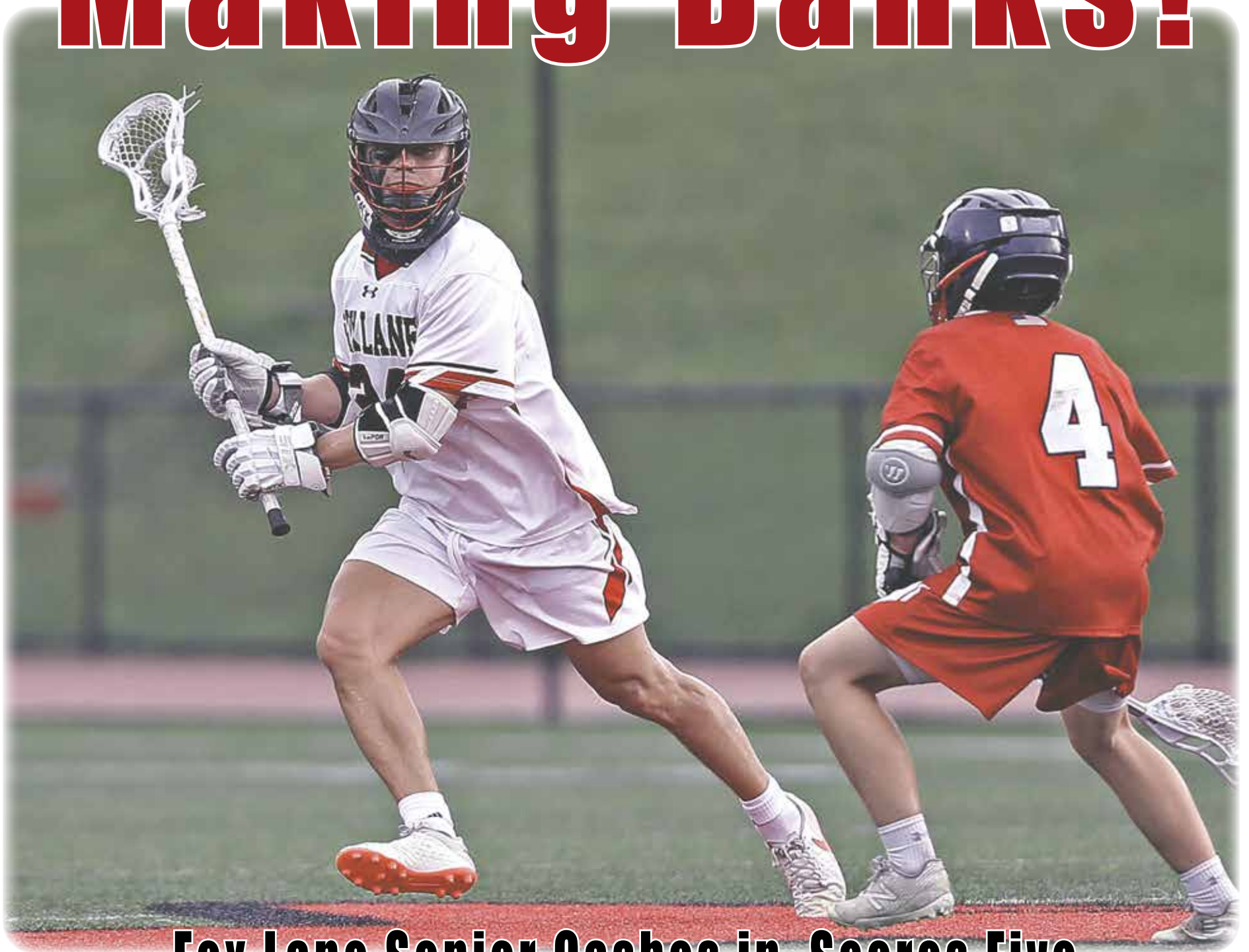


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Making Banks!



Fox Lane Senior Cashes in, Scores Five Goals in No.5 Foxes Rout of Eastchester

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Fox Lane senior M Everett Banks (L) opened an account at Eastchester National and cashed in five chips in the Foxes' 17-2 Section 1 Class B opening-round playoff victory over the visiting Eagles last Friday when the fifth-seeded Foxes easily advanced to face No.4 Mahopac in last night's quarterfinal round... see Boys' Lax Notebook

No.2 Yorktown, No.1 Lakeland on Potential Collision Course in A-1 No.1 Mahopac Knocks off No.16 Ossining in Class AA

By Tony Pinciario

Following a Covid-impacted fall, winter and fall two high school sports' seasons, the spring season has returned to some sense of normalcy with the Section 1 playoffs.

Sectionals began in full force, Saturday, after a one-day delay because of heavy rain. The Examiner coverage boasts two of the top seeds -- Mahopac (Class AA) and Lakeland (Class A1).

Yorktown is seeded second in Class A1, Hen Hud (Class A2) and Valhalla (Class B) are seeded third and Byram Hills (Class A2) is a four seed.

The student-athletes were excited that there would be a spring season. The addition of sectionals makes it more noteworthy.

CLASS AA

"After missing out on all of last year, just being able to have a season this year was amazing, but being able to have sectionals is even better," said Mahopac senior and captain Michelle Dellamura. "We've all worked so hard to be here this year."

MAHOPAC, 16-1 this season, won its first-round game as Shannon Becker threw a perfect, perfect game with 15 strikeouts, including No. 1,000, in five innings as the Indians mercied Ossining.

Mahopac played No. 8 R.C. Ketcham, Monday, in a quarterfinal. A win would have propelled Mahopac into the semis where it will host the No. 5 White Plains-No. 4 Arlington winner, today. Ketcham and Arlington lost to Mahopac during the regular season, 2-0 and 3-0, respectively.

"I think facing a team you played once before has both advantages and disadvantages," Dellamura said. "It's easier in the sense we know the pitcher and the sequence of pitches she throws. It's also tougher since they also know us and know our strong points and weak points."

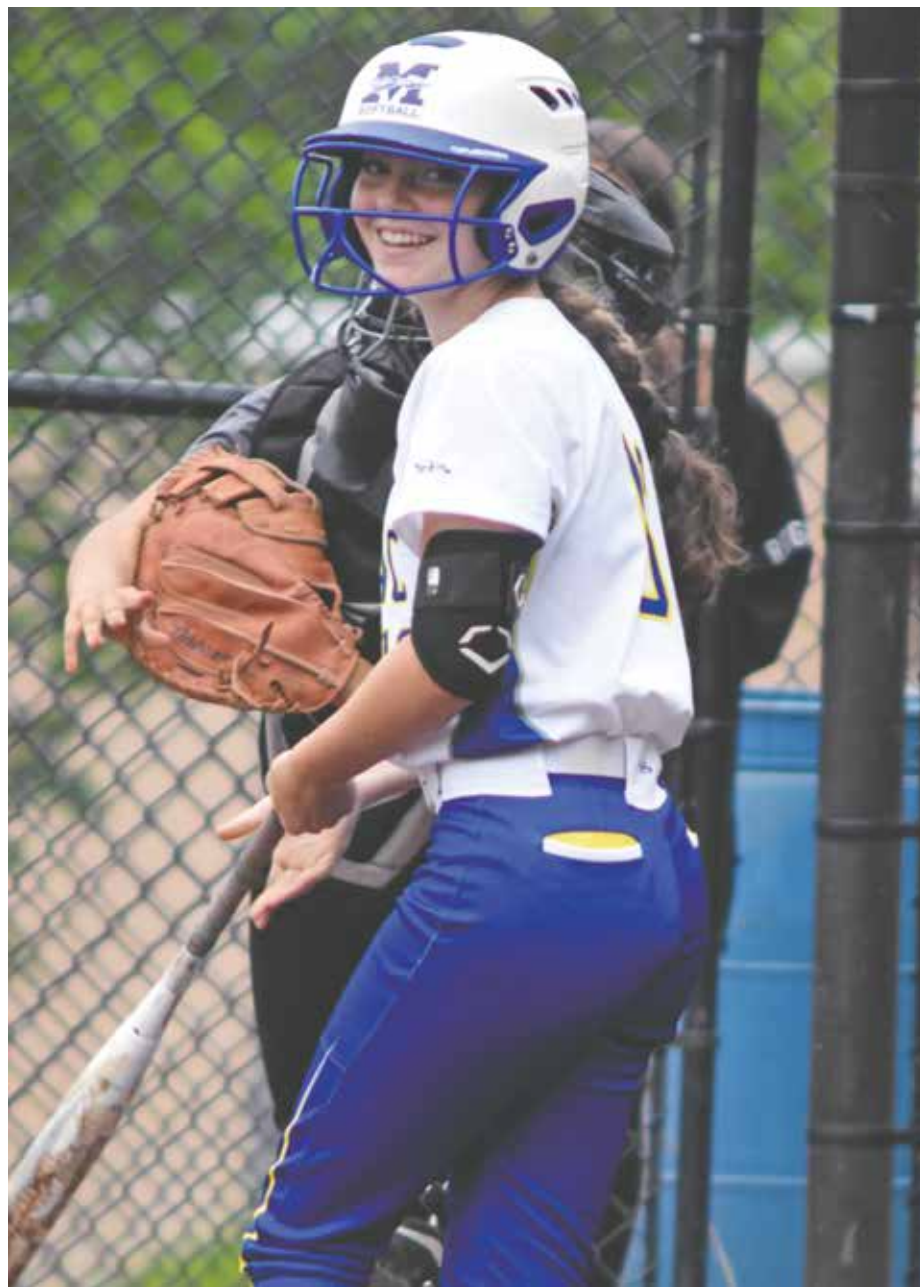
"I personally believe it's harder to beat a team the second time you play them. We need to definitely play our best in order to come out on top."

If the seeds in Class AA hold true, the other semifinal will be No. 3 North Rockland at No. 2 Ursuline. The Class AA final will be held, Saturday, 6/12, at the higher seed. Mahopac is hoping to host it.

Mahopac was on its way to an undefeated regular season when Yorktown handed the Indians their lone loss, 2-1. No team likes to lose, but better in the regular season than experiencing your first loss during sectionals.

"Losing to Yorktown was devastating, but I do think a lot of pressure was taken off us,"

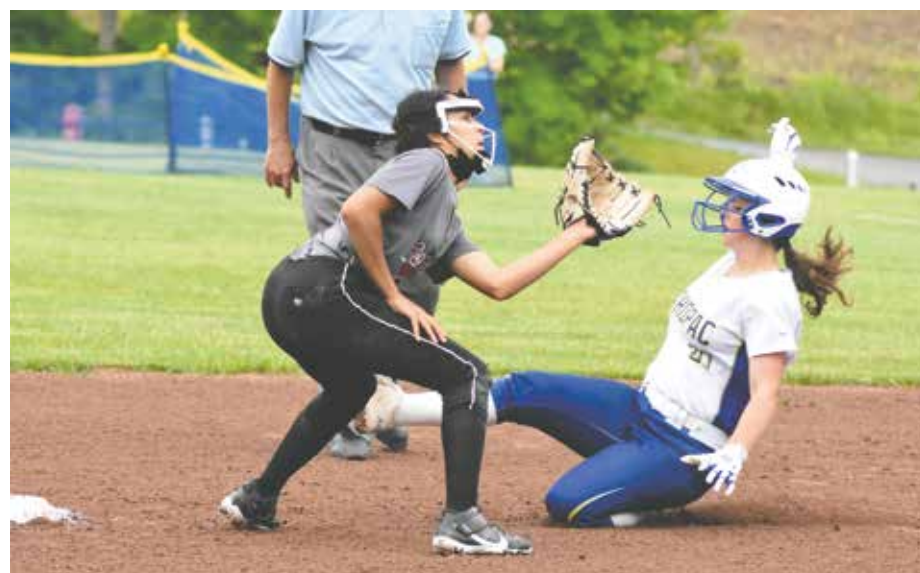
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Mahopac freshman Ava Lichtenberger, who could be next big thing, had good reason to smile in top-seeded Indians' opening round Class AA playoff rout of Ossining Friday.



Mahopac senior C Michelle Dellamura rips base hit in 20-0 Class AA playoff win over Ossining Friday.



Mahopac's Gianna Lafaro slides in ahead of tag of Ossining eighth-grade SS Leaila Alexandra in Indians' 20-0 Class AA playoff rout of visiting Pride Friday.

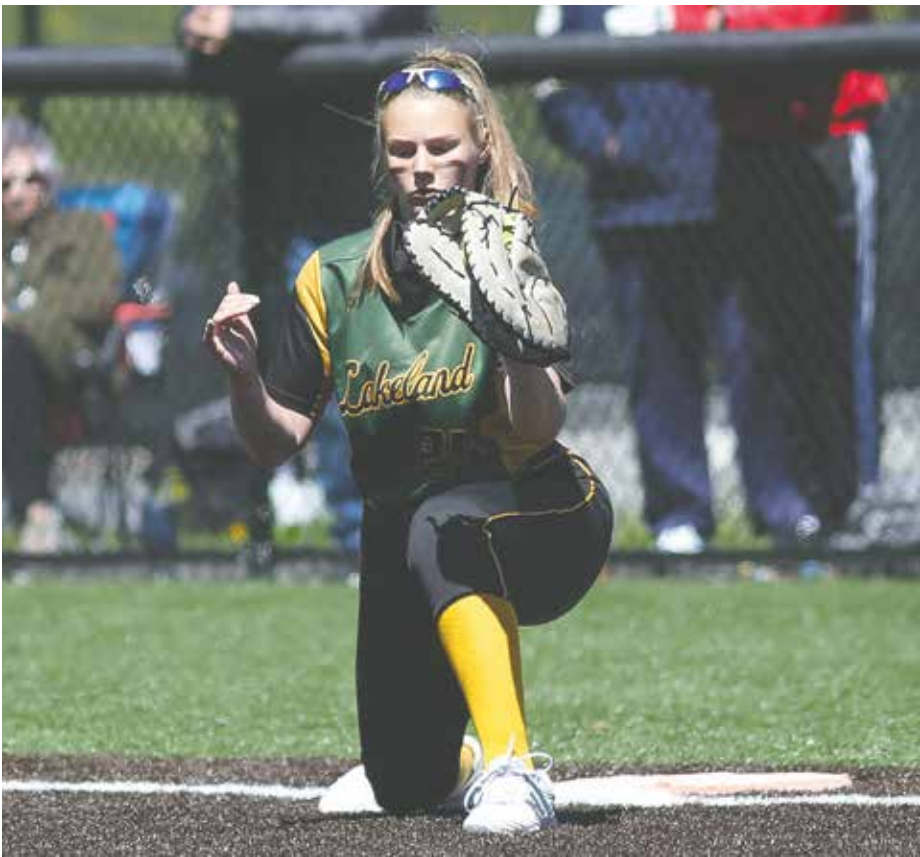


White Plains junior Alexa Galligani and fourth-seeded Tigers were mashing in 18-0 opening round playoff win over Fox Lane.

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said Dellamura, who will attend Fairfield in the fall. “But, we were even more determined to do great. It made us want to win it even more.”
Dellamura and her teammate are looking forward to each step, especially after John Jay-East Fishkill defeated Mahopac in the 2019 Section 1 Class AA Championships semifinal.
“I think having confidence is going to be a key in being successful,” said Dellamura of

winning the section. “We know how capable we are of succeeding and we need to apply what we know during the game.”
WHITE PLAINS received the fourth seed in the Section 1 Class AA Championships and premiered with an 18-0 win, in five innings, over No.13 **FOX LANE**.
White Plains played at No. 4 Arlington in a quarterfinal, Monday.
Alexa Galligani and Darla Palombo fueled White Plains’ offense. Galligani had two doubles among her three hits, scored three
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Lakeland’s Hannah Matusiak and Hornets have secured top seed and were set to host Class A-1 quarterfinal game last night.



White Plains’ Darla Palombo delivered some hefty swings in 18-0 Class AA playoff win over Fox Lane Friday.



White Plains P Serena Gillen pitched a two-hit shutout with nine strikeouts in 5 IP in 18-0 Class AA playoff win over Fox Lane.



Valhalla players celebrate the 100th hit of C Julia Serena's career, which was a home run.



Byram's Alexis Conigliaro and No.5 Bobcats eased into the Class A-2 quarters.

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runs and drove in five. Palombo had two hits, including a home run, and collected four RBI.

Zoe Kovach had two hits and Amanda Lemark and Kiersten Hardy each scored twice and had two RBI.

Eighth-grader Serena Gillen continued her excellent season, throwing a two-hitter with nine strikeouts. This was her seventh shutout of the season.

Prior to sectionals, Fox Lane closed out the regular season with a 9-3 win over rival Horace Greeley.

Hannah Gettman finished with a three-hitter and did not allow an earned run. She also had two hits, including a run-scoring double.

Sam Sanchez had a home run among her two hits, Sydney Hurvitz had a double among her two hits and an RBI and Adriana Piccolino recorded two hits.

Fox Lane finished with an 8-9 record, after its sectional loss to White Plains. However, Fox Lane coach Anthony Rodrigues is looking forward to the future.

"We have a very young, promising nucleus returning with seven starters who are freshmen and sophomores," Rodrigues said.

CLASS A-1

LAKELAND went 14-2, including 6-0 in its league, during the regular season, earning the top seed.

The Hornets drew a first-round bye and played No. 8 Rye, Monday, in a quarterfinal. A win sends Lakeland into the semis against the No. 5 Eastchester-No. 4 Harrison winner, Wednesday. The other half of the A1 bracket has Yorktown seeded second and Saunders third. The A1 title game will be played at the higher seed, Saturday, 6/12.

The A1 winner will play the A2 winner, Sunday, 6/13, at Arlington for the overall Section 1 Class A title.

The Hornets enter sectionals on a six-game winning streak. They closed the regular season with a 3-0 and 10-3

doubleheader sweep of Hen Hud.

In the 3-0 victory, Stella Bale tossed a no-hitter and struck out 16. She also helped herself with two hits, including a home run, scored two runs and drove in a run.

Lakeland was upset in the 2019 Section 1 Class A final by district-rival and 11th-seeded Panas. Senior Hannah Matusiak was a starter on that Lakeland team so the opportunity to play in sectionals has her excited.

"Being able to have full-fledged sectionals this year means so much to the entire team," said Matusiak, who will attend Franklin & Marshall this fall and play softball. "With all of the Covid stuff going on, we weren't sure we'd have a season. As a senior that was really upsetting, but once we heard the good news, we were ecstatic."

Matusiak and her teammates understand the pressure of being the No. 1 seed, but they view it as a challenge.

"Since we're the first seed, people have high expectations for us," Matusiak said. "That puts a lot of pressure on the team, but it also makes us play harder."

"Winning the section title would be such an amazing way to end my high school softball season. It will make us closer as a team and give us an unforgettable memory. It would also be great to make history on the new field by winning the first year it's being used."

YORKTOWN, like Lakeland, earned a first-round bye.

The Cornhuskers (15-3 this season) hosted No. 7 Clarkstown North, Monday. A victory would move Yorktown into the semis, Wednesday, against the No. 6 John Jay-Cross River-No. 3 Saunders winner.

No.8 Rye eliminated No.9 **SOMERS**, 7-2, in the opening round. Tuskers Emily Stavola and Aimee Maoriello each went 2-for-3 and knocked in the final runs of the season. No.6 John Jay knocked off No.11 **BREWSTER**, 9-0.

CLASS A-2

PANAS, the 2019 Section 1 Class A champions, began the Section 1 Class A2 Championship seeded sixth and with a 10-0 victory over No. 11 Nyack in the first round.

The Panthers (9-8 this season) met No.3 **HEN HUD** in a quarterfinal game, Monday. Hen Hud received a first-round bye.

Senior Olivia Bordenaro, who was instrumental in Panas winning in 2019, struck out 16 against Nyack, including her 600th varsity strikeout. Bordenaro, who will attend Western Connecticut State in the fall and also play softball, aided her own cause with three hits and two RBI. Jaime Cardello, her battery-mate, had two hits, including a bases-loaded double.

Sam Kayo, Alex Moyer, Emma Guglich and Kittzie Mera each had a hit and scored a run.

HEN HUD had a first-round bye. No.5 **BYRAM HILLS**, which was set to host No.5 Nanuet last night, crushed Sleepy Hollow, 15-0, behind a total team effort. Pitchers Alexis Conigliaro and Madison Nero allowed just two hits in the win.

CLASS B

VALHALLA began sectional play with a dominant five-inning mercy win, 17-0, over No. 14 Blind Brook.

The Vikings, seeded third, hosted No. 6 Tuckahoe/Bronxville in a quarterfinal, Monday. If Valhalla won that game, it would play the No. 7 Albertus Magnus-No. 2 Rye Neck winner in a semifinal, Wednesday.

In the victory, senior Julia Serena registered her 100th varsity hit in grand fashion.

Serena, who will attend Oneonta in the fall and also play softball, hit a home run.

"It was fitting that Julia's 100th hit was a home run," Valhalla coach Heather Kleinberger said. "She is a power hitter and has hit some of the hardest balls I've seen this year."

"Julia is a great player and a great leader and we couldn't be happier for her. She deserves it 100 percent."

Tanner Smith tossed a one-hitter and struck out 13. Emma Levine and Kathryn Wolfthal had two hits apiece.

No.12 **WESTLAKE** advanced to the quarters after a dominant 13-1 win over YMA and was set to visit Dobbs Ferry last night. No.9 Hastings eliminated No.8 **PLEASANTVILLE** by a 5-2 count, and No.4 Dobbs Ferry eliminated No.13 **BRIARCLIFF**, 18-2.



Yorktown's Olivia Fasce and Huskers have earned No.2 seed for Class A-1 playoffs.

Mahopac, Somers, Fox Lane, Greeley Move on in Class B

Carmel Beats New Ro', Wins 1st Playoff Game Ever; PV Wins 10th-Straight

By Ray Gallagher

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Many of the top guns in the Section 1 Class B tournament took the first round off last Friday, including No.1 Rye, No.2 Yorktown and No.3 Lakeland/Panas, which secured first-round byes after a stellar regular season campaign, as did Briarcliff in Class C.

In the opening round of the Class B tourney, fourth-seeded **MAHOPAC** dispatched No.13 Clarkstown South, 15-2 when the up-and-comers did a ton of damage, including sophomore Mike Rettberg (hat trick) and freshman Danny Koch, who added two goals and three assists for the Indians, who also saw sophomores Gavin Viglucci and Ryan Geofhegan score two goals apiece. Junior pole Sean Massett delivered one goal and one assist to go with two takeaways and a team-high six GBs. West Point-bound junior Mike Harney added a goal and two assists. Senior Matt Puckhaber (2A) and sophomore Jake Degnan (1G, 1A) and freshman John Kearney (1G, 1A) all had multi-point games for the Indians, who should return a ton of talent next season after setting the foundation in 2021.

The Indians were set to host No. 5 **FOX LANE** in last night's quarters in what promises to be a whale of a game, with

the winner moving on to the semis to face No.1 Rye, the reigning Class C champ, in all likelihood.

The Foxes cruised to a 17-2 win over No.12 Eastchester Friday when Everett Banks sent six between the pipes and set up another as the Foxes commanded a 10-0 edge by the end of the first. Banks has pumped out some major numbers this season (44G, 18A, 62P).

Jake Wollman added two goals and four assists for the Foxes while Will Shepherd and Matt Magidson each scored a pair of goals in the win.

No.6 **SOMERS** advanced to the quarters to challenge **LAKELAND/PANAS**, which is coming off a 10-day COVID-related pause. The Tuskers worked No.11 Harrison, 14-3 when Kieran Gill went for the hat trick. Lorenzo Sessa (1G, 3A) did the bulk of the feeding and padded his season-long numbers (44 points) while Jack Silverman and Ethan Krauss added two goals apiece. Henry Ellison (1G, 1A) had a multi-point effort for the Tuskers, who led 12-0 after three.

As good as the Tuskers looked, they will need to put their best foot forward against a Lakeland/Panas program that has won three of the last six Class A titles before moving down to Class B this season. Rebel Mark Cummins will likely get in senior M TJ.

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Mahopac sophomore A Jake Degnan puts hurt on Clarkstown South player in Indians' opening round playoff win Friday.



Mahopac sophomore Mike Rettberg celebrates one of three goals he would score in Indians' Class B playoff win Friday.

RAY GALLAGHER / ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



Mahopac freshman Danny Koch scored twice and dished three assists in Indians' 15-2 Class B playoff rout of Clarks. South.



West Point-bound Mahopac junior Mike Harney was in total command during 15-2 Section 1 Class B playoff rout of Clarks, South.



Fox Lane's Matt Magidson cranks one of two goals he would score in 17-2 rout of Eastchester Friday.

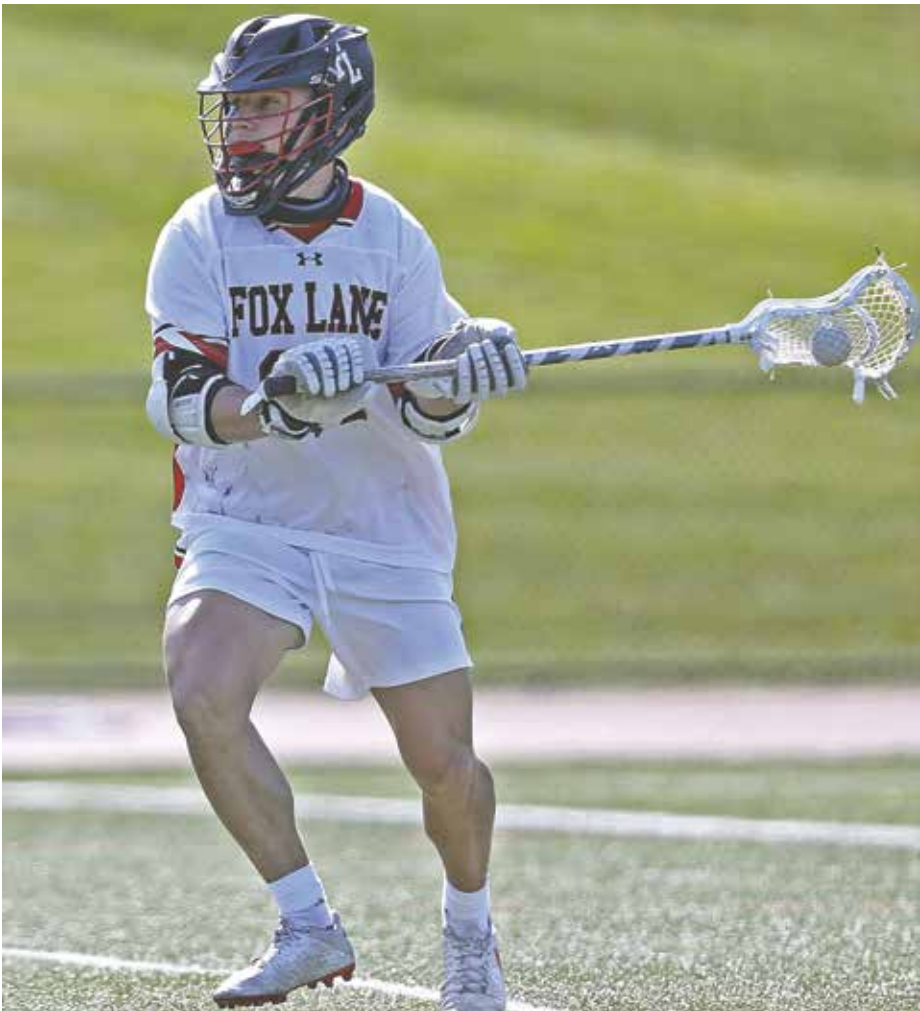


Fox Lane senior attackman Jacob Wollman goes behind his back to easily score a first-quarter goal in rout of Eastchester.



Fox Lane junior A Will Shepherd scored twice in Class B playoff rout of Eastchester.

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Fox Lane's Everett Banks cranked six goals in 17-2 Class B playoff win over Eastchester Friday.

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Deagan's grill, meaning other Tuskers will need to step up if they are to forge an upset in Tusker Nation.
No.10 **GREELEY** advanced to face No.2 **YORKTOWN** after a thrilling 12-11 overtime triumph of Clarkstown North when senior Jeffery Lungen swooped in on a GB and went top right with 39 seconds to play in OT. Previously, it was the Boden Bounds show for the Quakers, as the junior bagged

five goals. Dylan Mutkowski finished with a hat trick while Dylan Zarr, Carter Meehan and Zach Eichenberg all tickled twine. G Sam Rosenberg (25 saves) was huge, including two soaks in overtime. Yorktown -- with its potent attack that features Dylan Beck (32G, 15A, 47P), Harry Griff (22, 23, 45) and Will Embury (23, 17, 40) -- should pose far too many problems for the Quakers to pull off what would be considered the upset of the decade.



Byram Hills' Drew Zimmerman makes his move to the cage in the third quarter of Friday's Class C playoff rout of Nyack.



Somers' Kieran Gill dropped a hat trick on Harrison in 14-3 opening-round playoff win Friday.

John Jay ended No.8 **BREWSTER's** season, 9-2. Josh Walsh and Jack Jordan each scored for the Bears.

CLASS C

In Friday's opening round of the tourney, **PUTNAM VALLEY** won for the 10th time in a two, beating Ardsley, 17-5 Friday when senior M Ethan Mournier went for four goals and three assists, giving him 71 points this season. Cagey Tiger junior A Ryan Denike was serving the cheese all

game long, dishing eight assists and scoring once. Denike (26G, 54A, 80 points) has had a monster year.
Andrew Dzybak finished with three goals and two assists while Jack Murphy added a hat trick for third-seeded PV, who was set to host No.6 Pearl River last night.
"We took care of business and advanced to the next round, which is what we were supposed to do," PV Coach Tim Weir said.
"It's a special group of kids."
Despite big games from Sailors Jack
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Byram Hills freshman Erik Cipriano uses a screen from teammate Zach Pero as he races toward goal in playoff win over Nyack Friday.



Byram Hills junior midfielder Benny Rakower, who scored three goals, fires a shot at the cage in easy playoff win over Nyack.

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Kapfer (2G, 3A), Rocco Capicotti (3G) and Dean Hiltzley (2G, 1A), host Tappan Zee ended No.10 **HEN HUD**'s season by a 10-9 count.

Don't look now, but **BYRAM HILLS** has a sneaky-good path to the Class B finals after an incredibly fortunate draw that has already seen No. 4 Edgemont knocked out of the playoffs, leaving the the fifth-seeded Bobcats with a home game against No.13 Lourdes last night.

This particular bracket was made to be busted and should 2019 Class C runner-up Byram beat Lourdes (a given) and advance to the semis, they would likely see top-seeded Sleepy Hollow, which hasn't posted what some would call a quality W all season. The

Headless Horsemen will have a tough time knocking off No.8 Pelham in the quarters, much less the Bobcats, but this is how the brackets broke in 2021 due to COVID-19 and the elimination of playoff formulas.

Byram's loss to Somers in the regular-season finale bumped the Bobcats back to No.5, which kept both Putnam Valley and No.2 Briarcliff on the opposite side of the bracket, giving the Bobcats a prime path to the finals.

Hayden Fruhling eclipsed the 100-point milestone in the Bobcats' 17-2 win over Nyack in the opening round as the mighty Fruhling finished with two goals and six assists. Bobcats Michael Oronzio notched four goals while Gavin Javorsky and Benny Rakower each netted a trio of goals. Ben



Byram Hills' Matt Quintiere takes the ball up the field in the fourth quarter of the Bobcats' blowout playoff win Friday.

Weinhoff dominated the X, taking 19 of 24 draws.

Pelham eliminated No.9 Westlake, 11-1. Andrew Llamas scored for the Wildcats.

CLASS A

CARMEL, the No.9 seed, set up a Monday showdown with No.1 Mamaroneck -- the two-time reigning Class A champs -- after Ram senior M Ryan McDonald scored a career-high four goals in a 10-8 triumph of No.8 host New Rochelle; what was the

first postseason win in Carmel history. Carmel freshman Matt Risley continued his fast-paced ascension with three goals and three assists and teammate Jimmy Lyons had three goals and one assist.

"The kids killed it today," Carmel Coach Matt Caione said. "I can't give enough credit to McDonald, Risley and Lyons, and our D-mids were sensational, including Will Kelly, Max Richardson and Jake Ellner. They were beasts today."

McDonald will pass the torch to Risley in the hopes of having done his part to build a sustainable program.

"Going into the game we were super excited knowing

it could be the first win in our history," McDonald said. "It's the best feeling in the world and was definitely one we'll remember. This team really battled and showed who we are. We came together as one and got the job done. There is definitely going to be more to come from Carmel, don't doubt that."

WHITE PLAINS, the No.5 seed, was set to visit No.4 Suffern last night, hoping that leading scorer Ryan Ortiz (39 points) would have a big game.

The Dutch Touch!



If local families are looking for picturesque settings this summer, this sunset was captured last Tuesday at Dutchess Stadium in Beacon by Examiner's Andy Jacobs. For single game tickets to Hudson Valley Renegades games please visit Hudson Valley Renegades Single Game Tickets | Renegades (milb.com). Find their schedule at Hudson Valley Renegades Schedule | Schedule | Renegades (milb.com).

Kent, White Plains Hold Off Fox Lane; Pleasantville Walks Off Carmel Crushes Ossining; Somers, Byram Hills, Valhalla, Westlake Advance

By Ray Gallagher

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Any manager will tell you: It's all about pitching, particularly in the postseason, and eighth-seeded **WHITE PLAINS** Manager Marcel Galligani would tend to agree after Tiger hurler Mark Kent, a senior right-hander, fired a tidy 1-0 gem in Saturday's Section 1 Class AA opening-round playoff win over visiting No.9 **FOX LANE**.

In fact, **PLEASANTVILLE** Manager Dan Iorio would declare the same thing after Panther P Matthew Satriale, allowed just one run on two hits in seven innings as the eighth-seeded Panthers walked-off on No.9 **CROTON-HARMON** in a 2-1 suicide-squeeze-induced victory in the opening round of the Section 1 Class B playoffs.

In Saturday's opening round, which saw teams like Class AA **CARMEL** cruise to an 18-run victory, it was efficient pitching that enabled White Plains, Pleasantville and several other locals to advance to last night's quarterfinals. Here's some recaps before it

gets really interesting with the inclusion of Class A-1's top-seeded **YORKTOWN** and A-2's top-seeded **WALTER PANAS** in the upcoming rounds.

CLASS AA

Kent kicked off the White Plains' playoff party by allowing just one hit and no walks while throwing under 100 pitches to go all nine innings. Galligani had some thoughts on young Mr. Kent, who hurled one of the most efficient outings the coach has ever seen from a White Plains pitcher, doing so against a terrific Fox Lane program, which has a coach -- Matt Hillis -- that teaches mashing like few in Section 1 history.

"This was by far one of the best outings we've seen at White Plains during my career," the coach said of Kent. "It reminded me of our 2018 section 1 final game against Arlington where my kid, Gerigh Hauser, threw a nine-inning gem in a losing effort. Mark had it all working. He commanded three pitches and hit spots so

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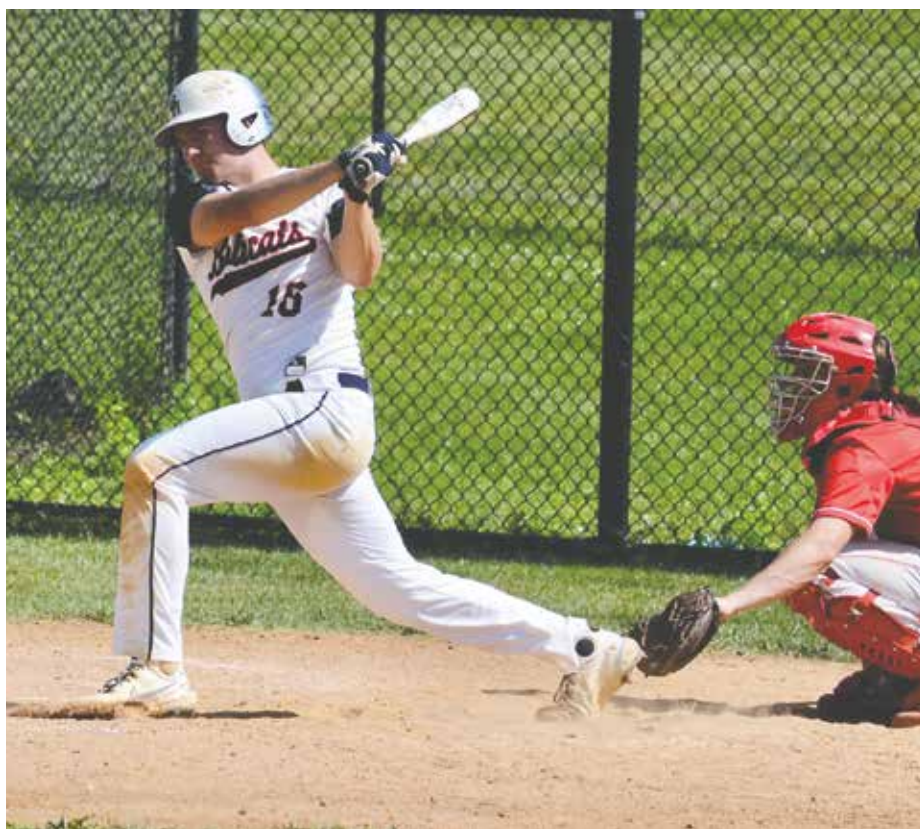
White Plains P Mark Kent was brilliant in 1-0 nine-inning Section 1 Class AA playoff win over Fox Lane Saturday.



Carmel C-OF Anthony Febo's Rams are putting up historical numbers and will need more of same against Suffern.



Somers P Ravi Dass earned save and came up clutch at plate in Tuskers' Section 1 Class A playoff win over host Harrison.



Boston University commit Bobby Chicoine mashes for Bobcats in their 14-2 win against Sleepy Hollow.

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efficiently it was as if he was walking the ball up to home plate.

“Going in, we knew he had to be at his best as I know how well Matty’s team swings it,” Galligani added. “Fortunately, for us, he was. To throw less than 100 pitches in nine innings is remarkable and

a testament to our infield and outfield play. They made all the routine plays.

“My heart broke for Matt, his staff and his players as nobody should lose such a competitive game like that, and I told him and his team as much afterwards. We’re hoping we can make them proud and handle business against Mamaroneck. It was one



Byram Hills’ Jordan Baskind is all smiles after scoring second run in Bobcats’ blowout playoff victory against Sleepy Hollow.



Yorktown P Kevin Weitman has had one of the most impressive seasons in school history, going 7-0 with a 0.48 ERA.

of the best high school baseball games I’ve been a part of and we’re fortunate to come out on top. I’ve been on the other end and know how much it hurts. They’re a storied program and will bounce back as usual. Unfortunately, a season only ends well for one team. It comes to a screeching halt for everyone else.”

The game’s only run came when Tiger Jake Dorchak was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the ninth to plate freshman Derek Diaz, who singled earlier in the inning off Fox Lane (11-8) P Matt Antolino, who was superb over 8 1/3 innings, allowed just two hits, before yielding to the pen.

White Plains (13-6) was set to move on to No.1 Mamaroneck last night, hoping to bust up one side of the bracket, having split the regular-season series with their arch rivals.

No.4 **CARMEL** put the pedal to the metal in its 18-0 win over No.13 **OSSINING**. UConn-bound Carmel slugger Jack Sullivan waxed the Pride (5-14), going 4 for 4 while driving home six Rams, who saw All-Section HM Nick Montagna knock

in five runs to support winning pitcher Matt Demme (4 scoreless). Sullivan upped his season-long BA to .524 and the Rams (16-3) have mashed a school record 21 home runs this season. Additionally, he’s 3-1 with a 1.71 ERA and 59 strikeouts on the hill.

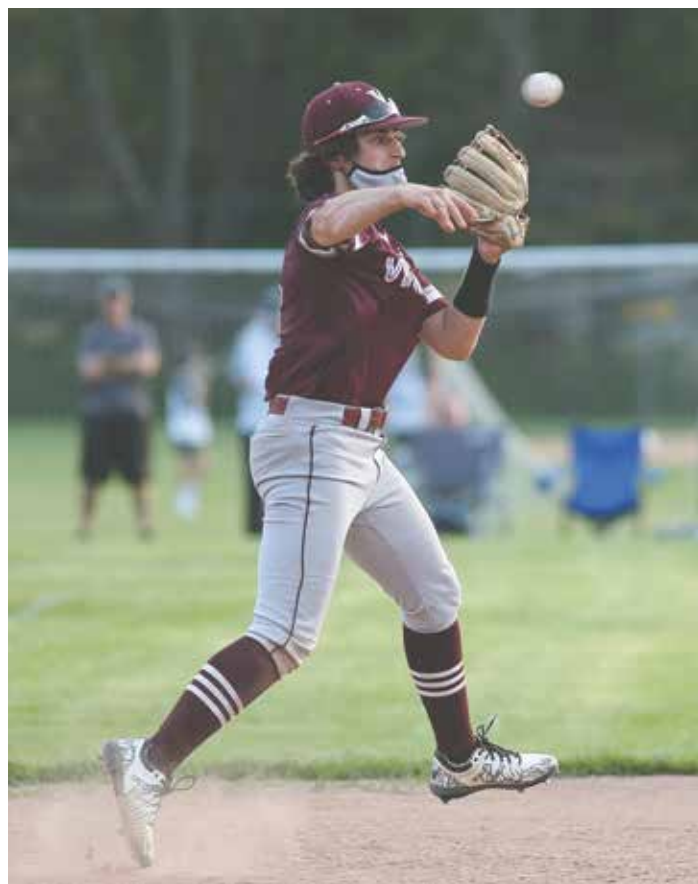
Coach Joe Hackert’s Rams were set to host No.5 Suffern last night in what was *continued on next page*



Pleasantville P Matt Satriale fanned nine in Panthers’ 2-1 win over Croton in Saturday’s Class B opening round.

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Valhalla SS-P Jake Sekinski pitched all six innings, allowed three hits and struck out eight in 10-0 playoff win over Dobbs Ferry.



Westlake's Marc DeNunzio fired two-hit gem in 11-1 Class B playoff win over Putnam Valley.

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surely a tough quarterfinal draw against the reigning Class AA champs. All-Section and League MVP P/1B Sullivan, who has five home runs and 38 RBI this season, will toe the rubber against the mighty Mounties. Ram C/OF Anthony Febo (30 RBI, .484 BA) and Demme (.444 BA, 22 RBI) were also named All-Section.

"My goal for this senior group was to play as many games as possible with them," said Hackert, who shared the league title with Yorktown, and also saw his wife and Rams coach, Kerry, win Carmel's first girls' lax league title last week. "It's been a fun season with these kids. They deserve everything they can get."

Nick Angeloni went 3 for 4 for No.12 **MAHOPAC** (5-13) in its 9-3 season-ending loss at No.5 Suffern.

CLASS A-1

SOMERS (8-11) put its best foot forward in the 10th-seeded Tuskers' 5-3 win over No.7 host Harrison. Tusker P Dan Turner held the Huskies to one earned run and fanned seven in five innings before yielding to reliever Ravi Dass, who stroked three hits, drove home a pair and earned the save.

"We really emphasized this week that we need to have a mindset of having each other's backs, and playing for each other," first-year Somers Coach Anthony Nappi said. "If someone made a mistake, we had someone behind them ready to back them up. It really showed on the field against Harrison."

"Danny Turner was just hitting spots and did a great job holding runners all day," Nappi added. "Every pitch had a purpose and he executed the game plan to perfection."

Ravi Dass had some huge RBIs and then came in for two innings and shut the door. The kid is electric. He does something special every time he's on the field whether it's with the glove, bat, arm or legs. Harrison was a great and classy opponent. I'm just glad we were able to get the W and move on."

LAKELAND's two-year reign as sectional champs came to a halt in the ninth-seeded Hornets' 4-3 loss to No.8 host John Jay CR after Lucas Orlovitz's walk-off single to center. Lakeland (7-11) saw P Ray White finish as strong as he started the season, allowing two earned runs off seven hits. He whiffed six over six frames. Lakeland's John Tuite went 2 for 3 and White and Joe Torres each drove home a run for the youthful Hornets, who squandered a 3-0 lead when Alex Samayoa crushed a game-tying two-run homer.

No.13 **BREWSTER** was shut out by No.4 Rye, 10-0. The rebuilding Bears will hope to turn the corner next season.

YORKTOWN (15-2) remains the favorites, seeking their second sectional title (1995). The clutchness of this club is undeniable, led by CF Jon Munoz, who has set a mean table all season.. The junior has been the catalyst of a potent offense, batting a team-high .522 with a .607 on-base percentage. He crosses home plate (18 runs) more than once a game and has 13 base swipes.

CLASS A-2

BYRAM HILLS jumped out early and pounded No.12 Sleepy Hollow, 14-2. The fifth-seeded Bobcats saw Michael Ascanio go 2 for 2 with a dinger and five rib-eyes. Junior slugger Bobby Chicoine cleared the fences for the sixth time this season and P Jordan Baskind earned the win. Byram was

set to visit No.4 **HEN HUD** last night with Boston College-bound Chicoine (6-1, 1.69 ERA and 60 strikeouts in 37 1/3 innings) toeing the rubber against a Sailor outfit that was clubbing the ball mid-season.

Sailor P Josh Shea worked six innings, scattering four hits in a 9-0 win over No.13 Lourdes to advance.

Nick Hiltsey, Shayne Naley had two hits apiece and Donovan Burns added three hits for the Sailors (11-8), who went old school Sunday to prepare for Byram Hills (11-8), which should be an epic rematch (Hen hud won the first game).

"We will see their number one and it's going to be a big challenge, but the guys are ready for it," Hen Hud skipper Van Vourliotis said. "We cranked up our

pitching machine today from 45 feet away, hopefully it helps for the speed we're expecting to see. That's an old Nate trick (former Coach Paul Natale).

The winner would likely see No.1 **PANAS** if the Panthers (12-3) can get past No.9 Nanuet Monday. If Coach Anthony Fata's Panthers can get their bats going behind their pitching and defense, Panas could hoist its first-ever sectional title plaque later this week. The heart of the Panas order has done damage all season, but the Panthers need to hit on all cylinders if they are going to win A-2 and then challenge for overall Class A supremacy.

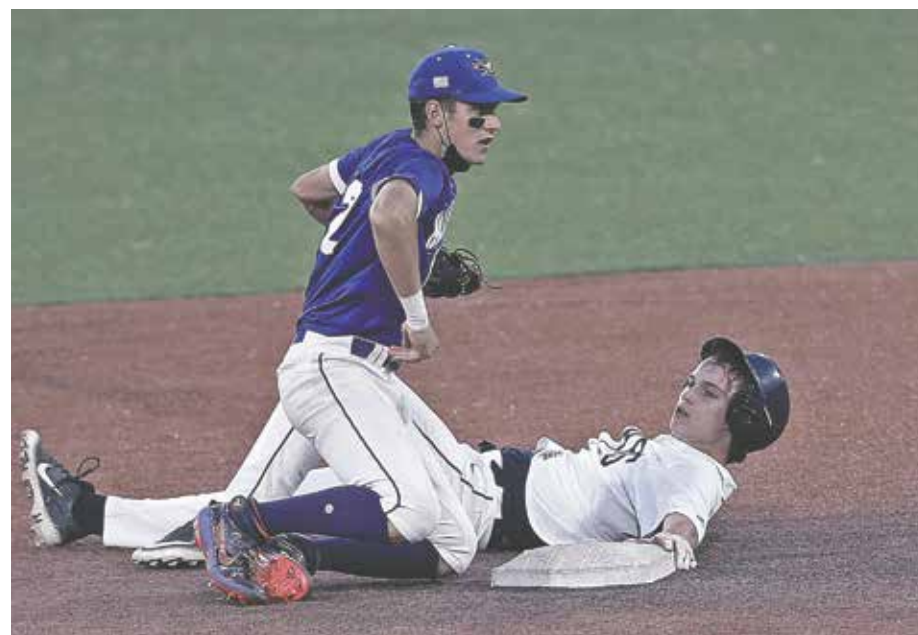
CLASS B/C

PLEASANTVILLE scored both of their runs against **CROTON** (7-11) in its last at-bat, doing so with a small-ball youth movement. Coach Iorio pulled out all the stops. Sophomore Will Lent squeezed home freshman Dermot McSpedon, who drove home the tying run earlier in the inning, before swiping second and moving to third on a sac bunt. Pleasantville (9-10) was set to visit No. 1 Bronxville last night.

No.5 **VALHALLA** made short work of No.12 Dobbs Ferry when Jake Sekinski pitched all six innings, allowed three hits and struck out eight to earn the win. Kori Prosperino had a double and three RBI and Danny Tammaro went 3 for 3. The Vikings were set to travel to No.4 Albertus Magnus last night.

No.7 **WESTLAKE** (9-9) eliminated No.10 **PUTNAM VALLEY** (7-12), 11-1, behind P Marc DeNunzio, who chucked a tidy two-hitter and sent eight Tigers seeking pine via K's in five innings by mercy rule. DeNunzio, Anthony Arrichiello, Tommy Giaccone, Josh Gelman and Marco Petrillo all drove home two runs for reigning Class B champion Westlake, which was set to take on No.2 **BRIARCLIFF** (14-4) last night.

Tuckahoe nipped a rebuilding **HADLANE** unit, 4-3, in the Class C semis.



Briarcliff's Chris Beard slides safely into 2B as Haldane SS Jack Jordan can't slap tag down in time in Bears' 16-0 win over Haldane Tuesday at Dutchess Stadium.



Mahopac's Ally Savino and Fox Lane's Sarah Maiorano get after it in Indians' 15-14 Section 1 Class B playoff win over Foxes Saturday.



Mahopac frosh Juliana Mangione gets edge on Fox Lane's Sophia Bueti (L) and Grace Giannettino in Indians' thrilling 15-14 Class B playoff win over Foxes Saturday.

FOCUS ON GIRLS LAX

Mahopac Sweats out 15-14 Playoff Win over Fox Lane; Yorktown, P'Ville Ease to 2nd Round



Somers senior Noelle DeMarinis scored the game winner in Tuskers' 11-10 nail-biting OT win over Hen Hud.



Fox Lane's Katherine Loughney is pressured by Mahopac's Nicole Panny in Foxes' 15-14 Class B playoff loss to host Indians Saturday.



Fox Lane's Quinn Alami (L) and Mahopac's Avery Przymyski (5G) battled ceaselessly for draws in Foxes' 15-14 loss to host Indians.



No.11 Fox Lane's Cameron Harney is hounded by No.6 Mahopac's Ally Savino in Foxes' 15-14 Class B playoff loss to host Indians Saturday.



Yorktown sophomore Alex Scialdone scored three times and had an assist in Huskers' 15-2 opening round playoff win over Eastchester Saturday.



Mahopac's Nicole Panny puts one between pipes in Indians' 15-14 Class B playoff win over visiting Fox Lane Saturday.



No.4 Pleasantville's Abby McAllister scored five times in 16-1 Class D playoff rout of Valhalla.



Carmel's Greta Vaughan took 2nd place in pentathlon at Northern County meet.



Carmel's Katie Turk took first place in 400m race at Northern County meet.

FOCUS ON TRACK & FIELD



Byram Hills' Ella Javorsky, Maddie Jakubek, Chloe Sampere and Jennifer Mui won the 4x800m relay at the league championships.



At the Northern County meet championships the relay team of Andr a Jenkins, Cece Haberlin, Piper Klamme and Mia Klammer bested their own 4x400 school record with a time of 4:11 while Mia Klammer also set the school record for the triple jump (35-6.25) and was first in the long jump.



Brewster seniors Jimmy Hartigan and Dave Arbeely placed 1st and 2nd in the triple jump at the League Championship and Hartigan won the 200 meters as well in a huge career best time.



Hen Hud's Zoe Rose, Emma Schembari, Isolde McManus and Sarah Mandelkow ran the 4x400 relay in school record-smashing time, clocking in at 4:02.97, to shatter the old record set in the 1970s (4:11).



Brewster senior Ryan Neubauer won the 2000 Meter Steeplechase in 6:29 at the Northern County Championships - his time is currently #7 overall in all of New York State.



Hendrick Hudson Eastern States javelin champion Kerann Belvu threw a personal best of 149.5' Sunday.



Brewster sophomore Patrick Ford continued his winning ways by winning Saturday's individual Northern County (Putnam/Dutchess) title in the 3200 meters in a career best 9:41.



Brewster freshman Sienna Santiago continues her incredible freshman year as she wins the 200 meters and places 2nd in the 400 meters, 400 meter hurdles, and high jump at the League Championship Meet.

Wolves Howling in NYC

Mahopac 11U Snags GHVBL Spring Crown



The Mahopac Wolves 11U Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League team braved the 90-degree heat and their opponent -- the East Side Rockets -- leaving Randall's Island with the Silver Bracket championship title last Sunday, taking home a 10-3 victory behind winning P Max Sorrentino, who also drove home a pair of runs.

Zecca Zings Ossining!



Mahopac Senior 1B Mashes 2-Run Bomb, Drives in 4 in Class AA Playoff Rout of Ossining; Becker Fires 2nd 'Perfect'-Perfect Game

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac senior 1B Lauren Zecca crushes a two-run homer before doubling and finishing with four RBI in the top-seeded Indians' Section 1 Class AA playoff win over No.16 Ossining Friday when Coach Cristina Giansante (inset) hits up Zecca and then saw Mahopac P Shannon Becker (inset) fire the second 'perfect' perfect game of her unrivaled career. The Notre Dame-bound senior whiffed all 15 batters she faced, en route to eclipsing the 1,000-career strikeout milestone along the way as teammates later celebrated (inset)... see Softball Notebook