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State-Ranked (No.19) Carmel Blows Out New Ro', 28-0

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Carmel senior RB Dylan Shields (28) picks up a chunk of his 90 yards on 14 carries while picking up blocks from junior FB Nick Rosaforte and senior OL Jack Kane (65) in the state-ranked (No.19) Rams (3-0) 28-0 whitewashing of visiting Section 1 juggernaut New Rochelle (2-1) Saturday night when Carmel saw senior RB Josh Massi rush for two scores and 103 yards on 15 carries behind tight end TJ Fusco (85) and Kane (inset photo). Shields added a key 21-yard catch and an INT on defense for the undefeated Rams (3-0)... see NWE/Putnam Grid Notebook

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Class AA Carmel on Fast Track; Somers, Mahopac Win in Class A

By Ray Gallagher
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None of these kids were alive in 1998, the last time **CARMEL** High won a Section 1 football title under 27-year veteran Coach Todd Cayea, the one Carmel constant, if not for that ridiculous two-month-long, school-board-imposed hiatus after the 2019 season. We bring up 1998 for one reason: State-ranked (No.19) Carmel had, perhaps, its biggest win since then -- a 28-0 shutout of Section 1 juggernaut New Rochelle -- last Saturday when every phase of football was working for the host Rams (3-0).

Behind a punishing ground game that featured senior RB's Dylan Shields (14 carries for 90 yards and a TD) and Josh Massi (15 rushes, 103 yards and two touchdowns) and sprinkled in wrinkles from QB Kevin Dall (two-yard rushing TD, 5-6 passing for 83 yards) and FB Nick Rosaforte (four-yard score), the Rams sent a red alert across the state after knocking off the five-time reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Huguenots.

"This was an outstanding team win over an excellent New Ro' squad," Massi said. "Everyone contributed, lined up and executed our coaches' game plan. Of course, there is still a lot of work to be done, and remaining disciplined, focused and hungry is key."

New Rochelle, the defending state champs (2019) and winners of 14 of the last 20 sectional crowns, plus three state nuggets, were unable to muster any sort of offense against a Carmel defense that negated every phase of New Ro's vaunted attack. The Carmel defense, stout as ever, shut out a Huguenot club that hadn't been blanked by a Section 1 team since 2011.

Wins like this are tempo-setting, eye-popping triumphs that can and will put a bulls-eye on the Rams, but this senior-laden unit is up for the challenge after defeating New Rochelle for the first time since the Rams won in triple OT at New Ro' in the 2008 season opener.

"If our defense continues to play like they did tonight, we will be in every game we play," Cayea said of the unit led by DL



Carmel QB Kevin Dall lets one fly with protection provided by FB Nick Rosaforte in Saturday's 28-0 win over visiting New Rochelle.

Dominick Telesco, beastly DL Owen Boland, DB Vincent Mazzamuto and DL TJ Fusco.

Dall hit on 5 of 7 passes for 90 yards, including two completions for 49 yards to WR Andrew Fiore. Shields also caught a big 21-yard catch and yanked down a key INT and will be asked to take on a much larger role the next three weeks as Massi recovers from meniscus surgery.

"Shields is a tough kid and can handle the extra work, and we'd rather have Josh at full strength for the stretch," Coach Cayea said.

Carmel travels to John Jay-East Fishkill at 3 p.m on Saturday.

CLASS A

SOMERS (3-0) and **MAHOPAC** (2-1) continued to look like prime-time challengers, both winning in blowout fashion over winless **WALTER PANAS** (37-0) and one-win **LAKELAND** (42-6), respectively.

Somers QB Matt Fitzsimons fired 14 completions on 18 attempts for 178 yards and a career-high three TD strikes to Matt Kapica, Trey Mancuso and Ethan Krauss. Somers FB Derek Marcus and HB Ravi Dass rushed for scores as Somers remained atop the League A-North standing. Somers DE Dylan Faller had nine tackles, three for a loss, and a sack. Luke Savino added a field goal for Somers, which visits rival Yorktown



Carmel RB Josh Massi comes up just shy of the pylon but scored two TD's in Rams' 28-0 rout of New Rochelle Saturday.

in Week 4.

Mahopac senior QB Anthony DeMatteo hit on 8 of 11 passes for 115 yards and two TDs to seniors WR Max Gomes and WR Ryan Rondeau. Junior RB Joey Koch chugged for 67 yards and a pair of scores while senior RB Steve Perrone added 63 yards and a TD on the ground. Surging Mahopac has now won six of its last seven games dating back to last spring, the lone loss coming to Somers on opening day this fall.

"We get better every week and I think we really have something going for us this year," said Rondeau, a senior captain. "John Jay is going to be better competition this week, but I know that if we practice to be the best, we will be the best."

After allowing an opening-drive score to Lakeland WR Ryan Gallagher (3 grabs, 35 yards), the Mahopac defense -- spearheaded by Anthony Porco (1 sack), Ricky Tario (1 sack) and Rondeau (INT), Mahopac denied Lakeland at every turn and had their way offensively.

"The vibe is amazing amongst the guys right now," DeMatteo said. "I believe that these past two wins speaks volumes of this team's ability and what we are capable of doing this year. While virtually all of our focus is on John Jay right now, it's hard not to think about the playoffs considering we have put ourselves in a really good position to get there. Our defense has been absolutely balling since Week 1, and our balance on offense -- with the run and pass game -- is only going to benefit us the rest of the way. Can't wait to see what we are able to do against a very talented John Jay team."

Hornet QB Steven Dedvukaj went 8 of 14 for 116 yards and rushed for 39 yards while WR Tyler Ronk had four catches for 75 yards for Lakeland (1-2). Hornet Joey Malaspina had eight tackles to lead a Lakeland team that has been decimated by injury.

YORKTOWN (1-2) has a chance to put its sub-par start behind it when the Huskers host Somers in Week 4 after a 27-25 Week

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Carmel WR Patrick Kiernan gets corner on New Ro' defender in Rams' 28-0 win Saturday.



Mahopac WR Patrick McMahon stiff arms Lakeland's Ryan Gallagher in Indians' 40-6 win over visiting Hornets Friday.



(L-R) Carmel's Vincent Mazzamuto, TJ Fusco, Owen Bowland and Randy Aboagye were keys to snuffing out New Ro's vaunted attack.

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Mahopac WR Ryan Rondeau readies to haul in TD strike from QB Anthony DeMatteo in 40-6 whipping of visiting Lakeland Friday.

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3 loss to host John Jay CR. There were five lead changes, five turnovers, five stops on fourth down, one tie and close to 25 penalties, but the big-play Wolves provided enough problems for the Huskers' defense to win the see-saw affair. John Jay defense, which has been suspect at times the last decade, stopped the Huskers' game-tying two-point conversion attempt after a Marco McKnight (221 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries) touchdown trimmed the Wolves' lead to two, 27-25, with 8:59 to play.

Yorktown QB Justin Meyereles (113 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries, 6 of 16 passes for 32 yards, including a six-yard touchdown pass to Jack Carlin) had a big night as well.

BREWSTER took on a Lourdes club that was ravaged by COVID quarantine issues and had to play without a slew of starters, resulting in a 26-6 loss to the visiting Bears (2-1), who now have their eyes set on qualifying for playoffs.

"We played a solid game on both sides of the ball," Bears Coach Ed Mulvihill said. "I was especially happy with the defensive effort. Our big guys up front did a great job and our defensive coaches, Mike Honey and Matt Cunningham, had a great game plan the kids executed very well. Jordan Salmon,



Hen Hud senior RB Dan Martinez scoots for edge in Sailors' loss to Byram Hills Saturday.

Logan Simon, Jack Golinello (8 tackles, 4 for a loss) and Jack Jordan (6 tackles) all played very tough up front. Chris Triolo (8 tackles) and Nick Sayegh (10 tackles) all contributed."

Additionally, Luke Sanchez picked up a loose ball and scampered 57 yards for a TD for his second defensive score on the year. Offensively, backup QB Massimo Parrello, filling in for injured QB Chris Donohue, hit on 4 of 6 passes with an 18 yard TD strike to Even Knorr and added 53 yards rushing with two TD jaunts. RB Willie Martinez ran for 46 yards in the first half and Joey Anfuso added 41 first half yards to pace the attack.

"It was important for us to play well after a loss last week," the coach said. "We had a good week of practice and got back to some basics and it helped. Lourdes was dealing with a Covid issue but I give them and their coach, Sean Keenan, credit for playing the game. Forfeits are something we all try to avoid whenever possible and I credit Lourdes and their players for the effort they gave."

CLASS B

HEN HUD (1-2) and **PUTNAM VALLEY** (0-3) were each met with setbacks.



Lakeland RB Tyler Ronk gets some chunk yards despite diving try by Mahopac's Max Gomes in Hornets' 40-6 loss at Mahopac Friday.



Lakeland RB Joseph Malaspina is hunted by Mahopac DL Anthony Goodwin in Hornets' 40-6 loss to host Indians Friday.

The Sailors, a 42-7 loser to defending Class B champ Byram Hills, and the Tigers, a 33-0 loser to Nanuet, have been bitten by the injury bug.

CLASS D

HALDANE saw Ryan Irwin (5 catches,

41 yards) haul in a four-yard, first-quarter TD pass from QB Ryan Van Tassel (10-of-17 passing for 66 yards, 4 rushes, 66 yards) for an 8-0 lead, but that was all the Blue Devils (1-2) could muster in a 15-8 loss to Albertus Magnus. Giancarlo Carone had 14 tackles to lead the Blue Devil defense.

Week 4 Examiner Area Super 7 Section 1 Grid Poll

No.1 CARMEL -- After handling New Ro with relative ease, Coach Cayea's state-ranked (No.19) Class AA Rams (3-0) are now the clear-cut frontrunners for their first sectional crown since 1998, but will have to step up for RB/LB Josh Massi as he recovers from meniscus surgery next 3 weeks. If I'm the Rams, I might start scouting Section 9 foes just to get ahead of things.

No.2 SOMERS -- Coach Anthony DeMatteo's state-ranked (No.14) Class A Tuskers (3-0) appear to be on a collision course with No.8 Rye, though Mahopac is hoping to monkey wrench this come hell or highwater.

No.3 MAHOPAC -- Coach Dominick DeMatteo's Class A Indians (2-1) are among the upper crust, which looks to have three tiers: Rye, then Somers, then Mahopac and John Jay CR. That said, John Jay CR will be a tough test in Week 4.

No.4 VALHALLA -- Coach Castellano's state-ranked (No.5) Class C Vikings (3-0) vault into our rankings because, despite being a small school, they can probably play with most teams in this silly poll. All eyes on Friday, Oct. 22 vs. Dobbs. Vikings are explosive on O and stingy on D, so they are in this for the long haul.

No.5 PLEASANTVILLE -- Coach Becerra's Class B Panthers (3-0) will tune up on Putnam Valley this week before considerably tougher tests the next three weeks, including Bronxville, state-ranked (No.12) Ardsley and Westlake.

No.6 BYRAM HILLS -- Coach Berk's reigning Class B champion Bobcats (2-1) get the chance to flex on Nanuet next, with the winner taking the catbird seat in League B North.

No.7 BREWSTER -- Coach Mulvihill's Class A Bears (2-1) took advantage of a COVID-ridden Lourdes outfit, and we'll know more about the Bears after Week 5 tilt with Mahopac.

No.7A YORKTOWN -- Coach Pantelis Ypsilantis' Class A Huskers (1-2) came up short in a see-saw affair with John Jay CR, and they draw rival Somers in Week 4 and Mahopac in Week 6.

HM FOX LANE -- Coach Giuliano's Class AA Foxes (2-1) are watching QB Eric Miller develop into a consistent force, rushing for 1 TD and firing 2 more TD strikes in rout of Port Chester #ThatDimeHeDroppedOnSteger!

-- Ray Gallagher

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NWE/Putnam Girls' Soccer Notebook

Greeley Upends Somers in OT; Lakeland, Yorktown Roll

By Tony Pinciario

A first-round defeat in the 2020 Section 1 Northern Westchester/Putnam Large School Championship left **HORACE GREELEY** unsatisfied and looking forward to 2021.

"Last year, we had an up-and-down season of great wins and tough losses," said senior captain and goalie Kaylin Genda. "We had an extremely competitive game with a high-ranked Mahopac team."

Genda said the team didn't graduate a lot of starters, but those that did were defenders. The Quakers are breaking in a new back line on defense, but one would never know it.

Horace Greeley has won six of its first eight games, after victories over **SOMERS** and **PANAS** along with a loss to John Jay-Cross River, last week, and has established itself as a sectional contender.

Even though the Quakers returned a solid nucleus, also highlighted by seniors Jillian Gordon, Hallie Rackoff and Carly Elbaum, Genda said the team still had questions.

"Before the season started we didn't know how we would stand against the competition, but we knew we had a lot of strong individuals," Genda said. "What we have found, especially this year, unlike any other year I've been on this team, is the fact that our team is extremely bonded, which I think is what helps us play with such cohesion. This has become extremely apparent through the first eight games."

In the Quakers' victory over Panas, Meredith Feiner had a hat trick and Ramsey Edson added one goal and two assists.

Horace Greeley also received contributions from freshmen Rachel Glick, who scored her first varsity goal, and Rowan Edson, who registered her second assist this season.

Along with the victory over Panas, the Quakers have defeated Lakeland (only loss of the season), Hen Hud, Tappan Zee, Ursuline and Somers (5-4 in overtime). The Tuskers shared the 2020 Northern Westchester/Putnam Large School title with Mahopac.



Somers' Tiana Righetti (15) and Greeley's Hannah Fetzer battle in Tuskers' 5-4 OT loss to host Quakers Thursday.

"We were definitely the underdog going into the Somers game, but we liked it that way," Genda said. "At the end of the first half, we were up 1-0 and it kept going back and forth with the score 3-3 at the end of regulation."

"We were up 5-3 for most of overtime. We were preparing for this game for a while and everyone put everything they had into it and it proved to ourselves and others that we are a highly-competitive team."

The Quakers will embark on the second half of the season facing league competition, but Genda feels the team is prepared for the challenge.

"I think the first half of the season has given us confidence in ourselves since we only have league games remaining that is



Somers' Martina Adornetto (L) and Greeley's Rowan Edson get after it in Tuskers' 5-4 OT loss to host Quakers Thursday.

extremely necessary for us to perform at our best," Genda said.

LAKELAND continued its impressive start to the 2021 season after a 1-0 overtime victory over Clarkstown North gave the Hornets a 5-1-1 record. Nadia Parisi converted a penalty kick in the 85th minute.

The Hornets also played at Nanuet, but the game was suspended in the first half because of heavy rain and an unplayable field. Lakeland Coach Shawn Sullivan said the game will be resumed Oct. 9.

"The Clarkstown North win was very exciting as I believe they had won five straight coming into the game, after losing their first game to North Rockland," Sullivan said. "We were happy to show we could compete and win against a very strong opponent."

"I felt like our defense was strong, led by two-time All-Section center back Linda Daly. Clarkstown North only had four shots on goal. Our midfield, led by Nadia (Parisi), did an outstanding job of controlling possession in the second half. We have to continue to work on scoring once we get the ball into the attacking third for us to be top contender this year. I have seen some nice improvement in our play since the start of the season and I'm excited to see if we can keep improving during the second half of the season."

YORKTOWN remained unbeaten through seven games, 4-0-3, following a lightning-shortened 1-1 draw with John Jay-Cross River and 6-1 victory over Brewster.

"It was a tough tie as we were in control of the match against John Jay," Yorktown Coach Richard Armstrong said. "It was

a great showing by our starters against Brewster and a true reflection of our full team as everyone got quality minutes."

After John Jay took a 1-0 lead in the first half, the teams played seven minutes of the second half before heavy rain forced a 30-minute delay. Coming out of the delay, Jules Vano evened the score on a penalty kick. Armstrong said the game was stopped because of lightning.

After six saves in the first half, Erisa Krasniqi did not need to make a save in the second half.

Kaitlin Judge and Kristin Linahan had two goals apiece against Brewster. Lucia Carricci and Vano each had a goal.

The assists went to Rachel Gevanthor, Olivia Lucas, Drita Tinaj, Vano and Linahan.

Julia DeRose had **BREWSTER's** goal.

Yorktown has a rough week ahead, having played Somers, Monday, before games with Mahopac, Wednesday, and Horace Greeley (6-2 record), Friday.

"I'm looking forward to the week ahead as it will show us our strengths and what we need to work on," Armstrong said.

PANAS dropped its only game for the week, to Horace Greeley as Kaylie Mellars scored her seventh goal of the season.

Mellars leads the Panthers, now 5-4, in scoring with seven goals and two assists. Molly Muller has four goals and two assists, Cassidy Pisani is second on the team with five goals, and Kayla Guevara has two goals and three assists.

"We have made steady improvements throughout the season, especially in our midfield play," Panas coach Matt Schiff said. "Brianna Jankowski and Giuliana Rodriguez have helped us control the middle by being extremely active in possession and helping connect the field."

"Sarah Chiuli anchors our center back position, adding great awareness and toughness to our backline while Ella Yaeger uses her speed and physicality to shut down opposing forwards."

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Somers' Annie Maguire had a goal and assist in Tuskers' 5-4 loss to host Rowan Edson and Horace Greeley Thursday.

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Carmel sophomore M Megan Wiener drills shot in Wednesday's 3-1 loss to Fox Lane.

Carmel Ranked No.13 Class AA, Somers No.1 in Class A, Yorktown No.11

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Apparently, last year was no mirage. Carmel's 2020 run to the West/Put. large school finals last spring appears to have some staying power as the state-ranked (No.13) Rams (6-1) are among three Class AA teams in Section 1 ranked in the top 13 in NYS (Mamaroneck No.1, John Jay EF No.4).

That said, the Rams failed their first big test of the year in Saturday's 2-0 loss to visiting Scarsdale.

"Scarsdale is a good team," Carmel boss Vasily Shevelchinsky admitted. "We were off our game, and they scored two goals in the first eight minutes."

In a 6-2 win over Mahopac, Carmel's first goal came off a corner by Matt Matera to Nico Calvelli before Marko Borovyk scored off a feed from Tayte Wong to take a 2-1 lead into the half. Kevin Hernandez then set up Tayte Wong to make it 3-1 and Dominick Ovalles scored off a PK for a 4-1 edge. Carmel's Dwyant Suazo set up Kyle Klammer to open the flood gates.

Carmel also cruised to an 8-0 win over Fox Lane behind five first-half tallies. Ram goalies Joe Galeano and Patrick Schoellig combined for the clean sheet making two saves each as the Rams saw eight different goal scorers, including Hernandez, Wong (1A), Neel Walia (2A), Borovyk (1A), David Maldonado, Matera (1A), Klammer and Jerry Alonzo. Jack Curtis, Dominick Ovalles and Tysir Jurado each had an assist.

CLASS A

With three teams -- No.1 Somers, No.11 Yorktown and No.19 Rye -- ranked in the top 20 in NYS, Section 1 Class A is loaded. That is the only description for this crop of clubs, many capable of posting 10-win seasons after these torrid starts; Nyack (4-1), Somers (4-0), Nanuet (4-1), Yorktown (6-0-1), Clarkstown North (6-1), Peekskill (6-2), Byram Hills (5-1-1), Ardsley (4-2),

Rye (3-2-2), Lakeland (4-3), Eastchester (5-2-1), Lourdes (3-0) and Tappan Zee (6-2). In the end, it'll be somewhat shocking if Somers gets picked off and isn't one of the last two teams standings, but the last spot to represent Section 1 in the state tournament is seemingly up for grabs.

"It is an exciting time to be a soccer coach in Section 1," Lakeland Coach Tim Hourahan said. "Mamaroneck is currently No.1 in Class AA in NYS and Somers is No.1 in Class A in the state. We are producing teams with so much quality. Our coaches association should really be proud of how far we have pushed each other to keep getting better. There are no days off inside of Section 1. You better come ready to compete every day."

In **SOMERS'** 1-0 win over Class AA Horace Greeley, Tusker Daniel D'Ippolito assisted on Jacques Verard's set-piece tally in the 74th minute. G Anthony Tucci made three saves for the shutout. After a likely tune-up with Mahopac Tuesday, things get real for host Somers with rival Yorktown on tap Thursday (6 p.m.) and host John Jay CR Saturday (3 p.m.).

PANAS (3-4) saw three different players score goals in its 3-1 win over **PEEKSKILL**, including Kyle Arraiano, Eddie Chicaiza,



Carmel senior M Tayte Wong goes up for header in 2-0 loss to Scarsdale Saturday.



Carmel junior F Kyle Klammer settles ball in 2-0 loss to Scarsdale Saturday.

Danny Hughes. Assists went to Koky Duarte, Oliver Smith and Kai McCarron. The Red Devils' Alex Sapatanga broke up the shutout.

YORKTOWN improved to 6-0-1 after a 3-1 win over John Jay CR, the reigning West./Put. Large school champs Saturday. Ryan Tomeny (from Peter Tinaj) spotted the Huskers a one-goal lead they would not relinquish. Husker senior sniper George

Popovic scored one and set up another for Derek Belloff-Davis.

A four-point night from Yorktown's Popovic (pair of free kicks goals and two assists) paved the way for Yorktown's 6-2 triumph of Walter Panas. Husker senior Tinaj tickled twine twice while Mason Murphy and Matt Pozo each scored once. Arraiano scored both Panther goals and has 10 in the last three games.



Carmel senior M David Maldonado strikes ball in 2-0 loss to visiting Scarsdale Saturday.



Yorktown Huskers mug for cameras after edging Lakeland 2-1 last Monday on a Matt Pozo (16) goal to snap a 1-1 tie in the 79th minute.

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Seen You Coming!



One of the great scenes in Section 1 sports as Carmel takes center stage Saturday night before routing New Rochelle, 28-0.



Lakeland seniors and coaches gather on Senior Night prior to 8-0 win over Panas.



Brewster's Patrick Ford placed 4th overall in a stacked X-C field at the Ocean State Invitational in Warwick, Rhode Island, which featured top teams from NY, CT, MA, RI.



Mahopac's Lauren Beberman goes up for one of 10 kills in sweep of Scarsdale B last Wednesday.



Mahopac senior Mia Del Bene dishes one of 25 assists in 3-0 sweep of Scarsdale B Wednesday.

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Relentless Running Attack Hands White Plains Its First Loss

By Ryan J. Degan

White Plains' hopes of a perfect season were dashed on Friday night as the Tigers fell to the previously winless Scarsdale Raiders 21-6 in a game marred by missed opportunities.

After dominating their opponents in the first two games of the season, the Tigers had no answer for the Raiders' unrelenting running game, which had its way with the formidable White Plains defense. Meanwhile, the Tigers saw their previously explosive offense stopped cold and held to a single touchdown that didn't come until midway through the fourth quarter.

"We just didn't execute and we just lost focus too often," said White Plains head coach Mike Lindberg afterwards. "We had opportunities, but we just seemed like a block here or a tackle there or an assignment here, off. We just didn't do a very good job focusing and I've gotta do a better job getting them ready."

The Scarsdale running attack scored early,



Tigers quarterback #9 Jay Biondi airs it out to #7 Danny Lasalle.

securing two rushing touchdowns in the first quarter against a Tigers' defense that had only allowed three scores all season prior to Friday. So effective was the Raiders' running game that they only attempted two passes all game, one of them coming in the midst of a fourth-quarter drive that ended with the Raiders' third rushing touchdown.

Starting off the game flat and never really being able to find their stride, the Tigers' offense – which until this week had averaged



RYAN J. DEGAN PHOTOS

White Plains quarterback Jay Biondi finds his way into the end zone for a two-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter of Friday's home game.



The Tigers' Nicolas Spista is denied in the back of the end zone as he tries to haul in a pass during Friday's game vs. Scarsdale.

37 points a game – was held in check throughout the evening, accumulating just over 100 yards offensively to complement their lone score.

While the Tigers were mostly unable to sustain lasting drives, there were still some flashes of the explosive offensive unit that until Friday had had big success against opposing teams. Quarterback Jay Biondi, who was intercepted twice during the evening, including during a desperate final drive late in the fourth quarter, scored the Tigers' lone touchdown on a two-yard run and had a beautiful 48-yard pass completion to Anthony Logan midway through the second.

The Tigers' defense did display some of its old spark when Ryan Ortiz recovered a Scarsdale fumble to set up the Tigers' lone score. Unfortunately for White Plains, with lead back Eli Pierre, who had rushed for 136 yards and two touchdowns in week one,

sidelined Friday with an injury, that would be the only time they reached the end zone.

Despite the loss, Lindberg remains convinced that he possesses a championship-tier squad, saying his team's overall goal of securing a home playoff win and league championship remains unchanged.

"We talked about the fact that our end game is still there, a home playoff game and a league championship," he said. "This does not affect that. This is a learning experience that we have to watch film and get it going. We have to fix it. We need to be sharp in practice. We need to execute and be sharp all week, no letdowns and no distractions."

Turning to his team after the game ended, Lindberg told his despondent players, "If you don't like how this feels, don't let it happen again."

White Plains takes to the road next week, to face the winless Port Chester Rams on Saturday with kickoff set for 3:00.



Byram Hills backup quarterback Justen Barad runs to his left Saturday looking for a receiver in the fourth quarter of the Bobcats' second consecutive win by a 41-7 margin.

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Byram Hills senior running back Michael Rocco picks up big yardage in the third quarter of Saturday's home game.

Bobcats Crush Hendrick Hudson for Their Second Straight Win



Byram Hills quarterback Jared Cohen fires a pass in the second half of Saturday's game.



The Bobcats' Gavin Javorsky celebrates his 95-yard touchdown run in the second half of Saturday's rout of Hen Hud.



Colin McManus of Byram Hills tries to evade a Hen Hud defender in the Bobcats' 41-7 win over the visiting Sailors.

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State-Ranked (No.5) Valhalla Overwhelms Falcons, Remains Undefeated

By Andy Jacobs

With a big-play offense that can score touchdowns in the blink of an eye and a defense that has blanked two straight opponents, the Valhalla football team is off to a dazzling start to the 2021 season.

But there's one person the Vikings still haven't really impressed yet — their head coach.

"We're very mediocre," said a candid Art Troilo shortly after his team had just finished routing visiting Woodlands 40-0 on Saturday afternoon. "We need to be better every day. We could be good, but that's a decision we have to make collectively. I mean we're such a work in progress here, it's very challenging."

Work in progress though they may be, the Vikings were still far too much for a Falcon team that could only dress 20 players and found itself already trailing by a touchdown less than three minutes into the contest. On a sun-splashed, spectacular early autumn day, senior quarterback Michael Dawson tossed four first-half touchdown passes as the Vikings raced to a big early lead and cruised to their third consecutive victory.

"We had a great first half," said Dawson, the strong-armed signal caller who led the Vikings to the 2019 sectional championship and is making a triumphant return now after his junior season was marred by an injury in week one. "We've been working on stuff all week, trying to get better."

It took Dawson and the Vikings a mere five plays to get on the scoreboard first. After starting the game's opening possession with passes of 15 yards to Basaika Butcher and eight to Devan Cooper, Dawson capped the five-play, 55-yard drive with a throw over the middle to Cooper for a five-yard touchdown. Andres Osorio followed with the point-after and Valhalla grabbed a 7-0 edge.

When Woodlands then went three-and-



Quarterback Michael Dawson tosses a pass in the first quarter of Saturday's 40-0 win over Woodlands.

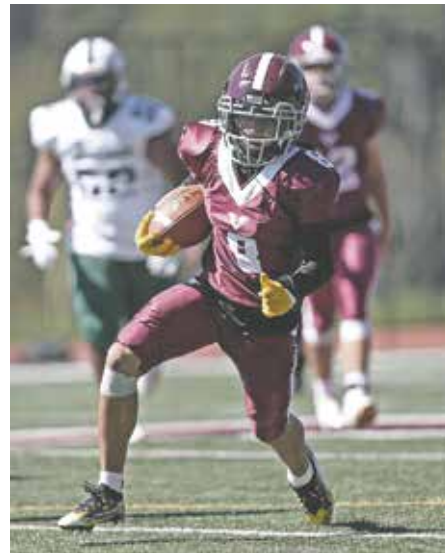
out and punted the ball away, the Vikings quickly pounced again with another 55-yard scoring drive, this one just three plays that ended with Dawson and Cooper connecting again for a 56-yard touchdown. The PAT try smacked against the crossbar and was no good, but with 6:43 still left in the first quarter Valhalla already had a 13-point lead.

An interception by sophomore Robert Foisset set up another Viking touchdown. After Foisset ran 17 yards on first down, Dawson immediately lobbed a pass down the right sideline that fell into the waiting arms of a streaking Butcher for a 35-yard touchdown. Osorio's kick gave Valhalla a 20-0 cushion eight minutes into the game.

Woodlands managed to move the ball down to the Vikings' 13-yard line early in the second quarter, but the drive stalled and Valhalla took over at its own 22. Four plays later, Dawson found Je'Caryous



Valhalla junior quarterback Brendan O'Neil is on his way to an 85-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter of Saturday's home game.



The Vikings' Devan Cooper runs with the football after catching a pass during Saturday afternoon's home victory.

Potat for a 64-yard touchdown pass. Just two weeks after throwing four TD passes in the first half of the season-opener at Croton, Dawson had matched his lofty accomplishment.

"He wants to be good and he's talented," said Troilo about his star quarterback. "That's somebody our other kids have to aspire to because he has talent and he works very hard. That's a great combination."

The Vikings had an opportunity for a fifth touchdown when they got the ball back with 3:25 remaining in the half. But a long pass by Dawson intended for Butcher was picked off by the Falcons' Kevoy Brooks and Valhalla had to settle for a 27-0 halftime advantage.

Dawson only played the first half of the Vikings' lopsided win over Croton, and when Foisset took a handoff from him, carried the ball up the middle, cut to his left and raced 57 yards for a touchdown four minutes into the third quarter, his day



Valhalla's Basaika Butcher (right) is joined in midair by teammate Devan Cooper after scoring on a 35-yard pass play in the opening quarter vs. Woodlands.

on the field was done early once more.

Asked afterwards if it's a bit disappointing standing on the sidelines so much now after having his junior year spoiled by a thumb injury on his throwing hand that happened four plays into the Vikings' opening drive of the spring season, Dawson said, "No, it's not frustrating at all. It's great to just see us succeeding. I just wanna win. I wanna play with my team and that's all I care about. Nothing better than playing with these guys. I love my brothers, love my coach. I couldn't be happier."

The Vikings gave their fans one more big play to cheer about when Dawson's backup, junior Brendan O'Neil, kept the ball and dashed down the left sideline for an 85-yard touchdown on the first play of the final quarter to complete the demolition of the overmatched Falcons.

But next week brings a big challenge for Valhalla: a Friday night showdown at home against unbeaten Tuckahoe. Troilo, for one, isn't sure if his team is quite ready to meet it despite all the early success this season.

"Well, Tuckahoe's very good and we have to get better," he said. "We have to worry about them and we have to worry about ourselves. We have to worry about ourselves because if we don't come to play, then we're not gonna be able to stay with them."



The Valhalla defense, including Michael Girdauskas, Zachary Stone-Degregorio and Jack Sullivan, bring down Woodlands running back Brian Burkett in Saturday's lopsided win.



Valhalla sophomore Robert Foisset carries the ball in the first half of the Vikings' 40-0 win over the Falcons on Saturday.

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Pleasantville's Nick Paternostro celebrates a Panther touchdown in the third quarter of Saturday night's win over Briarcliff/Hamilton.



Desmond Saw of Briarcliff is surrounded by Pleasantville defenders as he carries the ball in the first half at a jam-packed Parkway Field.



Pleasantville sophomore Daniel Picart returns a kick during the Panthers' home win at Parkway Field on Saturday evening.



Brandon Rispoli of Briarcliff runs with the football in the first quarter of Saturday night's road game vs. Pleasantville.



Pleasantville players celebrate a touchdown late in the first half of their 27-12 victory over the rival Briarcliff-Hamilton Bears this past weekend.



Pleasantville quarterback Michael Lacapria surveys the field for an open receiver as running back Kieran Cotter provides extra protection during the Panthers' 27-12 victory.



Briarcliff junior Ben Raphael gets set to throw a long pass on an option play in the third quarter vs. the host Pleasantville Panthers.



The Panthers' Kieran Cotter tries to break free near the line of scrimmage as he carries the ball in the win over visiting Briarcliff/Hamilton.



Briarcliff/Hamilton quarterback Jaylen Savage evades a tackle try by Pleasantville's Ryan Miller on his way to scoring the Bears' first touchdown on Saturday at Parkway Field.



Pleasantville students cheer on their Panthers from the bleachers in the opening half of Saturday night's football game at Parkway Field vs. rival Briarcliff.



Senior midfielder Lorenzo Amorosino of Byram Hills moves upfield with the ball in the first half against the Eastchester Eagles.



Pleasantville's Maeve McCourtney moves to the ball in the first half of last Tuesday's 3-0 home win over the Pawling Tigers.



Fox Lane senior Alexandra Griffin dribbles across the field in the second half of a 3-1 victory over Carmel last Wednesday.



Reegan Mohr of Fox Lane settles the ball during the Foxes' 3-1 home victory over Carmel.



Valhalla junior Kat Wolfthal moves the ball up the field during last Tuesday's Viking home game.



Byram Hills junior Aiden Heffner gets control of the ball in last week's 1-1 tie with Eastchester.



Gianna DiGilio of Valhalla moves past Nanuet's Dayna Winkler in the second half of Tuesday's 4-1 victory by the Golden Knights.



Pleasantville's Caitlin Rubsamen controls the ball in the 3-0 victory over Pawling last Tuesday afternoon.



Byram Hills senior forward Nicolas Bisgaier is about to send a shot on goal in the Bobcats' 1-1 tie against visiting Eastchester last Wednesday.



Valhalla freshman Jessica Olenchak takes control of the ball away from Nanuet's Caroline Brennan in last Tuesday's game won by the visiting Golden Knights.

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Maura Malichio of Fox Lane passes the ball up the sideline in the Foxes' home win over Carmel on Wednesday.



Alex Araki-Kurdyla of Byram Hills settles the ball while on the move in the Bobcats' home game vs. Eastchester last week.



Ava De Natale of Valhalla sets her sights on the goal after working her way in front during the second half of the Vikings' home game against Nanuet.



Mackenzie Ennis of Pleasantville keeps her eyes on the ball near midfield in last week's home win over Pawling.



Juliana Conley of Valhalla sends a pass from the left corner in last week's 4-1 loss to Nanuet.



Fox Lane junior Melissa Palma chases the ball during the second half of last week's 3-1 win over visiting Carmel.



Byram Hills senior Benny Rakower races for the ball during a first-half scoring chance in last Wednesday's 1-1 tie against visiting Eastchester.



Fox Lane sophomore Adrianna Nikprelaj takes the ball up the right sideline vs. the visiting Carmel Rams in last Wednesday's game.



Ryan Sullivan of Pleasantville fires a shot at the goal in last Tuesday's game vs. Pawling. She scored twice in the Panthers' 3-0 win.



Kirsten Owens of Pleasantville concentrates on a long hit during the Panthers' win over visiting Pawling last week.

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Carries Ball Saturday Night
as Host Panthers Beat Briarcliff 27-12
Before an Overflow Crowd at Parkway Field**