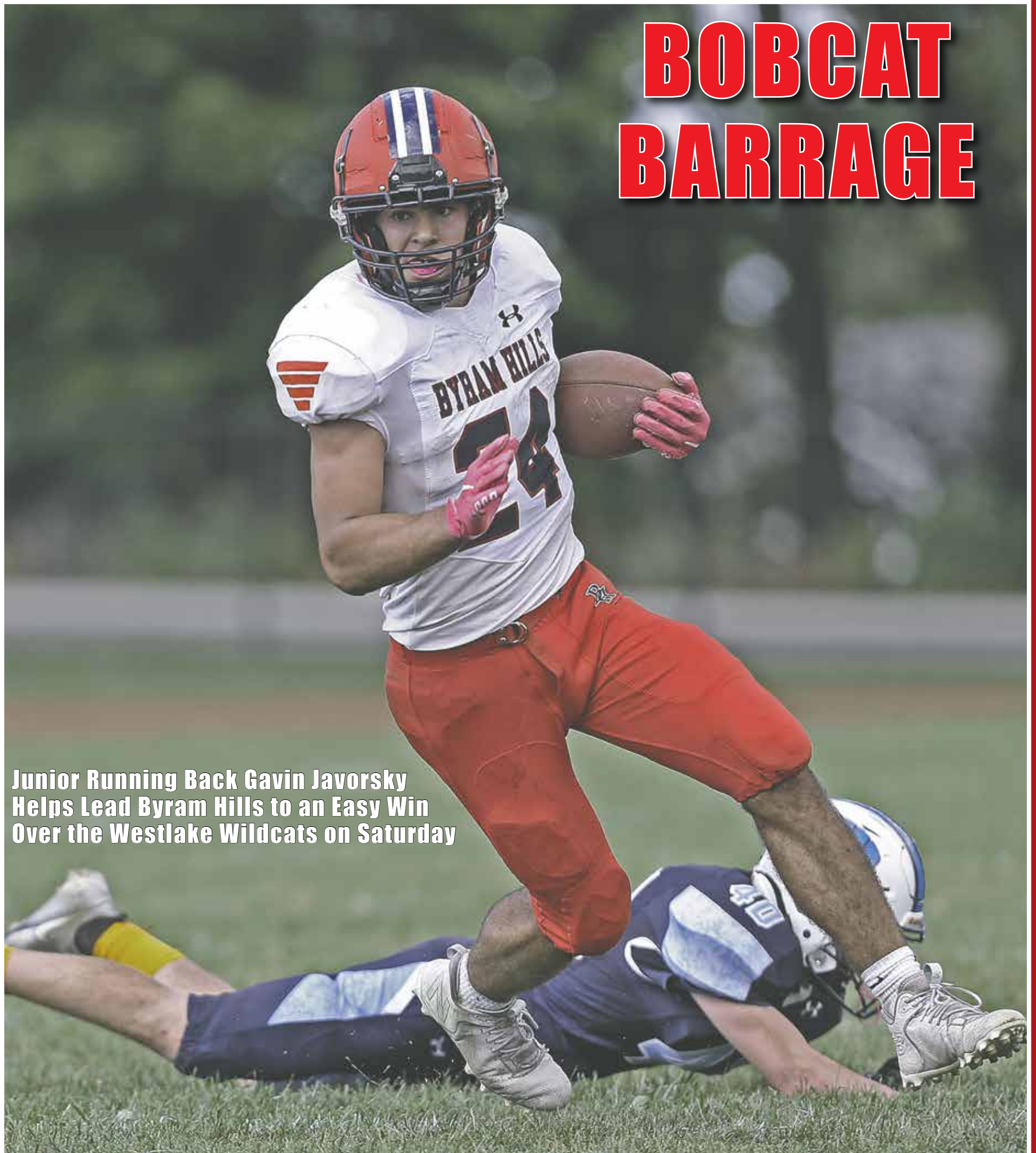


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**Junior Running Back Gavin Javorsky
Helps Lead Byram Hills to an Easy Win
Over the Westlake Wildcats on Saturday**



Sports

Cohen, Javorsky Lead Bobcats to Triumph of Westlake

By Andy Jacobs

A lot has changed since the Byram Hills and Westlake football teams met nearly five months ago in the Section 1, Class B championship game.

But one thing remained the same when the teams resumed their rivalry on Saturday afternoon — the outcome.

With senior quarterback Jared Cohen throwing for two touchdowns and rushing for two others and junior running back Gavin Javorsky accumulating nearly 200 yards on the ground in a breakout performance, the Bobcats rolled to a convincing 41-7 rout of the host Wildcats, who found themselves trailing by three touchdowns at halftime and never recovered after that.

“It feels great,” said new Byram Hills head coach Simon Berk shortly after earning his first victory at the Bobcats’ helm. “We lost a tough, physical game last week against Ardsley, so to be able to come out and force our will on the ground, especially, I think set the tone for these kids. It let ‘em know they could have a good day.”

That good day began with the Bobcats marching 71 yards in a 16-play opening drive that used up over seven minutes. Cohen put Byram on the board with a one-yard run and Luke Weiler added the extra point as the Bobcats seized an early lead in the battle of two schools that each lost nearly every starter from the spring to graduation.

The Bobcats struck again early in the second quarter when, faced with a first-and-20 after a penalty, Cohen handed the ball to Javorsky, who ran to his left and then outraced everyone down the left sideline for an electrifying 55-yard touchdown. The PAT was no good, but with 10:15 to go in the half Byram had built a 13-0 margin.

Westlake threatened to cut its deficit midway through the second quarter, but on a third-and-six play from the Bobcats’ 21-yard line turned the ball over with a fumble. Byram took advantage, blowing the game



Byram Hills quarterback Jared Cohen celebrates after running eight yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown in the Bobcat’s victory at Westlake on Saturday afternoon.

open with an eight-play, 79-yard drive that ended with Cohen tossing over the middle to Javorsky, who quickly slipped a tackle and then bolted into the end zone for a 31-yard touchdown. Weiler’s point-after gave the Bobcats a 20-0 cushion with 2:27 left before halftime.

“Yeah, momentum is real at all levels, especially in high school sports,” said Berk. “You let a home team, especially one with a lot of pride, think they can continue to compete and things can go south pretty quickly.”

The Wildcats got the ball to start the second half and advanced the ball down to the Byram 29-yard line, but on third-and-11, quarterback Anthony Arrichiello, who had run for three TDs in the season-opening win over Putnam Valley, had his passed tipped and it was picked off by George Gjelaj. The Bobcats took over at their own 45 and soon ended any doubt about the outcome.

Their nine-play drive ended when Cohen returned from a one-play absence on third-and-22 and promptly tossed a high-arching pass to a wide-open Sean Siegel in the right corner of the end zone for another 31-yard touchdown. With Weiler’s kick, Byram’s lead grew to 27-0 with 4:20 remaining in the third quarter.



Junior defensive back Colin McManus of Byram Hills high-steps into the end zone on his 15-yard pick-six during the Bobcats’ lopsided win over the Westlake Wildcats.

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Byram Hills junior running back Gavin Javorsky carries the football for a big gain in Saturday’s 41-7 rout of Westlake.

Westlake did manage to answer with its only points of the day on the next possession, getting a 55-yard run down the right sideline from Arrichiello to the Bobcats’ 11, followed two plays later by a 16-yard touchdown run from Glen Ahern. Josh Gelman’s PAT narrowed the Wildcat deficit to 27-7 with 33 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Bobcats added their fifth touchdown of the day just over three minutes into the final quarter as Cohen capped a seven-play, 44-yard drive with an eight-yard run. They struck again moments later when another Arrichiello pass was tipped and then intercepted by junior defensive back Colin McManus, who ran 15 yards along the right sideline for another Byram touchdown, much to the delight of his giddy teammates.

“We have so much growth potential,” said Berk, who took over a team with virtually no returning starters after the memorable undefeated spring season. “There’s a bunch of juniors who didn’t play a great deal last year and even the seniors didn’t see a lot of time. It was such a senior-laden team last spring that a lot of guys came in pretty



Glen Ahern, who scored Westlake’s lone touchdown, carries the ball in Saturday’s loss to Byram Hills.

raw.”

Westlake head coach Jon Castellano certainly knows the feeling. He, too, is faced with the daunting task of starting over with new faces all over the field.

“We’re so young,” he said. “As I told everybody, we graduated 16 seniors who held down 21 starting positions. There’s one returner on defense, that’s it. We’re playing with three sophomores, we’re playing with juniors that are up from the JV, varsity that didn’t play last year. It’s no excuse. We knew this going in. I knew it when I started camp. Our job is just to get better every day, get better every day.”

Castellano is optimistic about what’s ahead for these Wildcats as they gain experience, but he also knows other games similar to Saturday’s await his team.

“When you’ve been in this business as long as I have, you just know what you have and how long it’s gonna take to develop it,” he said. “And we’re a long way away. So we’ll take our lumps. But I think we’re gonna be pretty good going into the future.”



Westlake quarterback Anthony Arrichiello scrambles in the first half of the Wildcats’ home game vs. Byram Hills.



The Bobcats’ Michael Rocco finds returns a kickoff in the second half of the 41-7 victory over host Westlake on Saturday afternoon.

Sports

Greeley Stays Unbeaten in Win Over Goshen Gladiators

By Andy Jacobs

Horace Greeley football fans haven't had much to cheer about in recent years, but on Friday night they packed the home bleachers under the lights and refused to let a pesky light rain dampen their enthusiasm.

That's because the Quakers, new members of the Independent League, are suddenly playing winning football. Just months after enduring a winless spring season, Greeley cruised to its third straight victory to start the 2021 campaign, defeating the Goshen Gladiators 21-7 in a contest that seemed all but decided by halftime.

"Well, we're still learning how to win. We're not used to it," said Quakers head coach Joe Kearns shortly after his team's latest triumph, this one on Senior Night that was highlighted by 12th-grade quarterback Ryan Wohl's two touchdown runs in the opening half. Another senior, running back Boden Bounds, added a third rushing TD as Greeley built a 21-0 halftime lead and never looked back.

Wohl scored on runs of eight yards midway through the first quarter and 25 yards early in the second, but it was his surprising and spectacular punt early in the game that seemed to set the tone for the evening. With the Quakers facing fourth-and-10 at their own 42-yard line on the first possession of the game, and seemingly intent on trying for an improbable first down, Wohl took the snap from center but then quickly booted the football away.

The ball rolled all the way down to the Gladiators' 1-yard line, where it was downed by Greeley's Connor Melis. On first down, Goshen, a Section 9 school in Orange County that was a late addition to the Quakers' schedule, fumbled the ball and it squirted out of the end zone for a safety, giving Greeley an early 2-0 advantage.

"Yeah, that's an unbelievable kick by our quarterback, who's a tremendous player," said Kearns of the 57-yard punt by Wohl. "It definitely gave us some momentum. It's



Connor Melis of Greeley turns upfield with the football in the win over the visiting Goshen Gladiators.

kind of amazing that a punt would give you that kind of momentum, but it definitely did."

Melis returned the ensuing Goshen kickoff nearly to midfield and the Quakers promptly marched 51 yards in eight plays, sparked by Wohl's fourth-and-two 25-yard pass completion to a wide-open Melis and capped off by Wohl's eight-yard scamper around right end for the game's first touchdown. The Quakers' two-point conversion attempt failed, so they had to settle for an 8-0 lead with 6:09 left in the opening quarter.

Goshen managed to cross midfield late in the quarter, but eventually turned the ball over on downs. The Quakers proceeded to go 54 yards on 10 plays, scoring again on Wohl's 25-yard burst up the middle on a fourth down with five yards to go. One play earlier, he had connected on a key 10-yard pass to junior CJ Hessert. The point-after kick by Nate Tucker gave Greeley a 15-0 lead with 9:48 to go before halftime.

Asked about the versatility of Wohl, who had completed passes to three different receivers on the Quakers' first touchdown drive, Kearns said, "He's unbelievable.



Horace Greeley quarterback Ryan Wohl is chased by a quartet of Goshen players during Friday night's 21-7 Quaker home victory.

He's a dual threat, and he's a really smart kid. And he's actually one of the nicest kids in the school. Everybody likes him because he knows how to treat people."

The Gladiators responded by advancing the ball all the way down to the Greeley 23-yard line, but then the soggy conditions contributed to more adversity for Goshen. A bungled handoff sent the wet ball to the turf where it was recovered by the Quakers' Ashton Samkoff at the Quaker 26. Bounds ran for 12 yards on first down, then Wohl bolted down the right sideline for 54 yards on a third-and-six play.

Bounds immediately followed by running right and lunging across the goal line for a four-yard touchdown. Tucker added the PAT and Greeley's lead ballooned to 21-0 with 5:49 remaining in the half. The Quakers maintained their three-touchdown lead at halftime because a big Goshen threat stalled at the Greeley 10-yard line with a minute to go in the second quarter.

Though the Quakers never scored again the rest of the night, it hardly mattered. Goshen was kept off the scoreboard until a Greeley fumble early in the fourth quarter set up a 17-yard touchdown run by Michael Flores that turned out to be too little and late.

"As long as we win the game, I don't care about the shutout," said Kearns, who pointed out that his players had something to do with the Gladiators' problems hanging onto the football.

"The fumbles definitely played a role," he said. "But we also teach that. We rip for the ball. We're trying to do that every week and this week we were able to get some takeaways, which was nice."

Next for the surging Quakers is a Saturday evening game at Peekskill's Torpy Field where they will try for a fourth consecutive win. Is Kearns surprised by what his players have done so far?

"I don't know what to expect, ever," he answered. "I'm happy to be 3 and 0, but I'm not satisfied. We're not playing clean football yet, so we have more work to do."



Greeley senior running back Boden Bounds picks up some yardage for the unbeaten Quakers in their game on Friday night.



The Quakers' Jackson Goldblatt runs with the football after making a catch vs. Section 9's Goshen.



Greeley's Owen Schoonmaker (left) and Nate Tucker await the next play against Goshen for a Quaker defense that only allowed one touchdown on Friday night.

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Pleasantville freshman Erik Nanaj looks for an open teammate as he controls the ball in the second half of the win over North Salem.



Greeley's Ella Fink smacks a backhand return in her 6-4, 3-6, 10-5 victory at first singles last Tuesday against Fox Lane.



Pleasantville junior Luke LaMagna races up the field with the ball in the second half of the Panthers' 4-0 win over North Salem.

SPORTS SCENE



Jasmine Powell of Fox Lane makes contact on a forehand return during the second-singles match last week at Greeley.



Fox Lane's Ally Waldman follows through on a backhand in her match at first singles last Tuesday afternoon at Greeley.



Pleasantville senior Rainer Duchmanh takes the ball right down the middle of the field in the second half of the 4-0 Panther win over North Salem last week.



Westlake sophomore Dylan Pray considers his options during the 8-0 victory over the Pawling Tigers on Wednesday afternoon.



Sarah Lippin of Greeley watches as her forehand volley clears the net in an easy win at third singles last Tuesday afternoon against Fox Lane.

Sports



Martin Sunjic of Westlake prepares to boot the ball in the first half of the easy home victory over Pawling last week.



Horace Greeley second-singles player Coco Baek lines up a backhand during a straight-sets win over visiting Fox Lane last week.



Westlake standout Gianluca Ruggiero controls the ball in the first half of the Wildcats' 8-0 rout of visiting Pawling last Wednesday.



Weston Coleman of Pleasantville prepares to settle the ball during last Wednesday's victory over visiting North Salem.



Fox Lane third-singles player Sadie Vandercar returns a shot in her match against Greeley's Sarah Lippin last Tuesday afternoon.



Ryan Jee Kang of Pleasantville gets set to pass to a teammate in last Wednesday afternoon's home game.



Westlake senior forward Alex Guaman moves the ball near midfield in last Tuesday afternoon's game vs. Pawling.



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Westlake senior Isaiah Ortiz kicks the ball toward the center of the field in last Tuesday afternoon's home win.



Ari Livne of Pleasantville pursues the ball during the Panthers' home win over North Salem last Wednesday.

Sports

Tigers Step Up in Friday Night Downpour to Trounce RCK

By Ryan J. Degan

A first-half downpour created a slugfest at White Plains High School on Friday night, where the Tigers overcame the Roy C. Ketcham Indians 40-12 in a bitterly fought contest that was much more competitive than the final score indicated.

Facing a tough defense and surprisingly stubborn offense that sought to grind the Tigers down through attrition, White Plains remained within a score of being overtaken for the majority of the game, only running away with the contest in the fourth quarter when the Tigers were able to score three touchdowns.

"We played a full four-quarter team game," said Tigers head coach Mike Lindberg. "I feel everyone contributed. Guys were asked to step up and they did. I'm proud of our kids and really proud of our second group. They struggled last week and this week they really got in and did a good job."

The Tigers got off to a sluggish start, with an offense that couldn't quite get the ball moving and a defense that gave up a 68-yard touchdown run on Ketcham's second possession, and fell behind 6-0 in the first quarter.

Quarterback Jay Biondi then kicked the



Nicolas Spista of White Plains ran for 64 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Friday night's win over Ketcham.

offense into gear, connecting with Danny Lasalle on a key touchdown toward the end of the first quarter to give the Tigers the go-ahead score. The chemistry between Biondi and Lasalle has been stellar so far this year; in week one, the duo connected for 92-yards and two touchdowns.

Seeing the offense score seemed to ignite

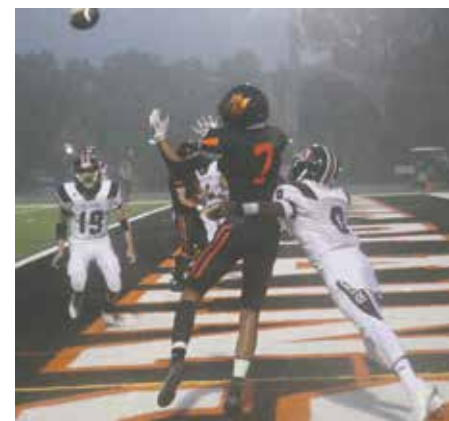
the Tigers' defense, which was able to extend the White Plains lead on a 52-yard pick-six by Isaiah Graham.

Ketcham responded with a 25-yard touchdown pass on a fourth and long, but their Indians' celebration was cut short when Biondi and Lasalle once again connected in the end zone with 30 seconds left in the quarter, putting the Tigers up 21-12 going into halftime.

After both teams went scoreless throughout the third, the Tigers poured it on in the game's final quarter by scoring three touchdowns, two of which were secured by Nicolas Spista, who also ran for 64 yards while filling in for the team's lead back, Eli Pierre.

"You know a win like that really wakes me up," said Spista. "We struggled a bit at first, but we came out, overcame that adversity. We just pushed through everything. 'I was on the line and got some great blocks, plus we had success all week at practice and that translated into the game. We had great coaching and everybody out here gave 100 percent on every down.'"

Biondi is also proving to be a dual-threat on the field. In addition to passing for



RYAN J. DEGAN PHOTOS

White Plains' Danny Lasalle grabs a touchdown pass in the corner of the end zone during the first half vs. visiting RCK.

62-yards and two touchdowns, he ran for 188 yards on 15 attempts.

The Tigers improved to 2-0 on the season after trouncing Ossining High School last week 34-6. On Saturday, the Tigers will travel to Port Chester to take on the winless Rams.

White Plains Field Hockey



White Plains junior Alivia Alexander moves the ball up the field in the first half of last Tuesday's 4-1 loss to Scarsdale in the title game of the 2021 Somers Tournament.

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Sophia Emmert surveys the field as she controls the ball in last week's game vs. Scarsdale.



Joely O'Rourke of White Plains gets set to send the ball up the field during first-half action in the title game of the Somers Tournament last Tuesday.



White Plains senior Sherlin Garcia searches for an open teammate in the Tigers' tournament loss to Scarsdale last Tuesday evening.



It was a disappointing finish to the Somers Tournament for the Tigers' Greta Brooks (left) and Stella Gould as Scarsdale won the title game 4-1.

Yorktown Defeats Hen Hud, 6-2, Takes Tourney Title, Popovic MVP

By Ray Gallagher
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In the opening round of the Yorktown Tournament both **HEN HUD** and **YORKTOWN** needed extra time to advance to the finals, but when the two met in Saturday's title tilt, it was the host Huskers who took control midway through the first half to post a 6-2 title-clinching win.

Peter Tinaj (2 G, 1A) and tourney MVP George Popovic (1G, 2A) paced the Huskers, who also saw Nick Varela (2A), Derek Belloff-Davis (1G), Ryam Tomeny (1G) and Chris Coppola (1G) contribute to the attack, which was slow to start but hot to finish, according to first-year Coach Zoran Milojevic. Husker Mason Murphy and Sailor Tyler Robinson (1G) were named all-tournament.

It was Robinson's hat trick that led to the Sailors' 4-3 win over RCK. The Sailors (2-3) also saw Charley Corrado score once and set up another.

The Huskers (3-0-1) saw senior stud Popovic score an unassisted goal before setting up Belloff-Davis with the equalizer, which eventually led to PKs. Husker snipers Tinaj, Jack Prybylski, Murphy, Varela and Popovic all found the back of the net while goalie J.P. Frucco notched six saves.

Yorktown has a tough upcoming slate with Lakeland, Panas, John Jay and Brewster before the September 30 tilt at **SOMERS**, which did not play this week but sits atop Class A at 3-0 with a bevy of scoring talent and depth.

If you wondered why we listed **PANAS** senior Kyle Arraiano in our soccer previews as one of those players with star power on the horizon, the answer came in his four-goal performance in the Panthers' 6-1 win over **MAHOPAC**. Danny Hughes (1A) and Joel Jaime also scored for the Panthers (2-3) in their first win of the season while the Indians (0-3-1), who got a goal from Colin Waring, are still searching.

Panas followed that win up with another



Yorktown's Derek Belloff-Davis (21) and Hen Hud's Mateo Castro battle for possession in Huskers' 6-2 tourney title win over Sailors Saturday.

blowout win, taking out Brewster, 8-2, behind another four goals from Arraiano, who got an assist from his kid brother, Jake. Alex Guevara (2A), Jackson DiLorenzo (1A), Alex Ramirez (1G, 1A), Joel Jaime (1A), Jefferson Velasquez (1G), Danny Hughes (1G) and Steve Quirdumbay (1G) all found the scoresheet.

LAKELAND's David Rodriguez had two goals in a 4-1 win over Class C **HALDANE** to lead the Hornets (4-2) to a 3-1 halftime lead. Bryan Jaramillo added one goal and assisted on two others. Max Sarassutha also scored for Lakeland. Super soph CM Connor Daly and David Pinkowsky each had one assist. Hornet G Chris Ciraco made three saves and Oban Rader made one save in the win. Ryan Eng Wong had the Blue Devils' (2-4) lone goal and G Ronan Kiter made 11 saves.



Yorktown's Harry Griff (8) gains step on Hen Hud's David Hernandez in Huskers' 6-2 tourney title win over Sailors Saturday.

In Lakeland's 1-0 win over Briarcliff Saturday, Mike Rodriguez took an assist from Bryan Jaramillo in the second half and G Chris Ciraco (6 saves) notched the shutout much to the delight of Hornet Coach Tim Hourahan.

"The level of soccer in this area has absolutely exploded," Hourahan exclaimed! "The depth within Class A is unreal and with 29 teams competing this fall in for a Class A title. The eventual champion will have been through an unbelievable gauntlet not seen anywhere else in the state inside of their section."

PEEKSKILL's Alex Sapatanga got the only goal of the opening half on a penalty kick three minutes in before the Red Devils erupted for five unanswered in the second half of a 6-0 win over **BREWSTER**. Zion Arevalo and Dewin Chocho made it 3-0 with 24 minutes to play before Johnny Morocho went all play-maker to set up the last three goals in a four-minute span. Sapatanga picked up the hat trick and Kevin Mendez had another. Red Devil G Angel Menjivar had four saves and a clean sheet. Louis Likens and Anthony Ruggiero made eight saves apiece for the Bears.

"We applied a lot of pressure in Brewster's attacking third and had numerous shots throughout the match," Peekskill Coach Jonathan Iasillo said as his team improved to 3-1. "Brewster showed hard work and determination, especially both of Brewster goalkeepers, who came up big at times with massive saves."

Peekskill then whipped Woodlands, 8-2, behind a pair of pops from Erick Guinansaca and Mendez.

CLASS AA

CARMEL's Matt Matera has been on a tear as the Rams improved to 5-0 this week. Matera took a pass from Kevin Hernandez midway through the first half of a 1-0 win over Port Chester, and Joe Galeano made 10 saves for Carmel, including a PK denial. Carmel then beat Clarkstown South 3-0 when Matera bagged a hat trick off assists by JJ Ardisana, Neel Walia and Tysir Jurado. Galeano and Patrick Schoelig made two saves for the shutout.

"We'll see if we can keep this level of play up," Carmel Coach Vasilij Shevelchinsky said.

OSSINING improved to 4-1-1 in a 5-1 win over Spring Valley when Mariano Marra, Robert Mora, Kevin Quezada and Alex Sanchez also scored for Ossining.



Yorktown tourney MVP George Popovic gains zone in Huskers' 6-2 tourney title win over Hen Hud Saturday.



Hen Hud's Wilson Minchala and Yorktown's Peter Tinaj get after in Sailors' 6-2 tourney title loss to Huskers Saturday.

Blowouts Galore in Week 2: Carmel, 'Pac, Somers, 'Town Cash In



Somers junior HB Ravi Dass Jr. picks up block from FB Derek Marcus in Tuskers' 30-6 win over host Brewster Friday.

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Week 2 on the Northern Westchester/Putnam side of Section 1 witnessed a ton of gridiron blowouts, including Class A's Somers over Brewster, 30-6; Mahopac 35-6 over Lourdes; Yorktown's 41-0 win over Panas and Lakeland's 41-0 setback to John Jay CR. Class AA's Carmel whipped Spring Valley, 49-0. In Class B, Hen Hud took it to Putnam Valley, 34-14, so no matter where you went up north, you were likely to find a one-sided affair last Friday.

CLASS AA

Week 3 has been circled on **CARMEL's** calendar since the minute the Section 1 schedules came out this summer. Players and coaches alike took note of the Week 3 grid with five-time reigning Section 1 champion New Rochelle, winners of 14 of the last 20 Class AA sectional nuggets, on the docket. Coach Todd Cayea's Rams (2-0) tuned up with a Week 2 thrashing of Spring Valley, scoring six touchdowns on just 30



Brewster QB Chris Donohue is hurried by Somers DE Kenny Milani in Bears' 30-6 loss to visiting Tuskers Friday.



Somers QB Matt Fitzsimons finds WR TJ Olifers despite Brewster's Jack Golinello's pressure in 30-6 Tusker win.

offensive plays, two through the air and

four via ground.

Ram QB Kevin Dall hit on both his pass attempts to WR Andrew Fiore (90 yards receiving), each of which found paydirt. Thomas Keating rushed nine times for 108 yards and a score while Josh Massi rushed seven times for 65 yards and a score. Keating also took a pick six to the house. Dylan Shields added four carries for 54 yards, and Jake Elner and Jeremy Smith both added a rushing score for the Rams, who will host New Rochelle Friday (7 p.m.).

CLASS A

SOMERS vs. BREWSTER was an intriguing matchup, given the fact that Brewster made short work of **YORKTOWN** the week before, but the host Bears had a couple of costly mistakes early, which led to short fields for the Tuskers, which led to quick scores and a hole Brewster could not dig out from.

"You have to play smart, error free ball when you play against the best teams in



Brewster DL Jordan Salmon and DB Massimo Parrello combine to sack Somers QB Matt Fitzsimons in host Bears' 30-6 loss to Tuskers Friday.



Brewster RB Jack Jordan gets a chunk of yards in Bears' 30-6 loss to visiting Somers Friday.

in a hurry, pinning Brewster down at the eight with a kick very similar to his first. The Tuskers forced another quick punt and went 36 yards in three plays, capped by the versatile Savino's 26-yard dash to paydirt and PAT for a 13-0 lead.

"It felt great to beat Brewster," said Savino, who rushed seven times for 44 yards. "I have always played kicker, offense and defense since fourth grade, but have recently focused more on kicking with college around the corner. We are really starting to work well together as a team and we will keep getting better. I am learning a lot from Coach DeMatteo and all the coaches in my first year on varsity."

Tusker junior RB Ravi Dass Jr. rushed nine time for 103 yards, including a back-breaking 75-yard TD jaunt. Somers FB Derek Marcus added 29 yards on six totes, plus a short score.

The Somers O-line was jacked to see the short fields.

"Watching our defense and special teams go to work made us tenacious," junior C Anthony Carino said. "We love to see our teammates give us great opportunities to put the ball in the end zone. It was very rewarding watching our running backs go

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Somers WR Trey Mancuso hauls in pass in front of Brewster DB Bryce Washington in Tuskers' 30-6 win over host Bears Friday.



MATTHEW TURRI PHOTO
Mahopac defenders Steven Perrone (7), Colum Ranaghan (24) Anthony Goodwin (59) and Matt Mahoney were integral in shutting down Lourdes’ vaunted run game.

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off for us. I’m excited to see what Dass and Savino will do for us.”
Tusker senior Ethan Krauss led the Somers defense with seven tackles and a sack.

MAHOPAC simply smoked a Lourdes club that had put up a 52-spot on John Jay CR the week before. Holding that Warrior offense to six points was as impressive as hanging 35 on them.

Mahopac QB Anthony DeMatteo hit on 9 of 13 passes for 127 yards and a TD pass to speedy WR Max Gomes (4 grabs, 67 yards). Mahopac RB’s Joey Koch (5 rushes, 91 yards), Steven Perrone (8 rushes, 76 yards) and David Ortiz each rushed for a score. Koch and Perrone led a ground game that went for 17 rushes for 177 yards, a gaudy 10.4 yards per pop. Mahopac senior Ryan Rondeau blocked a punt before a scoop and score for a 14-0 lead.

“The O-line were the MVP of the game,” said Koch, a junior with great burst. “They dominated that game and made my job simple for me. Without them me or Steven don’t have that type of game like we did.”

YORKTOWN rebounded from its stunning opening-week loss to Brewster with a convincing win over host **PANAS**. Husker QB Justin Meyreles carried 12 times for 80 yards and three TD’s while going 8

for 14 passing for 165 yards and a score. Yorktown RB Dillon Carter needed just five carries for 114 rushing yards and a score. Yorktown’s defense was led by Vincent Cappelli (10 tackles) and Vito DeBellis (7 tackles, 1 sack).

“It was huge to rebound and see the guys play the way they are capable of playing and get things going,” Yorktown boss Pantelis Ypsilantis said. “Just like life, the game of football is a series of ups and downs and you find out a lot about a person’s character when they are down. I thought there was a lot to learn from the loss week one and the players attacked this week with tremendous zeal. How hard the players worked in practice and the growth they displayed had a direct impact on how they performed in the game. Preparation was the key and we had laser focus and energy all week. They did a great job playing within the scheme and complementing each others’ play with strong team defense and offensive execution. Defensively, Vin Cappelli was stout and flying around all game. Vito DeBellis had an excellent game and made some huge plays. Our secondary, led by Jack Carlin, did a great job covering and in run support. In terms of our success offensively, Justin Meyreles and Dillon Carter have tremendous speed that you can’t coach.”



MATTHEW TURRI PHOTO
Mahopac junior RB Joey Koch had a big night in win over Lourdes, including a 46-yard TD jaunt.

CLASS B

HEN HUD improved to 1-1 behind RB Anthony Panaterri, who rushed for three scores, including a 52-yard jaunt as the Sailors raced out to a 34-0 lead before

settling for a 34-14 win over **PUTNAM VALLEY**. Sailor QB Chris McGuire fired a 39-yard TD strike to WR Rocco Cappicotti and Dan Martinez added a 20-yard TD run. QB Anthony Esposito scored for the undermanned Tigers (0-2).

Examiner Area Super 7
Section 1 Grid Poll

No.1 CARMEL -- Coach Cayea’s Class AA Rams (2-0) cannot allow the New Ro’ mystique to creep into their heads and affect their game-plan and the swagger they have shown to date in Friday’s game of the week. Respect the cr@p out of the Huguenots but do not fear them.

No.2 SOMERS -- Coach DeMatteo’s Class A Tuskers (2-0) are going to have a tough road to hoe in the league they are in, but don’t be shocked if they survive and face Rye for all the Class A marbles at Arlington in late early Nov.

No.3 WHITE PLAINS - Coach Lindberg’s Class AA Tigers (2-0) showed out in their rout of RCK behind QB Jay Biondi (15 carries for 188 yards and two TD passes to Danny LaSalle). Nick Spista added eight carries for 64 yards and two touchdowns for a Tigers team that is more than just a blip on the radar and won’t be seriously tested until Week 5 against Arlington. Don’t be shocked if the Tigers roll out to a 6-0/5-1-type start before they see John Jay EF in Week 7.

No.4 MAHOPAC -- Coach Dominick DeMatteo’s Class A Indians (1-1) are starting to look like a Final 4 outfit should they stay healthy and continue this trajectory after routing Lourdes.

No.5 BYRAM HILLS -- Coach Berk’s reigning Class B champion Bobcats (1-1) turned Gavin Javorsk (232 yards of offense, including 17 carries for 188 yards and two touchdowns rushing) into a workhorse, and the kid balled out in bashing of Westlake.

No.6 PLEASANTVILLE -- Coach Becerra’s Class B Panthers (2-0) unleashed RB Kieran Cotter, who rushed for three touchdowns, in rout of Pearl River.

No.7 BREWSTER -- Coach Mulvihill’s Class A Bears (1-1) are better than they showed in loss to Somers, but still have head-to-head on Yorktown.

HM YORKTOWN -- Coach Pantelis Ypsilantis’ Class A Huskers (1-1) don’t have their typical size up front this year, but the bounce-back win over Panas was typical Yorktown.

-- Ray Gallagher



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Mahopac senior RB Steven Perrone eludes would-be tackler on TD run in Indians’ rout of Lourdes Friday.

Sports

Field Hockey Notebook

Carmel Looking to Build on 2020 Campaign, off to 2-1 Start

By Tony Pinciario

CARMEL co-captains Kasey Lewis and Nikki McGough and their teammates are planning to build on the success the team had in 2020.

Last year, the Rams played for the Northern Westchester/Putnam Large-School field hockey title. Despite the loss to Horace Greeley, Carmel came away excited and psyched for 2021.

"Last year, we were proud to finish as runner-up," said Lewis, a three-year varsity starter. "Last year was definitely tough, considering the pandemic, but because of amazing girls we started something big off for Carmel Field Hockey and look forward to continuing that this season."

The Rams did just that, opening 2021 with a pair of victories -- over league foe Arlington (1-0) and Horace Greeley (2-1). Despite a loss to Lakeland, Carmel has established itself as a contender for the Section 1 Class A title.

"Our success last year helped us prepare for this season in that it had us motivated to work hard and build on what we accomplished last year," McGough said. "Coming into preseason we were excited and felt good even though we had lost some key players that graduated."

"We have a variety of girls this year, some from last season and some new girls including two sophomores," Lewis said. "Preseason this year was definitely different than past years, especially because this is the most normal season we've had in a while. But I think we handled it very well, each girl working for one another creating a bond within the program both at JV and Varsity levels. Nikki and I both are so proud of how far we've come just this season, and with so many competitive games coming up we know we can just keep growing!"

Carmel was tested right from the start with Arlington and Horace Greeley, two perennial Section 1 Class A powers. In fact, Horace Greeley won the 2019 Section 1 Class A title and was the state runner-up.

"Personally, I've always loved playing



Mahopac's Gabby Gonzalez is chased by Somers' Brianna Coolican in Indians' 2-0 win over Tuskers.

Arlington as it's such a close game," McGough said. "But I'm mostly proud of the girls and the grit it took to win. So much team effort is necessary from each player and I really think that all of us wanted it, not only for ourselves but for one another. The team playing together learns more from each other every quarter and after walking away from the Arlington game, we came out as a stronger team."

Carmel did not have to wait long to face Greeley again. And following its win over Arlington, the Rams had confidence going against Greeley.

"It told us that we have the skill to compete against such great teams but most importantly that we could finish," said Lewis of the win over Arlington. "With such strong, talented players like Laila Rosenquest on the offense along with Claire Bumgarner, Ashley and Nikki McGough and Gracie Sonnergram playing up, we have



Somers' Julia Vecciarelli looks to clear ball against pressure from Mahopac's Gabby Gonzalez in Tuskers' 2-0 loss to Indians.

a good chance to keep this success."

Lewis and McGough attribute much of their success and the team's success to veteran coach Aislinn Breslin.

"Coach Breslin has made a big effort to improve her coaching skills during the offseason," McGough said. "She worked with Nexus and brought back tons of new drills for us to work on and better our skills. Coach Breslin has an upbeat attitude. She makes practice and games fun for all of us."

HORACE GREELEY had a busy and perfect 3-0 as the young Quakers shut out Clarkstown North and Fox Lane, 4-0, and over Mahopac, 2-1.

"We have a young team and we still have a lot to work on," Horace Greeley coach Sukhwinder Sandhu said. "Hopefully, we can improve and step up even more in the next few weeks."



Mahopac's Avery Przymyski and Somers' Lily Carino get after 50-50 ball in Indians' 2-0 win over Tuskers.



Mahopac's Ava Jennings cranks shot as Somers' Brianna Coolican gives chase in Indians' 2-0 win over Tuskers.

Cat Salamida had two goals and an assist against Clarkstown North. Stephanie Novick added a goal and an assist, Aidan Lane scored a goal and Hannah Mortman collected an assist. Fiona Hayes made one save.

Salamida scored Greeley's goals against Mahopac with Mia Brown and Nina Byrne assisting. Hayes came up big in the cage with 16 saves.

Ava Jennings had Mahopac's goal and Madison Orsini stopped five shots.

Salamida continued her torrid scoring week with two scores and an assist against Fox Lane. Emma Schwartz and Byrne also had goals while Brown, Mortman and Lane registered assists. Hayes did not make a save for her second shutout in three games.

PANAS opened its week by giving first-year coach Leah DiSisto her initial varsity win in a 3-1 victory over Croton. Hayley Madden put Panas on the board and Kylie Edwards followed with two scores. Mackenzie Schmidt assisted on Edwards' second goal and Kate Astrab rang up eight saves.

Astrab made 12 saves in a 2-0 loss to **PLEASANTVILLE** as Caitlin Rubsamen, Maeve McCourtney assisted, and Cynthia O'Brien scored. Isabelle Baxter had two saves.

BREWSTER received two goals from Morgan Brace and one goal and one assist from Eva Cucinell in a 3-1 win over Panas. Sofia Sanchez and Emily Monaco also had assists.

Schmidt converted a penalty stroke for Panas and Astrab was outstanding in goal with 19 saves.

Ava Harman scored twice and added an assist as **PUTNAM VALLEY** registered its first win of the season -- 4-2 over Valhalla.

Julia Carlin opened the scoring for the Tigers, assisted by Shayla Lussier. Harman scored her goals, including one on a stroke, and she assisted on Allie Granieri's score.

Kylie Reccupio made three saves.

VALHALLA goals were scored by Ava De Natale and Gianna DiGilio. Kat Wolfman had an assist.

Putnam Valley dropped a 5-2 verdict to undefeated Albertus Magnus as Sara Lussier and Carlin had the goals. Ava Buerkle and Granieri collected assists.

LAKELAND shook off any rust it might have had after not playing in a week and improved to 4-0 with an 8-1 win over Carmel.

Emily Yazzetti and Jaden Ray each had a hat trick. Gabby Santini added two goals and Mia Smith and Yazzetti each posted two assists.

Lauren McCartin had a hat trick and Brianna Coolican added two goals in **SOMERS'** 7-1 win over **HEN HUD**.

Paige Johansen scored for Hen Hud, assisted by Caitlin Pignataro, and goalie Emily Hunt made 20 saves. The Tuskers were also knocked off by **MAHOPAC**, 2-0, in the consolation round of the Somers tournament.

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Sports

Stabbing Incident puts Friday Night Lights on Hot Seat



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If you haven't noticed, there's been a trickle-down effect to all the wicked divisiveness within our country these days. Even our kids are feeling it.

Folks everywhere, it seems, are just hating on one another, and the in-fighting is out of control. As I stated in last week's Direct Rays, sports have always been our unifying getaway from all the political strife this country stuffs down our throats nowadays, but things went awry across portions of Section 1 and Section 9 last Friday when, under the cover of darkness, a 16-year-old boy was stabbed to death after an Arlington High School football game. An 18-year-old former Arlington student – Nestor Ortiz-Ocampo – is sitting

in a Dutchess County jail cell, charged with manslaughter after the stabbing during a large-scale, post-game brawl. Police have identified the victim as Quraan Smith, a junior at Arlington.

Police were also called to a melee at Dietz Stadium in Kingston on Friday night after the Tigers defeated visiting Saugerties, and police were also summoned to a dust-up just up the road at Hyde Park after Roosevelt fell to visiting Beacon following their football game. Other than that, we had about 30-something other Section 1 varsity football games with simple minor incidents. But the fact remains: A kid died Friday night at a high school football game in Dutchess County.

That's a stain we can't remove, a stain that will likely have section and state administrators convening this week. It's a

blemish that might forge a change to the high school football landscape as we know it. After dark, bad things, oftentimes, go down. School ends just before 3 p.m. and the workday for many ends between 4 and 5 p.m. most days. You give people three hours to tune up before a Friday night game and many will take advantage. Personalities change, like it or not.

These 7 p.m. Friday starts are on the clock this week. Like so many other revered rituals in our once-civil society, we might have thrown the baby out with the bath water when it comes to Friday night lights. When funding police and security for high school football games becomes an issue, taxpayers, school boards and administrators get on the same page in a hurry. When the safety of their students and the deficit in their budgets are at

hand, school districts are forced to take drastic measures, which, oftentimes, are unpopular.

We can all admit: There's nothing better for school morale than a Friday night football game, but we are supposed to put our kids first no matter what the circumstances, and the recent incidents at places like Arlington are not only bad for morale but devastating to families. I'm not calling for the end of Friday night games just yet, but society might be forcing its own hand given the lay of the land these days.

There are some high-energy rivalry evening games scheduled for this weekend, including the Yonkers Force vs. the Yonkers Brave, Dobbs Ferry vs. Hastings, Pleasantville vs. Briarcliff and everywhere else where emotions can run high. Let's leave the machismo at home and be on our best behavior – or be prepared to reap the seeds we sow.

Direct Rays

Focus on Girls Soccer



Lakeland's Tyler Hormazabal, Linda Daly and Laura MacDonald celebrate goal by Nadia Parisi in Hornets PK loss to Yorktown in finals of Husker tourney Saturday.

Yorktown Nips Lakeland on PK's for Tourney Title



Lakeland's Caitlin Caroll looks to deaden and play ball in Hornets' loss to Yorktown in finals of Husker tourney Saturday.



The Yorktown girls' soccer team pose with their championship hardware after beating Lakeland on PK's in Husker tournament Saturday.

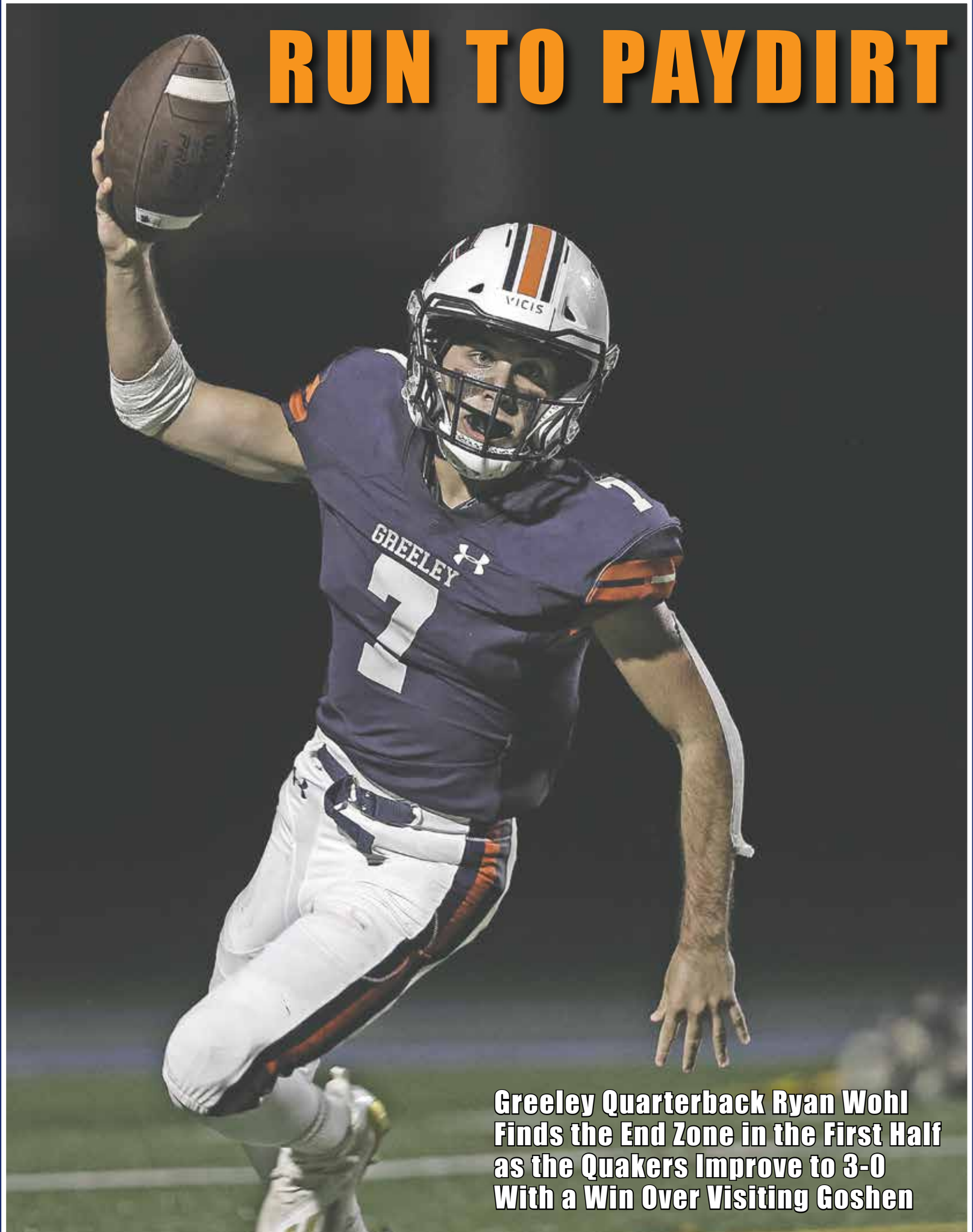


Yorktown backup G Ciara O'Brien cheers on fellow keeper Erisa Krasniqi after huge save during Huskers tourney win over Lakeland Saturday.



Yorktown junior Julianna Vano drills shot which is blocked by Lakeland junior Linda Daly in Huskers' tourney win over Hornets Saturday.

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**Greeley Quarterback Ryan Wohl
Finds the End Zone in the First Half
as the Quakers Improve to 3-0
With a Win Over Visiting Goshen**