts for the Class AA Indians, who put up six runs over the first two inning to support winning P Mike Ambrosecchia (4-1/3 IP, 8 K’s).

Mahopac C Roberto Pennella set a mean table in the Indians’ 10-7 win over Somers earlier in the week, getting three hits, scoring twice and driving home a pair. Angeloni (3 for 5) also drove home two. Somers’ PJ Rossetti had two hits and two RBI for the Class A Tuskers, who led 7-6 going into the seventh when the Class AA Indians rallied for four runs.

LAKELAND, has come on of late behind P Ray White, who went five innings in a 3-2 win over OSSINING Friday, sending nine batters down K-way in the win. Adam Picardi chalked up the save while Dom Toscano went 2 for 3 with two RBI for the Class A Hornets (5-9). The Class AA Pride fell to 4-11, a day after Gino Manicchio earned the MVP award in a 12-3 win over CROTON (6-9) as the Pride retained the coveted Casey Cup.

The Examiner-area Class A playoff breakdown, which opens Saturday, June 5th, is as follows: A-1 Group (Large Schools) Greeley, Somers, Yorktown, Brewster, Lakeland; A-2 Group (Small Schools) Panas, Hen Hud, Byram Hills. Winner of A-1 will face the A-2 survivor for the Section 1 Class A title on Sunday, June 13.

The A-1 and A-2 finals will be played on continued on next page
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The Class AA tournament will open on June 5th and conclude on Saturday, June 12th, weather permitting.

CLASS B

BRIARCLIFF and VALHALLA split a competitive league series with each team winning on the road. Both teams will be very much in the mix for a Class B section title as the playoffs begin this weekend.

Jake Sekinski tossed a two-hitter and struck out 10 Bears in Valhalla’s 4-1 victory last Tuesday. He also had two hits. Jason Rodriguez went 2 for 4 and notched the go-ahead RBI for the Vikings.

Briarcliff bounced back, winning a 14-9 slugfest over host Valhalla (8-7) two days later. Kevin Demilia picked up the win for the Bears, who improved to 11-3.

WESTLAKE swept a league series with Blind Brook, recording a 12-2 five-inning win and an 8-0 victory.

In the first contest, Marc DeNunzio pitched all five innings and fanned 13. Nick Mulvey paced the Wildcats (8-7) at the plate, going 3 for 3 with four RBI. Justin Silva and Tommy Schutt added two hits apiece.

Mulvey (2 for 3, 2 RBI) tossed five innings and struck out 13 to pick up the win in the second game. Ray Lubrino and Anthony D’Armiento came on relief to finish off a combined no-hitter. DeNunzio cracked a two-run homer.

Westlake lost to Tappan Zee 9-3 in the first round of the Harrison tournament on Friday and had its consolation game against Harrison postponed on Saturday.

PUTNAM VALLEY crushed HALDANE behind junior IF Joey ‘Ropes’ Maloney’s prime effort (3-5, two 2B, 3B, 4 RBI), completing a sweep of the Blue Devils (1-10). Teammates Matt Jacobson (2-3, 2B, 3 RBI), Michael Langdon (2-3, 2 RBI) and Antonio Truglio (2-4, 2B, RBI) also chimed in with clutch hits. The Tigers (6-10) opened the Haldane series with a 6-2 win behind solid pitching performances from starter Sean Holtzman (6K, 5H) and Truglio and RBI hits from Maloney, Dylan Watson and Tyler Fritz. The Tigers have one more regular season test left with Croton and must also conclude a 6-6 tie with Croton, in which Bryson Fritz has already tripled and drove home three. The winner would get a much-needed bump in the playoff seeds.

PLEASANTVILLE suffered a 2-0 loss to Croton-Harmon and a pair of league setbacks to Rye Neck (5-2, 6-5). Matt Satriale went 2 for 3 in the first game with Rye Neck while Anthony Palma and Joseph Reich netted two hits each in the second meeting.

BYRAM HILLS catcher Jack Blackmar hurries home to cover plate in 8-0 win over Greeley

Somers Coach Anthony Nappi, senior 1B Jack Kaiser and the Tuskers will look to get back on track after a pair of losses to Mahopac.

Byram P Michael Ascanio flexes after firing complete game shutout and homering in 8-0 win over Greeley.

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Ossining players pose with coveted Casey Cup after 12-3 win over visiting Croton Thursday.

Briarcliff's Dylan O'Malley hits a sacrifice fly in Bears’ 14-9 win over the Vikings.
Spallone, Yorktown Eke Out Last-Second Win over Somers

Hen Hud Rising to Top of Class C; Ceisler Leads Byram; Carmel Wins League

By Tony Pinciaro

YORKTOWN did something to SOMERS in their game last Friday that not many teams can swag on this season. In what might be a Class B Final 4-type preview, the Cornhuskers held the high-powered Somers’ offense to its lowest output of the season in an 11-10 victory at Charlie Murphy Field. It was one of three victories during the week for the surging Cornhuskers.

“Our defense has been working especially hard in practice and I’m glad it is showing on the field,” said Yorktown senior and captain, Sophia Spallone. “Our defense was very efficient with communicating and our goalie, Sophia Altimaria, had another amazing game.”

Alexa Borges led the offense with a hat trick and two assists, Alexa Scialdone added two goals and two assists and Spallone contributed two goals and three draw-controls.

Not only did the defense, led by Altimaria, shine, Yorktown was motivated from the opening draw.

“The hustle from each player was outstanding,” Spallone said. “The energy throughout the entire team was through the roof, on and off the field, and that kept us motivated until the final whistle.”

Yorktown Assistant Coach Bianca Raniolo was impressed with her team’s performance and resiliency this season.

“This was a huge win for us,” said Raniolo. “Our girls have worked so hard this entire season even though things haven’t always gone our way. I feel this was a turning point for us.

“Our seniors and captains stepped up immensely and we had other players rise to the occasion in this high-pressure game. We are so proud of their hard work and hustle in today’s game, but we know that we need to get back to work to prepare for the final games ahead.”

Ella Kittredge and Lauren McMartin each had three goals for Somers and Noelle DeMarinis had two goals and two assists.

Somers’ Noelle DeMarinis was all smiles after scoring her 100th career goal in 17-3 rout of Mahopac.

DeMarinis and Julie Sirchia added two apiece.

Yorktown followed up the win over Somers with a 12-9 victory over Mamaroneck behind Spallone’s four goals and three goals by Borges.

Yorktown opened its week with a 15-5 thumping of MAHOPAC, highlighted by five goals and five assists by Borges.

Sammy Paglino and Spallone chipped in four goals apiece.

Mahopac was led by Gigi Genovese and Amanda Beberman, each with two goals, and Avery Przymylski had two assists.

“The ball just didn’t seem to bounce our way,” said Mahopac Coach Jim Lieto of the Yorktown game. “We hung within striking distance at 8-5 until about 10 minutes left in the game, but then it just unraveled with Yorktown controlling possession of the ball and out scoring us 7-0 the rest of the way.”

Yorktown dropped a 13-10 verdict to John Jay-Cross River, despite five goals by Paglino.

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A pair of three-goal deficits did not deter Class C Hen Hud from rallying and beating John Jay-Cross River in overtime, 9-8, for one of the program’s biggest wins. The Sailors have now knocked off perennial Class B powers Yorktown and Jay this season and have set their sights on the Section 1 crown; what would be the Sailors’ first.

Senior standout Kira Varada capped her outstanding day with the game-winner and fifth goal, overall. “Kira caused a turnover and then scored the game-winner,” Hen Hud coach Rob Molfetta said. “The defense played great and we showed resilience by battling back twice from three-goal deficits.

“I was really proud of how relentless my team was and the resilience they displayed.” Claire Popolizio, Katie Bell, Fiona McGovern and Paige Montgomery also scored goals and Jordan Porter had two assists.

McGovern had five goals in Hen Hud’s win over Lakeland/Panas (16-4). Varada added a hat trick and Popolizio and Montgomery had two goals apiece.

Hen Hud closed out its regular season with Somers, Tuesday. In SOMERS’ 17-3 victory over Mahopac, senior and Columbia-bound Noelle DeMarinis scored four goals, including the 100th of her varsity career. Julia Sirchia had the assist.

“Scoring my 100th goal was a very surreal and humbling moment,” DeMarinis said. “At the beginning of the spring, I was unsure I would hit this milestone due to the Covid-related cancellations that would infringe on our season. I am beyond grateful that I was granted an opportunity to play a full season, and scoring my 100th goal during my senior year was the icing on the cake.” The moment was special for DeMarinis because she hit the century mark on Somers’ turf.

“Scoring my 100th goal at home made this moment even more special,” DeMarinis said. “Having all of my family members, especially my grandparents, there with me to celebrate made it truly memorable.” Kittredge and McMartin each had three goals and five draw controls. Gabby Parisi scored twice and Sirchia finished with a goal and two assists. Mia Parisi scored her first varsity goal. Goalie Nikki Casara made 10 saves, including her 100th of the season.

Somers enters the final week of the regular season with an 11-3 record.

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Ava Jennings had a goal and two draw controls for Mahopac. MAHOPAC closed out its regular season with a 14-11 victory over Scarsdale on a rainy, cold night, giving the Indians an 8-7 record. Audrey Collucci led Mahopac with four goals, Ava Jennings added three goals and an assist, Ally Savino netted two goals and assisted on two and Nicole Panny scored and recorded two assists.

Avery Przymylski went 15 for 22 on draw controls and she also scooped up seven ground balls. "The girls really toughed one out in the pouring rain," Lieto said. "We made key plays to stop Scarsdale every time they strung together some goals, and then got things going on our own runs. It is great to finish the regular season with a win and extend our winning season streak that dates back to 2010."

It has been a steady, consistent progression during CARMEL’s 10 years as a varsity program. The Rams are experiencing the finest year in program history after beating Arlington (16-3) and Croton (19-7, on Senior Night) to complete a 6-0 league season to win their first league title and improve to a program-best 11-4.

"We are very appreciative that we even got the chance to play, losing last season really hurt," Carmel Coach Kerry Hackert said. "It’s been a crazy season, but we are working hard and still having fun! We are excited for playoffs and will find out who we play on June 3rd. The first round is 6/4."

Hen Hud Coach Rob Molfetta’s Sailors are legit Class C sectional title contenders this spring, what would be their first ever.

Hen Hud junior A Colleen Ryan and the Sailors are set up to make a run at Class C title. Roth each had a hat trick, Rosenquest also collected three assists and Duke had two against Croton. Alexa DeFilippo and Kelly Roth added two goals apiece and Alyssa Febbraio finished with goal and two assists.

Senior Lilly Ceisler’s outstanding senior season continued for BYRAM HILLS as the Bobcats swept Edgemont (20-6) and Dobbs Ferry (15-12).

Ceisler amassed 10 goals and six assists against Edgemont. Among her 16 points was the 100th of the season. She also had nine draw-controls.

"We knew Lilly was nearing 100 points on the season (with 84 prior to this game) and wanted to do something special for her if/when the time came," Byram Hills’ Coach Jack Kensil said. "We didn’t think she would tally 16 points and reach it in this game. When Lilly was three points away from 100, I pulled her aside and said, ‘Lilly, I don’t have balloons or flowers, I don’t know if we have an announcer,’ to which she replied, ‘Oh, I don’t care about that stuff, Coach.’ in true captain and humble-leader fashion.

"I think we sometimes mistake the difference between being a leader, and being in a leadership position," the coach added. "Lilly doesn’t need the title of captain. She carries the equipment bags to and from practice more than anyone. You can find her driving the freshmen and sophomores to and from practice. And, recognition and accolades are nice, but Lilly prefers they go to her teammates."

Ceisler currently has 108 points, which ties the single-season Bobcats’ girls’ lacrosse record, established in 1992.

Anastasia Byrnes added six goals, three assists, seven draw controls and she picked up 12 ground balls. Irene Byrnes and Chloe Siegle (5 draw controls) each scored twice.

The Bobcats trailed Dobbs Ferry, 8-6 at halftime before outscoring the Eagles, 9-4, in the second half. Byrnes rang up six goals and gathered nine ground balls. Ceisler scored five goals and created four turnovers and Siegle had two goals, four assists and eight draw controls.

Byram Hills owns a program-best 10-game winning streak. The Bobcats are 12-3 and won the league title for the first time since 2017.

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Valhalla’s Allison Langlois looks to clear out of defensive end as Westlake’s Vanessa Theriault pursues.

OSSINING’s Kacie Scandinuzio finished with five goals, including the 150th of her varsity career. Malin Turnquist added three goals. Elana Barnett scored a career-high nine goals against Irvington. DeMartino scored twice and Alex Hudd added one goal and one assist.

Barnett went for nine goals, in a second consecutive game, against Briarcliff. DeMartino chipped in three goals and had six draw-controls and Kaetlin Schilman had 10 draw-controls. Smith said goalie Jane Olszewski made 12 ‘HUGE’ saves.

BRIARCLIFF was paced by Sarah Aframian’s five goals and Grace Wickey added two goals and four draw-controls.

The Bears (8-5 on the year) won their other game -- 12-11 over Irvington -- as Dylan Krusich and Aframian had a hat trick and assist apiece. Cassie Lawler scored twice with five goals, including the 150th of her varsity career. Malin Turnquist added three goals.

Valhalla’s Jasmine Ore gathers possession in the Vikings’ defensive end in 8-4 loss to Westlake.

and Ava Swidler had eight draw controls.

PLEASANTVILLE began its week with a 13-7 loss to Class A Mamaroneck, but the Panthers rebounded to beat North Salem (10-8) and Horace Greeley (14-7).

In the win over Greeley, Reilly Byrne had four goals and four assists to surpass 100 varsity points.

“We trailed 10-1 at the half, against Mamaroneck, but then came back to make it 11-7,” Pleasantville coach Jaimie Williams said. “We started to win the draw in the second half and our offense started to click. Unfortunately, we missed many shots at the end that could have closed the gap more.”

Grace Capko and Byrne had two goals apiece.

Williams said North Salem’s goalie was very good, but the Panthers were able to solve her, led by Byrne’s four goals and three assists. Mia Togneri added two goals and two assists and Abby McAllister had two tallies.

Claire McSpedon made nine saves in her first varsity start.

Pleasantville, now 8-4 this season, held a commanding 12-2 lead at halftime before Greeley closed to within 13-7.

“Greeley came out strong in the second half and went on a run, but Claire and our defense came up big for us at the end to hold them off,” Williams said.

McAllister matched Byrne’s four goals and also added two assists. Capko chipped in three goals and three assists and McSpedon handled eight shots.

BREWSTER went two for three on the week with wins over Putnam Valley (17-7) and Pawling (15-8), and a 9-6 loss to Lakeland/Panas.

The 17 Brewster goals against Putnam Valley were a season-high as Nicolletta Goldberg led the Bears with four goals. Sasha Kulo and Margo Cunningham each had three goals and Juliet Arroyo and Alescia Nitti scored twice apiece.

Margo Cunningham rang up five goals against Pawling. Kulo added four goals and Emily Monaco had three goals and two assists.

"I’m proud of the girls on their team wins this week,” Brewster Coach Sara Didio said.

“We have really seen progress since the beginning of the season. We finished our game on Monday against Pawling that was suspended from a weather delay the week before. We were able to keep the lead and continue to find the back of the net against Pawling. Against Putnam Valley, we had multiple girls score and contribute to the win. Our defense has really been playing team defense.”

Moe Poly and Cunningham each had a goal and an assist against Lakeland/Panas.

Kierra Ettere had four goals for LAKELAND/PANAS in its victory over Brewster. Emily Ashlheit contributed two goals and Meagan Casey had one goal and three assists.

In PUTNAM VALLEY’S loss to Brewster, Eva Dechent scored two goals and Jessica Walsh added one goal and one assist.

HORACE GREELEY is now 6-7 on the season after a 17-6 win over Kennedy Catholic and a 14-7 loss to Pleasantville.

Grace Arrese, Molly Byrne, Finley Pollard and Bae Bounds had a hat trick apiece for the Quakers against Kennedy.
The Section 1 Class B boys’ lacrosse tournament, and the LAKELAND/PANAS program, was thrown an unforgiving curveball last week when Coach Jim Lindsay announced that due to a COVID-related pause his Rebels (8-3) -- a top challenger for the 2021 sectional title -- would not get back on the field before the first day of the Section 1 tournament (Friday, June 4), and that’s the best-case scenario, according to L/P Coach Jim Lindsay. It’s entirely possible that L/P won’t take the field again this season, so our thoughts and prayers go out to the Rebels in the hopes that they can end their season on the field one way or another.

“We took it the best we could,” Siena-bound Rebel senior Mark Cummins said. “We were dealt a bad hand, but it’s only going to make us stronger as a team. If it happened a couple days later we wouldn’t have qualified for sectionals. So, we know how easily the season could be taken away from us. We are staying very optimistic, keeping in touch with each other, and the coaches, and we’re hoping that we are good to go come June 4th.”

Should the Rebels return in time, Lindsay will have to work out the rust in a hurry if L/P enters a tournament field that will feature YORKTOWN and Rye, not to mention a MAHOPAC club that is hoping to put its best foot forward in an effort to reach the Final 4 or bust.

After three consecutive setbacks to Rye, Briarcliff and St. Anthony’s, Yorktown Coach Sean Carney’s Huskers (10-3) obliterated reigning two-time Section 1 Class B champion John Jay, 12-1, last Wednesday and then crushed Pelham in similar fashion, 9-1, on Friday.

Against the Pelicans, senior Dylan Beck (2G, 3A) got the Huskers going and the troops hopped aboard, including Will Embury (2G, 1A) and Harry Griff (1G, 1A). Evan Makar, Spencer Norris and Mike Marchini also scored for Yorktown while the defense stiffened once again before Yorktown G Adam Norris clears zone in 12-1 win over two-time reigning Class B champ John Jay.

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Yorktown junior D Vincent Cappelli and the Huskers’ D was stout indeed during 12-1 win over defending Class B champ John Jay Wednesday.

West Point-bound Mahopac M Mike Harney has been gripping and ripping of late for surging Indians.

Byram Hills’ Hayden Fruhling cranks lefty shot at the cage in the Bobcats’ 10-4 win at Westlake where he went for 3 goals, 3 assists.
Byram Hills' sophomore middie Gavin Javorsky attempts to dodge his way around Matt Sardo of Westlake in the second quarter of Thursday's game.

Byram Hills senior attackman Jake Teitelbaum, who scored a game-high five goals, tries to run past Westlake's Stefano Ammaturo in Bobcats win.

Byram Hills' Benny Rakower sets his sights on the cage as Westlake's Stefano Ammaturo defends in the 10-4 Bobcat win.

Byram Hills' Sean Siegel controls ball at midfield in front of Westlake's Connor Cronin during Thursday's Bobcat victory.

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Norris (12 saves). The Huskers rested some bodies in a 9-6 win over CARMEL and saw Drew Weisman (2G), Liam Marr (1G), Makar (2G), Jack Baker (1G), Jack Duncan (1G), Ryan Vogel (1G) and Spencer Norris (1G) each score. Carmel senior M Ryan McDonald scored a hat trick for the Rams (4-8).

The Huskers will close out the regular season with a strong test from Class D favorite Bronxville Wednesday in the hopes of locking down a top 2/3 seed.

MAHOPAC (7-4) won its second in a row, an 11-3 triumph over Horace Greeley Thursday, putting the Indians in a pretty good position to secure a top five seed should they finish strong at Arlington Wednesday, maybe even top four depending on the L/P situation.

Greeley had no answer for West Point-bound junior Mike Harney (4G) or budding sophomore Mike Rettberg (3G). Matthew Puckhaber (1G, 1A), Gavin Viglucci (1G, 1A), Danny Koch (2G, 1A) and Jake Degnan (1G) each had four points while Garrett Leitman (2G), Jack Murphy (1G) and Chris Meenan (1G) each had two goals for Ossining.

Fox Lane concludes the regular season by hosting John Jay-Cross River on June 2 and then enters a Class B sectional field as a likely top four seed.

“We are taking the season one game at a time with the understanding that, if we improve daily, we can be a dangerous team in the sectional tournament,” Henley said.

HORACE GREELEY

CLASS A

WHITE PLAINS Coach Mark Armogida, along with assistant Howie Rubenstein, earned their 200th career win together in the Tigers’ 6-3 victory over New Rochelle in a game that was suspended Wednesday due to poor weather conditions and finished on Thursday.

Ryan Ortiz netted a hat trick while Danny Lasalle had a goal and an assist. Colin Walsh and Jake Strobel notched a goal apiece.

The 10-4 Tigers conclude the regular season against Carmel tomorrow (June 2) and then will take their shot at a Class A title from our kids this season,” said PV Coach

CLASS C/D

PUTNAM VALLEY clinched the Conference III North League title after winning its ninth in a row, a 14-5 win over HALDANE (6-6). Tiger senior M Ethan Mournier (4G, 1A) continued to lead by example with another stellar outing. Ryan Denike (2G, 2A) and Andrew Dzubek (4G) each had four points while Garrett Leitman (2G), Jack Murphy (1G) and Chris Meenan (1G) each contributed. Davin Porterz won 19 of 21 faceoffs and G Roger Raimo made 10 saves for the Tigers (11-4), who are starting to look like a team that could make the Class C Final 4. Anything less might be viewed as a disappointment given the current run of success and the feeling among the unit.

“It was another tremendous team effort from our kids this season,” said PV Coach

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Tim Weir, who has found this season especially rewarding given a health scare he had last winter. “They have made many sacrifices. I’m happy for our kids, but they want more than a league title. We could be a tough out in the playoffs with a solid defense and many weapons on offense. Plus, we’re winning face-offs, so we’re getting to the point we need to be at.”

Coach Weir’s Tigers opened the week with a 17-6 win over Class C CROTON-HARMON (5-6) when Drubek (3G) stayed hot to pace the attack. The stealth Denike (2G, 3A) added a team-high five points. Murphy (2G), Mounier (3G, 1A), Leitman (2G, 1A) and D Anthony Esposito (1G, 1A) all had multi-point games. Croton got three goals from Mike McCarrthy.

With the regular season behind it, PV will turn its attention toward preparation for the playoffs. “They are a very well-coached lacrosse team,” Briarcliff Coach Al Meola said of the Bobcats. “They stick to their structure and play hard.”

“Over the last four games, Jack has really settled back into his role as our offensive leader,” Meola said. “He’s distributing the ball as well as finding his match-up and going to the goal. He has an innate ability of calming the boys down and helping them play within themselves.”

Nico Santucci netted three goals while Brandon Rispoli and Matt Waterhouse had two goals each for the Bears. Evan Van Camp made 12 saves. Hayden Fruehling and Gavin Javorsky tallied four goals apiece for the Bobcats.

On Friday in the Bears’ regular season finale, Briarcliff stormed out to a 10-0 halftime lead and was up 12-0 before host John Jay-Cross River got on the board. The Wolves made a surge once the subs were put in as the Bears claimed a 13-8 win. Kyle Proctor (3G, 2A), Ricciardi (2G), Anthony Capasso (2G), and Van Camp (7 saves) did the damage for Briarcliff.

A day earlier, Briarcliff cruised past Scarsdale, 11-3. Kyle Proctor (3G, 2A), Lucas Proctor (2G, 2A), Ricciardi (2G), and teammate while Westlake’s Jack Simon tries to force a turnover in Thursday afternoon’s game.

With the last Wildcats, but Byram outscored them 6-0 in the second half to pull out a 10-4 win last Thursday.

Jake Teitelbaum’s five-goal rampage led Byram Hills with Fruehling notch six points with three goals and three assists. Ben Weinhoff was 13 for 19 on face-offs. Westlake was paced by Andrew Llamas’ two goals and two assists.

Fruhling was on fire with six goals and an assist in a 13-9 victory over Tappan Zee on Saturday as the Bobcats moved to 9-3. Benny Rakower (2G, 3A), Teitelbaum (3G), Sean Siegel (8 GBs), Weinhoff (10/24 face-offs) and Jack Quinn (8 saves) were key contributors for Byram.

Byram can lock up a league championship with a win over Somers tomorrow (June 2) in its regular season finale.

Pleasantville snapped a five-game losing streak with a 10-6 win over Westlake last Tuesday. Brennan McDermott (4G, 1A), Ryan Challice (3G, 1A) and Daniel Picart (2G, 1A) did the damage offensively while Ryan Raefski made nine saves. Tyler Howard, Anthony DeLuca and Aidan Bray tallied a goal and an assist apiece for Westlake.

The Panthers fell to Class A favorite Mamaroneck 11-5 on Saturday to drop to 8-6. They finish the regular season at Croton today and will then enter the Class D sectionals starting with Saturday’s first round.

Westlake rebounded from the losses to Pleasantville and Byram with an 8-6 win over Croton on Saturday. The Wildcats also defeated Ossining 14-6 last Monday behind Connor Cronin (3G, 2A), Matt Sardo (1G, 4A), Llamas (2G, 2A) and Howard (3G). Caden Hallinan (3G, 3A) and Nate Hoffman (2G, 2A) led the Pride.
FOCUS ON SOFTBALL

Yorktown Shocks Nationally-Ranked Mahopac, Carmel; Valhalla Quiets P’Ville

Valhalla’s Kiera Doherty fires to first in Vikings’ 2-0 win over Panthers.

Yorktown ace Maya Servedio fired a 2-hitter with 15 K’s to outduel Mahopac ace Shannon Becker in Huskers’ 2-1 victory over nationally-ranked Indians last Thursday.

Valhalla freshman Tanner Smith had 15 strikeouts in the Vikings' 2-0 win over visiting Pleasantville last Thursday.

Mahopac seniors pose on senior night before 12-1 win over Somers Thursday.

Long Island 18u DeMarini mates - Yorktown’s Maya Servedio, Lainie Ornstein, Mandy Fernandez - with Carmel’s Charlotte Constantine after 7-6 Husker win last week, which came on the heels of a 2-1 win over nationally-ranked Mahopac.

Pleasantville senior co-captain Bridget Giglio breaks out of the box in 2-0 loss at Valhalla.
Lakeland’s Shannon Scotto (L) has torn cover off ball all season while P Stella Bale has denied opposing batters the chance for 12-2 Hornets, who lost to Sara Anderson’s Arlington Admirals.

Lakeland junior P Stella Bale (0.15 ERA, 219 K, 96 IP) has emerged as one of the top chokers in Section 1 this season for 12-2 Hornets. Coach Steve Fallo has indicated Bale’s potential to be “the best ever” in Lakeland history.

Lakeland C Melody Rubino has been key to Hornets’ terrific 12-2 start.

Valhalla senior Julia Serena crosses home plate after a two-run inside-the-park home run which propelled the Vikings to a 2-0 senior day win over Pleasantville.

Pleasantville senior co-captain Mary Grace O’Neill was all over the outfield tracking down fly balls in 2-0 loss to Valhalla.
Stonewall Jackson!

Panas Soph, DiLorenzo, Shoves 90 MPH in 4-1 Win over Hen Hud

Walter Panas sophomore P Jackson DiLorenzo (19) has emerged as a “must-see” prospect as the 5’11” 210-pound 15-year-old righty tips the scales in the Panthers’ direction each time out, including Friday’s 4-1 win over visiting Hen Hud when “DiLo” fanned 12 Sailors over seven frames and improved to 4-0 on the season with a 1.34 ERA and 48 strikeouts in 31 innings pitched. DiLorenzo is widely considered the finest pitching prospect in the Panas system since Panther royalty Mike Anderson (circa 2006), now among the area’s top pitching instructors, including DiLorenzo... see baseball Notebook.