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Briarcliff Falls to Cortlandt in GHVBL 9U Finals

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Dynamic Briarcliff 3B Rohan Mitta was in on all the action Saturday but couldn't slap this slap tag down in time on Cortlandt's Rocco Carbone in Bears' 16-6 loss to Nationals in 9U Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League championship game at Rogers Parks in Danbury... see Focus on GHVBL

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Scenes from the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League Championship Weekend



The WP Highlanders won the 10U D3 title by defeating Mahopac 9-4 on Sunday at Rogers Park in Danbury.



Cortland Nationals (Hen Hud and some L-P guys) beat a solid 9ers squad behind P Noah Lipton (7 IP, 3H, 6K) who worked a 4-0 win for D2 high school GHVBL title.



Hen Hud's Kieran Plunkett slides into 2B in Cortland's 7-5 win over CT Rangers in 15U GHVBL title win Saturday in Danbury.

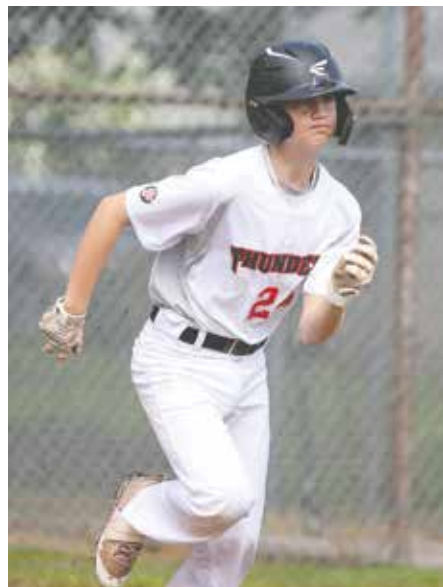


Cortland's Cody Mann goes up for high-five after Jackson Urezzio's walk-off double gave them a 16-6 GHVBL 9U title win over Briarcliff Saturday.

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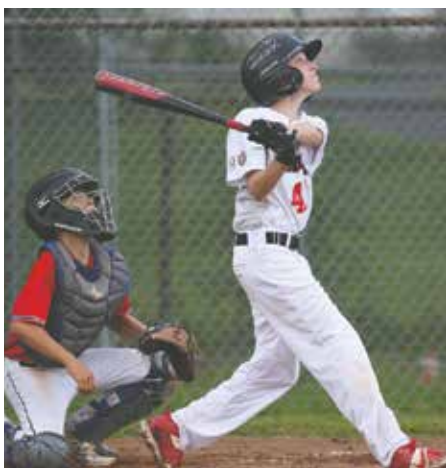
Players and coaches of the Put Valley 11U Miners team pose with first D-1 GHVBL banner in town history.



Jack Garneau hustles to first in the NW Thunder's 2-1 title game loss in 13U.



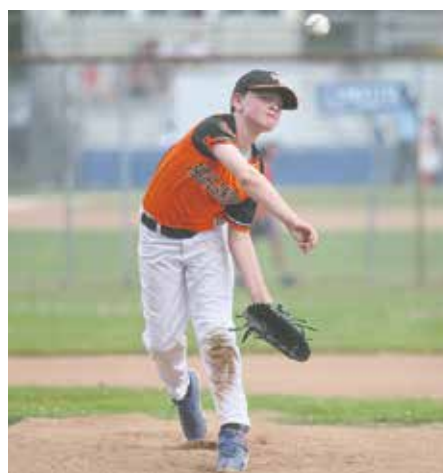
Hen Hud's Billy Moretti gets a greeting from Michael Gagliardi (2 2B, 2RBI) after scoring run in Cortlandt's 7-5 win over CT Rangers in 15U GHVBL title win Saturday.



Eddie Lederer sends it to the outfield in NW Thunder 2-1 loss in 13U D3 final at Rogers Park in Danbury.



Cortlandt's Micahel Wenz tracks his two-run double in 16-6 GHVBL 9U title win over Briarcliff Saturday in Danbury.



WP Highlanders starting pitcher Sean McKeon follows through in 9-4 win over Mahopac in 10U championship game on Sunday.



Cortlandt's Kane Wamack was a pivotal contributor to his club's 16-6 9U GHVBL title win over Briarcliff Saturday in Danbury.



Briarcliff's Rithik Chaudhuri scores run in 16-6 loss to Cortlandt as C Rocco Carbone is late with tag in 9U GHVBL finals Saturday.



Mahopac's Ryan Giorgianni can't get the tag down in time at the plate as Quinn Austin of the WP Highlanders slides in safely in 10U.



WP Highlander Chris Hansen connects in team's 10U finals win.

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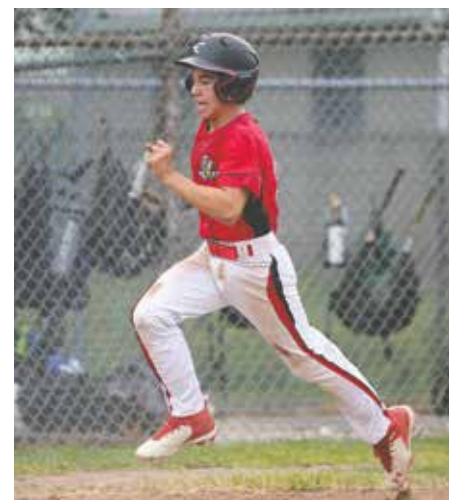
John King of the Somers Red Storm hustles to first in Red Storm's GHVBL victory in 13U finals.



Somers' John Barbagallo tips cap after recording final out as Dean Barlanti and John King join in Somers Red Storm's 7-2 win over CT Kings in 13U championship.



Joe Fink puts it in play and heads for first in Somers Red Storm's 13U GHVBL championship win.



Somers' Dean Palazzolo heads home to score a run in Red Storm's victory in GHVBL 13U finals.

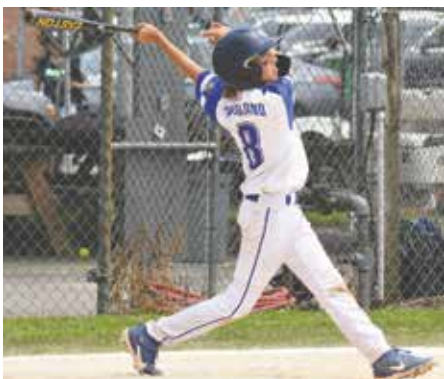


Rising Hen Hud P Max Lipton delivers in Cortlandt Nationals' 7-5 win over CT Rangers in 15U GHVBL title game Saturday.

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John Crowley races to third in WP Highlanders 10U championship game against Mahopac.



Put Valley Miner 2B Roman Catalano was a major catalyst in 10-1 GHVBL 11U title win over Danbury Saturday.



Michael Sgobbo of the NW Thunder heads for third in 2-1 championship game loss.



Put Valley Miner Chris Constantino tracks a shot in 10-1 D-1 title win over Danbury in 11U GHVBL action Saturday.



Gianni Madera of Mahopac sends it for a ride in 9-4 loss to 10U WP Highlanders in GHVBL finals.

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John Crowley pitches in relief for the WP Highlanders in 9-4 GHVBL 10U title win over Mahopac.



Quinn Austin of the WP Highlanders heads for third base in 10U GHVBL title win over Mahopac Sunday.



P.J. Stonsby of the NW Thunder fires to first for the out in 13U championship game loss last Sunday at Rogers Park in Danbury.



NW Thunder shortstop Spencer Grayson doubles a runner off first after catching a liner in 2-1 championship game loss to the TEB Eagles in 13U.



James McDermott of the WP Highlanders breaks out of the box in 10U as the Highlanders beat Mahopac 9-4.



Mahopac starting pitcher Chris Sapienza fires in Indians' 6-1 win in the 15U GHVBL championship game.



PV's Nick Martinelli (2) is set to embrace winning P Logan Moriarty as Miners copped 11U GHVBL title Saturday in Danbury.



Somers Red Storm 3B Lorenzo D'Ambrosio can't get the tag down in time in Red Storm's 13U finals win.



Mahopac's Nevan Nystrom tracks a ball hit to the outfield in GHVBL 15U title win at Rogers Park on Sunday.



Nickey Benedetto and Jack Marinelli lead the line of PV Miners as they accept congrats on their 11U GHVBL D-1 title win over Danbury Saturday.

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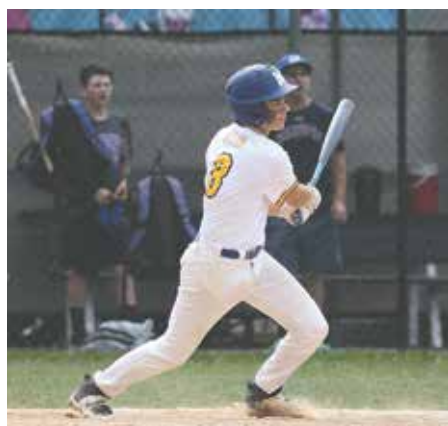
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PV Miner IF Matt Quinn was flawless at SS during 10-1 GHVBL 11U title win over Danbury Saturday.

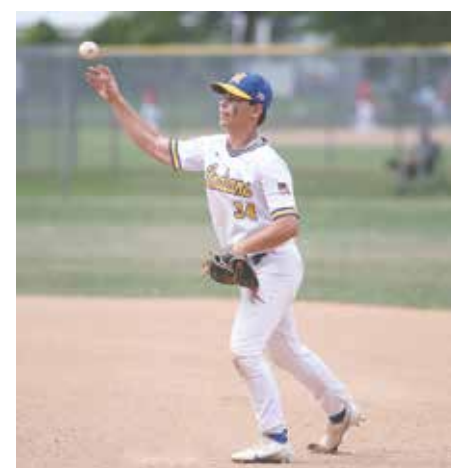


PV Miners slugger Braeden McCarty is first to get P Logan Moriarty after Miners made PV history by clinching 11U D-1 GHVBL title Saturday in Danbury CT.



Owen Ryan of Mahopac ropes an RBI single in 6-1 win over the Heat in GHVBL 15U finals.

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Mahopac 2B Joe Luczkowski makes the throw to first in Indians' 6-1 win in 15U championship game Sunday at Rogers Park.



Mahopac's Luke Langtry hits the cutoff man in 9-4 GHVBL finals loss to WP Highlanders.



Mahopac's Mason Kugler sprints to third in Indians' 9-4 title loss in 10U GHVBL finals.



Putnam Valley ace Logan Moriarty works a splendid outing en route to Miners' 10-1 win over Danbury in D-1 GHVBL 11U title win Saturday.



Mahopac first baseman Landon Saracco makes the catch in Indians' 9-4 loss in 10U GHVBL finals.

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GHVBL Championships Tugged on All Emotions



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There were screams of joy and moans of agony coming from every direction. Angst, euphoria and intensity filled the air in and around Rogers Park in Danbury where more than 80 teams, from 8U to college, challenged for supremacy in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League last weekend.

GHVBL founder David Zaslaw was shot (not literally) before the tournament's first pitch Saturday morning, due to the multitude of drama surrounding the leagues, the scheduling, the umpires, the merchandise, the medals and what not. It was quite the endeavor, for sure, but when all was said and done there were indelible happy endings mixed with fleeting moments of disappointment; depending on which side you were on. But, man, was it worth it, and, best I could tell on Day 1: Everybody was on their best behavior!

There's nothing quite like an impressionable youngster looking into the eyes of his coach while he awaits a high-five from a kid that desperately needed one after coming through when it mattered most, which is what we witnessed in a 9U game between Cortlandt and Briarcliff when lefty slugger Jackson Urezzio clubbed a walk-off double to cap a 16-6 Nationals win over the Bears.

Then, there are kids who hold themselves to the highest standard imaginable; like Putnam Valley P Logan Moriarty, who fired six innings of magnificent baseball to lead the 11U PV Miners to the first D-1 GHVBL title in

town history. Backed by steady SS Matt Quinn and 2B Roman Catalano, Moriarty was near flawless for the second-seeded Miners, who toppled No.1 Danbury, 10-1, on their home turf. Ya' gotta love when it all comes together for a team that has put in the time and challenged itself to go where no team before it has, and Moriarty, who sets a high bar, cleared it sufficiently.

"We could've stayed down in lower divisions and won or challenged for a championship every year, but what's the sense in that," Miners co-coach Mike Quinn said between the lines before his team erupted off Danbury's ace. "We decided to challenge ourselves, and win or lose today, it's been a great season for these kids. We're always going to challenge ourselves and we see great things ahead for this group of kids."

You also got the sense that Cortlandt, and more specifically, Hendrick Hudson High, has a bright future after the Nationals

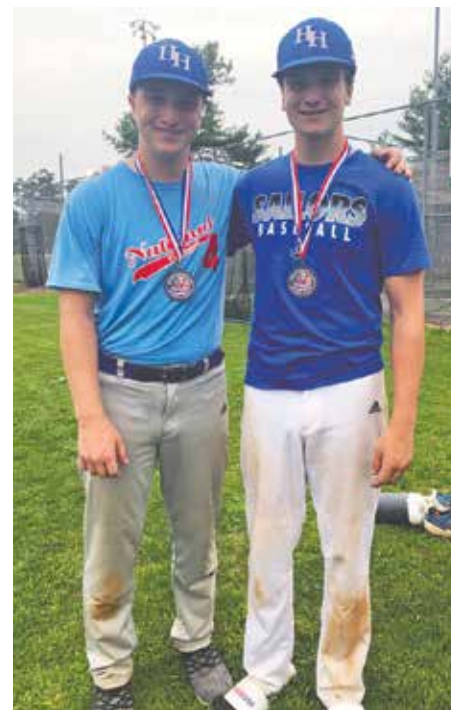
delivered three GHVBL titles, including a 9U, 15U and a varsity D-2 championship last Saturday. Hen Hud Coach Van Vourliotis isn't messing around. He's a varsity coach that has taken to his program, so much so that he's leading them through the dog days of summer by coaching his 15U team to a 7-5 GHVBL title win over the CT Rangers.

So, we all need a feel-good story these days, and you'd have to feel pretty good for the Lipton family out of Cortlandt after their sons, Max, the winning pitcher in the 15U championship game, and Noah, the winning pitcher in the varsity tournament, each led their respective teams to a title. Max, a 2024 Hen Hud grad-in-waiting, went 5 2/3 innings with 7 K's. Not to be outdone by his little brother, Noah Lipton, just a few hours later, buoyed by an Alex

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The moment every local GHVBL player lives for, brought to you by Putnam Valley's Matt Quinn after earning 11U D-1 title Saturday.



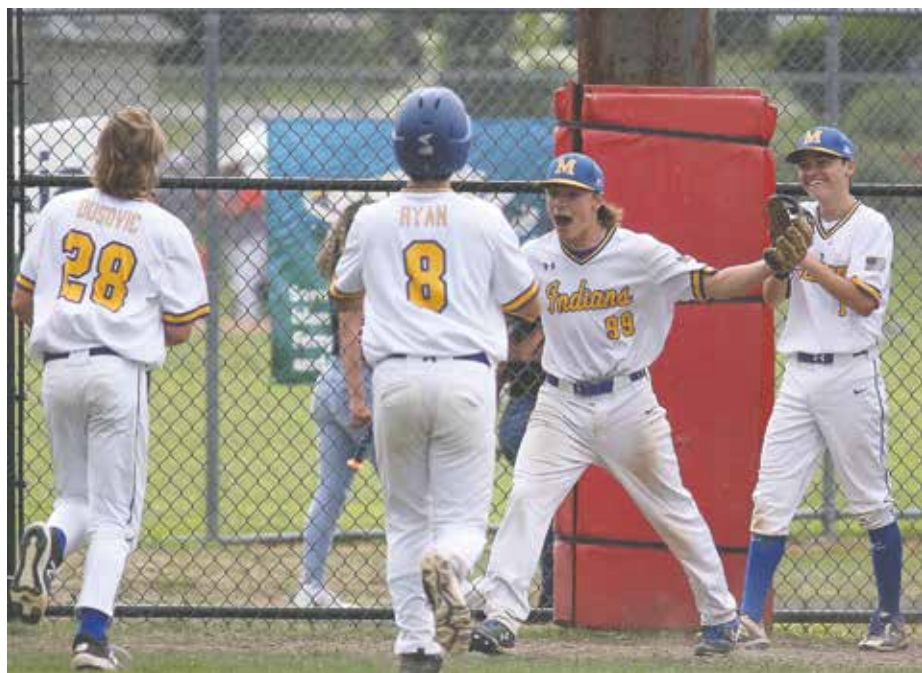
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The Lipton boys -- Noah (l) and Max, -- made history by pitching their respective GHVBL teams to titles Saturday in Danbury.

Jankowski (Panas) two-run bomb, pitched his Cortlandt National varsity team to their championship with a complete game shutout on seven K's for Coach Mike Vaccaro's Nationals. Something tells me the Lipton's feasted somewhere between the CT border and Montrose, which brings me to my buddy, Bruce Fulgum, the owner of Fulgum's Bar & Grill across the street from Hen Hud High.

You hate to end on a down note, but Juicy Brucey is a fixture in the Hen Hud community, a man who set the Sailor parquee on fire before the three-point

shot was even invented. On August 6th, a terrible tragedy occurred in Coachlight Square in Montrose when a fire started in one unit and quickly spread through the rest of the building where the Fulgums resided. All units were destroyed, leaving multiple families homeless and in need of EVERYTHING! This close-knit community will take care of its own, but anything you can donate to the Coach Light Fire Fund will be greatly appreciated. (www.gofundme.com/f/coachlight-fire-fund).



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Mahopac's Robert Dusovic and Owen Ryan are greeted by Chris Sapienza after they scored runs on a Kevin Dwyer single in the Indians' 6-1 win in the 15U finals.



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Mahopac Wolves commence their trip in Cooperstown with customary Field of Dreams shot last Sunday in upstate NY.

Let's be Frank!



N.W. Thunder Hurler Fires Gem, Comes up Short in GHVBL 13U Finals

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Despite an absolutely terrific outing from ace P Frank Salvatorelli, who pitched well for the NW Thunder in the 13U D3 Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League finals, the Thunder came up short in a 2-1 loss to the TEB Eagles Sunday at Rogers Park in Danbury... see Focus on GHVBL