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Putnam Valley Junior DeChent Banks 1,000th Career Point

Putnam Valley junior guard Eva DeChent goes airborne for two of her school-record-setting 39 points in the Tigers' 75-40 win over visiting Haldane last Tuesday, which was just a small sample of the 1,000 points (and-counting) the Rhode Island-bound star has netted over the course of her varsity career. With the rest of the 2022 season to go, DeChent, who was swarmed by young fans after the game (inset), will take aim at Kristi Dini's career scoring mark of 1,396... see Girls Hoops Notebook

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Put Valley's DeChent Banks 1,000 Points; Lakeland Flexing

By Tony Pinciario

Eva DeChent was not going to keep the **PUTNAM VALLEY** fans in suspense as she was closing in on 1,000 varsity points. The Putnam Valley junior entered last Tuesday's game against Haldane needing 16 points to achieve the milestone. By the end of the first quarter, DeChent gave her family and fans a chance to celebrate.

DeChent dropped in a layup for varsity points 999 and 1,000, joining Kelli Venezia, Kristi Dini and Ariana Stockinger.

"It was a great experience when Kelli and Ariana did it so I knew I wanted to do the same," said the five-year varsity player. "I received balloons and flowers and a bunch of posters from my family and friends."

DeChent finished with a career-best 39 points as Putnam Valley beat Haldane, 75-40.

"Getting my 1,000th point at home, and in a win, made it an even better accomplishment, and all the support and people there made it a great time," said DeChent as she eyes Dini's career mark of 1,396, which she did in three years.

Going into the game, DeChent was well aware of the scenario.

"I knew I needed 16 points and I wanted to do it in the first quarter so I was very focused on getting it done as quick as possible," DeChent said. "Once I reached 1,000, I felt a lot of relief because with Covid

and us never knowing when it could end the season, I was happy I was able to get it over with and now I can move on to new challenges."

First-year Putnam Valley Coach Don Hamlin was happy to see DeChent achieve the milestone.

"Eva is fantastic," Hamlin said. "She puts in the time and effort required to be special. She is a really great kid and will continue to improve and excel."

DeChent understands that it takes more than one person to accomplish any individual goal.

"My teammates played a big part in my 1,000 points and without them it would have never been possible," DeChent said. "With all their support through the years and them giving me confidence when I was younger, they really helped me."

It has been a difficult first six weeks of the season for Putnam Valley as it has dealt with injuries, including to DeChent. However, Putnam Valley persevered and is 5-5, after a 66-60 loss to Hastings.

"So far, this season has been rough with the injuries, but I'm happy to see everyone is healthy now and we can get back in a rhythm, hopefully, and get back to the gold-ball game."

OSSINING ran its winning streak to five consecutive games with victories over Scarsdale (51-45) and Port Chester (72-62).

The Pride is now 8-1 this season.

"We are definitely exceeding expectations, so far, this season," veteran Ossining Coach Dan Ricci said. "We know things are going to get tougher as we will be facing some strong teams down the stretch. But, I give our girls a lot of credit for buying in and working hard to improve every day."

Along with the hard work, Ricci also attributes his team's success to classroom time.

"We have probably spent as much time in the film room as we have on the court," Ricci said. "And I have



Put Valley G Amanda Orlando gains lane on Haldane's Ella Ashburn in Tigers' win over Blue Devils.

to believe that has paid off for us, so far."

Karen Perriott, Zoey Jowers and Angelica Rios each had 12 points against Scarsdale. Perriott grabbed 16 rebounds and Michelle Mercado handed out 15 assists.

Katie Mark led Ossining against Port Chester with a game-high 31 points. Ella Schnecker added 18 points and Michelle Mercado finished with 14 points and a season-best 16 assists.

Mercado is averaging 8.7 assists a game. Ossining will play Pleasantville, Tuesday, and Fox Lane, Friday.

PEEKSKILL is quietly having a good season under Coach Tyrone Searight as the Red Devils improved to 6-2 with victories over Roosevelt and Poughkeepsie.

Bethani Overby scored a career-high 40 points against Poughkeepsie. Amari Murphy added eight points and Amani Cleveland finished with seven points.

In the win over Roosevelt, Overby scored 24 points and Murphy had 15 points.

MAHOPAC turned up the defensive intensity in a win over Yorktown (48-27) and then erupted offensively in a 78-40 victory over Horace Greeley.

The 78 points was a season-high for Mahopac, 6-4 overall and 3-0 in league play.

Mahopac limited Yorktown to 16 points through three quarters. Melanie DeMeo, Julia Paolicelli and Lauren Beberman each scored 10 points.

Kristina Rush led a balanced scoring effort with 18 points against Greeley as Mahopac scored 33 points in the first quarter.

Julie DeBrocky finished with 11 points and DeMeo had 10 points.

It was a tale of two games for **YORKTOWN** as the Cornhuskers had a rough game, offensively, in a loss to Mahopac.



Putnam Valley junior G Eva DeChent goes for two of her 1,000-and-counting career points in win over Haldane.

The Cornhuskers rebounded with a strong defensive effort in a 43-40 win over Brewster as Olivia Lucas drained a 3-pointer with 6.7 seconds remaining to break a tie.

Yorktown trailed Brewster by eight points at halftime then held a potent Bears' offense to 16 second-half points.

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Members of the DeChent family - Ed, Amanda and Maria - join Put Valley junior Eva DeChent after scoring her 1,000th career point last Tuesday.

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Haldane F Marisa Scanga fends off Put Valley G Amanda Orlando in Blue Devils' loss to host Tigers last Tuesday.

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Yorktown G Kaitlyn Judge gains baseline in win over Brewster.



Yorktown G Emily Ward takes run at Brewster's Madison Dakin in Huskers' win over visiting Bears.



Yorktown senior G Melissa Severino sticks a J in Huskers' big win over Brewster.



Yorktown G Olivia Lucas drained biggest shot of the season in Huskers' upset of visiting Brewster.

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"That was a big win for us after how poorly we shot against Mahopac," Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy said. "It always comes down to the wire with us and Brewster. We beat a solid team."

Yorktown trailed 32-24 late in the third quarter, Mundy said.

"Our girls are relentless and never give up," Mundy said. "I've seen a big change in the girls in terms of staying positive and being a little more calm when they are trailing, knowing they are never out of the game."

"We're starting to do a better job cleaning up our game a little bit. We've had some girls playing positions they're not necessarily used to, but we are getting everyone back from injuries and illness, which could make for an interesting second half of the season."

Lucas led Yorktown with 11 points, Kaitlyn Judge added 10 points and seven rebounds and Melissa Severino added nine points, seven rebounds and four assists. Nicole Thomas had a key 3-pointer that would give Yorktown a lead and she assisted on Lucas' decisive shot.

In the loss to Mahopac, Lucas and Severino each had eight points. Severino also collected 13 rebounds,

Judge had nine boards and Erisa Krasniqi snared seven caroms.

BREWSTER split two games, decisively beating John Jay-Cross River (54-33), but Yorktown rallied to beat Brewster (43-40).

"We did a great job of getting steals, deflections and only allowing one shot," Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo said of the John Jay game. "I was very pleased with our second half as we held John Jay to 16 points. It was a great team win."

"Jordan Niles and Margo Cunningham were tremendous on the boards and getting steals for us. They were a huge reason we were so successful in the second half."

Grace Galgano led Brewster (9-3) with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 5 blocked shots. Adrianna Calicchia contributed 15 points and Madison Dakin added 10 points.

While Brewster played a strong second half against John Jay, Castaldo said Yorktown held the edge in the second half.

"We led 26-18 at the half, but Yorktown played a much better second half in every aspect of the game," Castaldo said. "They did a better job rebounding and had more intensity the final 16 minutes than we did. Bottom line, they made shots when it mattered most and wanted it more than we did."

Galgano had a huge game in defeat with 25 points, 12 rebounds, six steals and 5 rejections.

LAKELAND is now a perfect 10,

as in 10-0, this season after wins over Poughkeepsie (81-32) and Hen Hud (56-27). The Hornets are ranked No.20 in NYS Class A.

Tyler Hormazabal had a season-high 33 points and she collected six rebounds against Poughkeepsie. Nichole Ljuljic and Ava Lugo added 10 points apiece.

Hormazabal had 21 points and six steals against Hen Hud.

Ljuljic had nine points, four assists and three steals. Hannah Devane and Lugo each had seven points.

Lakeland Coach Miranda Mangan cited great defense by Kellie Sullivan (four steals) and Grace Hahn (six rebounds).

PANAS also reached 10 wins this season (10-1) after a triumph over Poughkeepsie as Cadence Nicholas scored 22 points.

Sofia Tavares finished with 14 points and Jillian Cinquina and Katie Hofmann contributed six points apiece.



Yorktown Emily Ward drives to hoop in recent win over visiting Brewster.

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Hendrick Hudson Socks Lakeland, Surging Somers on a Roll

By Ray Gallagher

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The action was fast and furious last Wednesday when league bouts tipped off all across the section and upsets – like **HEN HUD's** 52-49 win over host **LAKELAND** – was the stunner of the day. We said in our poll last week that when they put their best foot forward the Sailors are a blue-collar bunch of bad men, and Dean 'The Dream' Hiltzley was a very bad man for the Hornets to deal with. The senior guard had his way at the rim and finished with a career-high 26 points.

Junior F Xavier Juarez dropped a dozen on Lakeland while junior G Michael Gagliardi went for six. Sailor sophomore Gino Wamack scored five points, the last of which was the biggest of his young career, a game-sealing trey.

"In regard to the last play, it was great execution by the whole team" Sailor skipper Jordan Hirsch said. "Dean made a great read off the screen and Gino knocked down a really tough contested shot. I'm really happy for our guys to get some tangible results from the work they've been putting in."

Down 10 points in the fourth, Lakeland looked like it would cruise to victory.

"To beat a tough and organized team like Lakeland at their place isn't an easy thing to do," Coach Hirsh said. "I'm really proud of the way our guys fought all game and adjusted in the second half to go on a great run. The resolve they showed in closing the gap on a 10 point deficit in the fourth was extremely fun to watch, and I'm hopeful that it gives our team some confidence and belief in each other. There were a lot of lunch-pail-type plays that may not jump off the page, but had a huge impact

on the outcome of the game."

As an analyst of local sports, nothing is better than getting it right. We told you last week that a winless **SOMERS** team was better than its record indicated (previously 0-6); noting that time and patience were virtues. At the time, Somers was a train wreck, and folks were dunking on the coaching staff. Lo' and behold, Coach Chris DiCintio's Tuskers (5-6) have gone on a five-game tear and are one win shy of .500 as they ready for a road trip to **BREWSTER** today.

Somers has clipped the wings on Yonkers (84-46), John Jay CR (51-49), Greeley (58-40), Tuckahoe (62-45) and Yorktown (57-51) since we implored patience. Outside of the loss to Pelham, the Tuskers have been in every game.

In the win over Yonkers, Tusker swingman Matt Fitzsimons put up 16 points and snagged four boards to pace Somers. Bennet Leitner (14 points, 3 assists, 2 boards) and Christian McGrane (13 points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds) were key contributors.

More impressive, though, was the win over John Jay, in which Fitzsimons forced overtime with a clutch buzzer beater to tie the score at 44. Fitzsimons (13 points) followed with a key block to seal the deal. Leitner led the Tuskers with 16 points.

PANAS had a tough time stopping Pioneer G Jaysean Morgan (20 points) in Poughkeepsie's 56-35 win over the host Panthers (6-3). Panas G Alex Tavaréz had a team-high 17 points and Oliver Smith added nine for a Panther club that looked like it was still shaking off the rust of several quarantines.

"We were dreadful in the second half," Panas Coach Mike Auerbach admitted. "We have a lot of work to do and not a lot of time to do it if we want to be able to play with Poughkeepsie, Lourdes, Lakeland and the top of class A. We were down our 7-9th guys due to covid protocols, but no excuses. We had our top six. Poughkeepsie was able

to play at a speed that we couldn't keep up with for 32 minutes. We needed to win a low scoring game and gave up close to 40 in the second half.

"We have an urgency and intensity issue for the most part across the board," the coach added. It's obvious. It's a problem we're hoping to find a solution for sooner rather than later."

More impressive was the OT triumph of John Jay, a Wolves club that had won eight of 10 going in.

MAHOPAC notched a tough road win at **YORKTOWN**, 60-59, when Colum Ranaghan and Patrick McMahon paced four double-digit scorers with 13 points apiece. Mike Callahan and Max Gomes each added 11, and Ryan Reilly was credited with superb defense.

Yorktown's Billy Feeks had 22 points to lead all scorers. Justin Price had 18 points and dished seven assists for the Huskers while Eddie Brucaj had nine points and 15 rebounds.

In Mahopac's 60-59 win over Greeley, junior G Joey Koch had a career-high 18 points for the Indians. Gomes added 16. Anthony DeMatteo's key block in the waning seconds preserved the victory. Connor Melis led the Quakers scoring 18 points while teammate Justin Potack added 11.



Haldane senior G Ryan Irwin went off on Putnam Valley in Blue Devils' win over Tigers.

CLASS AA

CARMEL (2-2) is finally getting its basketball legs back. Winning the North Salem tournament and picking up a 62-55 victory against a strong Arlington team last Tuesday should alert opponents to the notion that Carmel is far too athletic to be ignored this season. Four seniors, who played key roles in the Rams' NYS Class AA football championship in early December, are beginning to get in basketball shape, finding their rhythm and getting up

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Greeley F Ethan Golub gets up to block shot by Mahopac senior Ryan Reilly in Quakers' loss to Indians Friday.



Haldane junior swingman Matteo Cervone is chased by Put Valley's Tommy Calichio in Blue Devils' win over Tigers.



Haldane G Tristan Reid pulls away from Put Valley F Aurthur Holtzman in Blue Devils' win over Tigers last Tuesday.

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Haldane's Robert Viggiano powers past Putnam Valley's Authur Holtzman and Nate Shillingford in Blue Devils' league win over Tigers.



Mahopac senior G Michael Callahan takes a run at Greeley G Justin Potack in Indians' win over Quakers Friday.

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and down the court for second-year Coach Brandon Johanson. Seniors Andrew Fiore (21 points, 5 boards), Nick DiLeo (20 points, 19 rebounds), Kevin Dall (14 points) and Randy Aboagye (7 points, 13 rebounds) were instrumental in the league win over the Admirals (5-4). The quartet missed a good portion of the pre-season due to their gridiron achievements, but they are poised to make noise in the second half of the 2022 campaign.

"We are working hard to create a culture here at Carmel led by our seniors," Johanson said. "We just want to play; it doesn't matter when, it doesn't matter who, and it doesn't matter where. We will compete every night, and keep building our program."

In the first round of the North Salem tournament Carmel saw DiLeo post a monster double-double with 25 points and

14 rebounds in a 57-55 win. Fiore added 13 points and five rebounds. In the 71-58 title win over North Salem, DiLeo added to his lore with another massive double-double (27 points, 12 boards). Aboagye (12 points, 22 rebounds) may have played his finest game. Fiore (11 points), Dall (9 points) and Danny Monahan (12 points) gave the Rams five scorers with nine or better.

CLASS B/C

HALDANE is good, really good... like good enough to represent Section 1 in the 2022 state tournament good. **PUTNAM VALLEY** found that out last Tuesday when the visiting Tigers (1-6) suffered a 73-52 League III-E setback to the surging Blue



Mahopac junior G Joey Koch had a career day in Indians' win over Mikey Gecaj (22) and the Greeley Quakers.

N.West./Putnam Fab Five Hoops Poll

No.1 HALDANE – Coach V's Class C state-ranked (No.5) Blue Devils (9-1) look like a unit that can play with most, if not all, teams in Section 1, outside of maybe Mt. Vernon. Swear to God, this team is stacked and can produce a major run through states if they stay healthy.

No.2 MAHOPAC – Coach McMahon's Class A Indians (5-3) have won four in a row and this major stretch against the likes of John Jay, Lourdes and Clarkstown North will tell us all we need to know. We know Lakeland is likely irked about Pac at No.2 (since LHS beat them), but y'all lost to Hen Hud, and there is little separation between any teams mentioned in this poll #AnyGivenDay.

No.3 PANAS – Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (6-3) best discover a sense of urgency and start playing with an edge because a one-and-done playoff scenario would absolutely rot if the Panthers drop a clunker on us like they did in that second half against Poughkeepsie.

No.4 HEH HUD – Coach Hirsch's Class A Sailors (6-4) have won three of the last four, including Lakeland, so this blue-collar bunch has a little something-something going on right now.

No.5 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (6-4) need to figure out what happened in that loss to Hen Hud.

HM SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (5-6), winners of five in a row, are beginning to pose problems.

HM OSSINING – Coach Casey's Class AA Pride (5-5) have lost 4 of last 5, but congrats to Jaeden Carr on scoring his 1,000th career point #AmazingAccomplishment.

HM YORKTOWN – Coach Pavella's Class A Huskers (5-6) are a vexing unit right now, what with losses in 4 of the last 5.

HM CARMEL – If Coach Johansen's surging Class AA Rams (4-2) are for real, we will know for sure this week with Mamaroneck and RCK on tap. We'd settle for a split.

Devils (9-1), who's only loss was to Section 9's Washingtonville. Haldane senior G Ryan Irwin came out blazing and finished with a game-high 19 points. Senior F Soren Holmbo (14 points, 6 boards, 2 steals), junior swingman Matteo Cervone (13) and Robert Viggiano (13) all finished with double digits while senior F Arthur Holtzman had 13 to lead the Valley.

The Blue Devils were in rhythm from the first quarter on, forcing 10 turnovers, including six steals, while darting out to a double digit lead in the opening minutes. The Tigers trimmed the deficit to four points at the half, but Haldane took over in the third behind a 10-0 run, displaying a repertoire of moves and superb transition.

Haldane followed with a 70-52 win over Palisades Prep behind Cervone's game-

high 26 points. Holmbo (19 points), Irwin (9 points) and Viggiano (8 points) filled the stat sheet as well.

Putnam Valley chalked up its first win of the season Thursday, taking a 76-31 win over Pawling behind a career-high 11 points from Julian Garcia. Freshman James Apostolico added 10 points after notching a career-high 11 against Haldane. Seniors Cole Durocher, Tommy Calicchio and Holtzman all finished with eight points.

The Tigers showed no quit in a tough 68-60 loss to undefeated Bronxville Saturday.

"I thought we played very well, we came out really strong, we were hitting our shots and the game slowed down for me," veteran G Durocher said. "Our bench players are playing some amazing defense and we were flowing great."



Carmel Rams pose it off after taking the North Salem tourney title Saturday.

Sports

Versatile Butcher and the Vikings Run Past Pleasantville

By Andy Jacobs

When the Valhalla boys' basketball team began its 2021-22 season, head coach Richard Clinchy had a pretty good notion he could count on Basiaka Butcher to provide the Vikings with a strong defensive presence.

Now Clinchy has begun to realize the kind of impact his junior forward can also make at the other end of the court.

"Well, he's like a one-man team," Clinchy was saying on Friday evening soon after watching Butcher erupt for 32 points in the Vikings' 74-53 league victory over visiting Pleasantville. "His shooting this year is so much better than last year. He's an all-around threat now."

Butcher scored Valhalla's first four baskets of the game on his way to 19 first-half points and supplied a pair of buckets early in the third quarter when the Vikings were starting the second half on a 10-2 spurt that stretched a 14-point halftime lead to 52-30. His three straight baskets in the first 80 seconds of the fourth quarter gave Valhalla its largest lead of the night, 65-41.

"I didn't know how good he'd be," conceded Clinchy. "I only saw him a little bit over the summer, so I wasn't quite sure. He reminds me, in some ways, of Ethan Bartlett, who's now a senior at Johns Hopkins. Like Ethan kind of had to do everything for us."

Facing a Panther team that was playing its fourth game in as many days, Valhalla delighted the home crowd by getting on the scoreboard first when Butcher tossed in a floater from left of the lane 19 seconds after tipoff. Despite three more buckets from Butcher in the opening four minutes, all of them layups, the lead changed hands four times.

A fast-break layup by Caleb Bronkema, who led the Panthers with 16 points, tied the game at 9-all with 3:25 remaining in the first quarter. But a basket by junior guard Devan Cooper then gave the Vikings a lead they never relinquished and started an 8-0 run. Still, a left-corner 3-pointer from Dermot McSpedon, followed a minute later by a Dom Matica layup, had Pleasantville within 19-17 before Butcher beat the buzzer ending the period with a left-elbow 3.



Pleasantville sophomore guard Erik Coleman is chased by Valhalla's Julian Amorosa in the first half of Friday night's game at Kensico School.

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Valhalla's Basiaka Butcher sails in to score with his left hand during the third quarter of the Vikings' home win over Pleasantville.

The Panthers, now 5-6 this season after their hectic week, cut a nine-point deficit to 28-22 as McSpedon drained a 3-point shot from the right corner two and a half minutes into the second quarter. Valhalla's Julian Amoroso then made both ends of a 1-and-1 opportunity, starting an 11-3 run that included five points from Butcher — a 3-pointer from the left elbow after letting a Panther defender run by and a put-back of his own miss.

The final points of the first half also came from Butcher, on a 3-point shot with just over a minute remaining. The teams left the court with up-tempo Valhalla in front 42-28.

"You can't see all that on film," said Panthers head coach Bob Jordon about the unexpected offensive fireworks from



Julian Amorosa of Valhalla sends up a shot in the lane as Pleasantville's Maxwell Hall, who finished with five blocked shots, tries to stop him in Friday night's game won by the Vikings.



Valhalla senior center Darren DiRenzo shoots the ball in the third quarter of Friday night's 74-53 Viking victory over the visiting Pleasantville Panthers.

Butcher. "Obviously you have to see him. But we knew he was gonna be good."

It didn't help Jordon and the Panthers that starting guard Daniel Picart was called for two early fouls and spent a good portion of the first half relegated to the bench.

"Very frustrating," said Jordon. "That second call was tough for him. But you can't leave games in the hands of the officials, either."

A basket by Picart, who scored all 11 of his points in the second half, moved P'ville within 44-30 just 45 seconds into the third quarter. But that was as close as the Panthers could manage to get. Butcher scored on a flip with his left hand to start an 8-0 surge that included a trey from Cooper. Even though the Vikings only scored two points over the final 4:20 of the period, they still held a 57-41 cushion with eight minutes to go.

The fourth quarter began with a short jumper from Viking senior center Darren DiRenzo, who finished with seven points and eight rebounds. Butcher then scored the game's next three baskets, stretching the Valhalla lead to 24 points and assuring the Vikings of their seventh win in eight games



Pleasantville's Etai Numberg and Valhalla's Michael Giuliano set their sights on a rebound during the league game between the Panthers and Vikings on Friday evening.

this season.

How good this Viking team can be is a question Clinchy can't answer yet. For now, he's satisfied with their progress this week after a 23-day pause during which they didn't even practice.

"I have no idea," he said with a laugh when asked what the ceiling is for his players. "We played three games this week, so that certainly helps you, just the rhythm of it. We weren't real good the first game. We were better the second game. Tonight was probably our best game of the week."

Meanwhile, Jordon and his Panthers could finally look forward to a few days of rest after a grueling week that would've tested the endurance and fortitude of any team.

"Even though it was a 20-point loss today, we felt we did some nice things," he said. "You know, there's obviously things to correct, but we'll work on it and get it done. We're really excited because they see, take the scoreboard off the wall, that we're playing well together and they're having fun. So we're excited moving forward."



Panther senior guard Dom Matica is pressured near midcourt as he picks up his dribble in the first half by Valhalla's Michael Giuliano (left) and Julian Amorosa.

Sports

Fourth-Quarter Lead Fades as the Bobcats Lose to Irvington

A hot start and cold finish added up to a disappointing outcome for the Byram Hills girls' basketball team on Saturday evening.

Facing host Irvington in the finale of the day-long Autism Classic, the Bobcats built a 10-point first-half lead, but a 19-4 Bulldog run in the fourth quarter completely turned the game around and left Byram Hills with a 61-55 loss. Despite a game-high 22 points from star guard Beth Corelli, the Bobcats fell to 5-4 this season.

For the Bobcats, who were on a four-game winning streak before a three-week stretch of inactivity derailed their momentum, the dispiriting loss to Irvington was their second of the week. On Monday, they had lost by a point at Rye in overtime on a last-second put-back shot by a player who had never scored a varsity basket before.

Corelli, recently named the Con Edison Athlete of the Week, got Byram Hills off to a strong start against the Bulldogs, now 7-2. She scored 10 first-quarter points, including the first basket of the contest, a long 3-pointer from left of the key, after the teams had battled scoreless for nearly the first three minutes.

A 3-point shot from Bobcat junior guard Amy Gagliardi with just over two minutes left in the first quarter broke a 7-7 tie and

Corelli followed with a 17-foot jumper off the dribble nearly a minute later. A pullup trey by Corelli with five seconds to go off of a midcourt inbounds play gave Byram Hills a 15-7 advantage after one quarter.

The Bobcat lead grew to 10 points just 11 seconds into the second quarter when Corelli, using a screen from teammate Olivia Barry, banked in a 15-foot shot. Byram maintained its double-digit margin as Kelsey Vaquero scored on a fast-break layup, assisted by Corelli, with 6:38 remaining before halftime.

But Irvington, sparked by Alyson Raimondo and Claire Friedlander, responded with a 12-2 run that tied the game at 21-apiece with 12 seconds left in the half. Regrettably for the Bobcats, Barry, their senior center who had been repeatedly hitting the deck fighting for the ball, took a hard tumble with 3:17 remaining and never returned.

Byram Hills did manage to regain the lead before the break when Carmen Parrotta spun into the lane for a hook shot while getting fouled. She added the free throw for a conventional 3-point play. Parrotta's put-back basket 12 seconds into the second half increased the Bobcat edge to 26-21 before a 10-2 Bulldog blitz over the next three

minutes changed the momentum again.

A couple of Corelli baskets on drives restored the Byram lead and 3-pointers from Vaquero and Gagliardi 30 seconds apart opened up a 39-34 margin. But the quarter ended with Bulldog center Katie LeBuhn, who finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds, beating the buzzer with a reverse layup on a put-back shot.

The fourth quarter began with a splash for the Bobcats as Kiley Blackmar and Grace Corelli each hit 3-pointers in the first 45 seconds, stretching the Byram lead to 45-36. But Irvington soon went on its decisive 19-4 run. LeBuhn began the burst with a basket down low and she ended it with two free throws that gave the Bulldogs a six-point lead with 40 seconds to go.

Beth Corelli made a steal under the basket and dropped in a lefty layup with 27 seconds left and Grace Corelli weaved through traffic to spin in another shot off glass with 16 seconds on the clock, but it wasn't enough. Irvington's Amanda Raimondo made four straight foul shots in the final seconds to open up a 61-53 lead and seal the Bobcats' fate.

-Andy Jacobs



Bobcat senior Beth Corelli scored a game-high 22 points.



Ilan Laurence of Greeley skates past Pearl River's Patrick Wynne and gets set to fire a shot on goal in Friday night's game at Brewster Ice Arena. The Quakers, leading 1-0 after two periods, erupted for five goals in the third.



Greeley's Gabe Adams, who finished the evening with two goals, sends a wrist shot toward the net in the second period of the Quakers' 6-2 home win over Pearl River.



Horace Greeley senior Ben Cohen takes the puck up the right wing in the second period of Friday night's game against visiting Pearl River. He scored three goals in the Quakers' 6-2 win.

Host Horace Greeley Skates to a Victory Over the Pirates



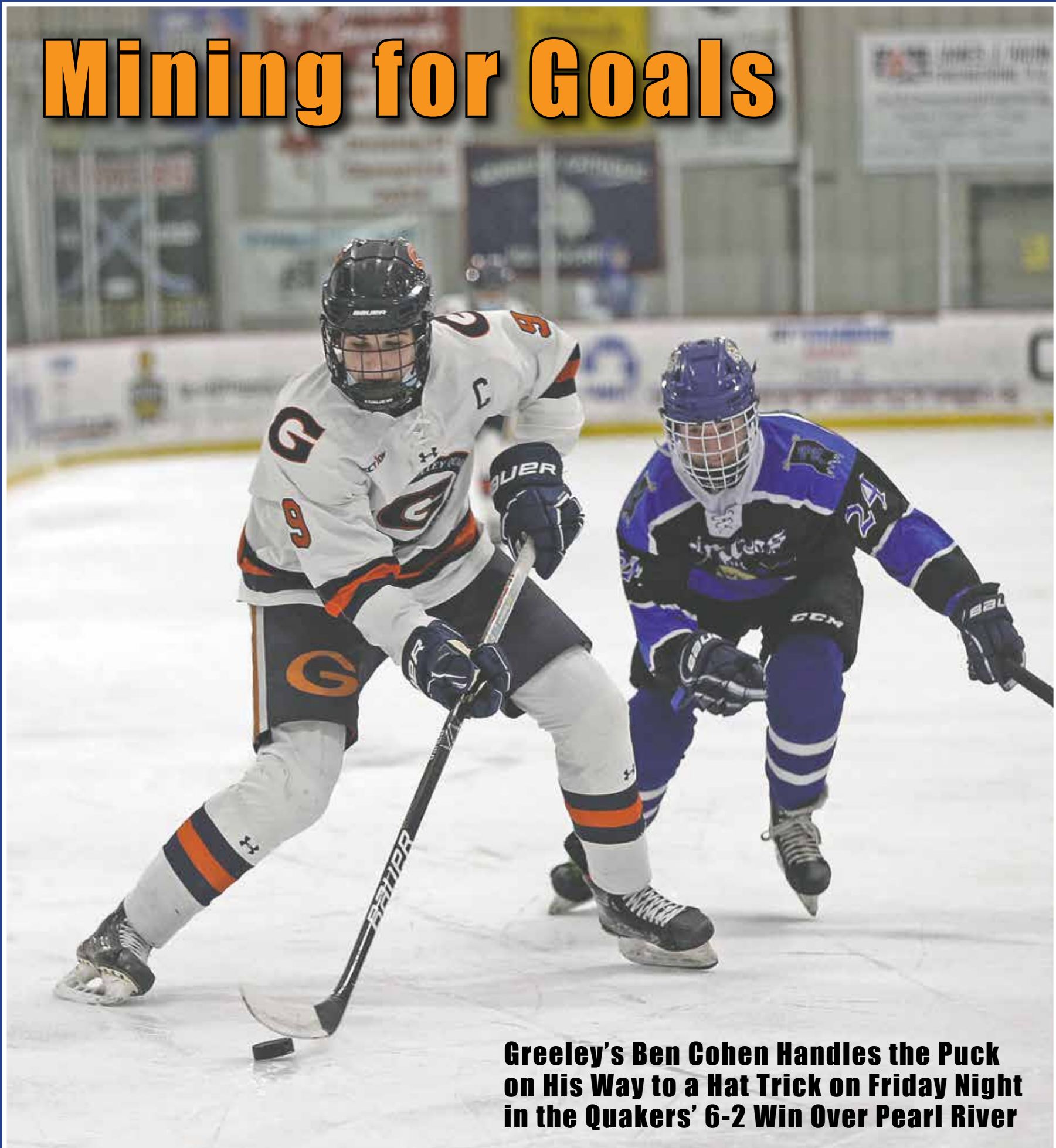
Horace Greeley freshman defenseman Cormac Trombley waits for the puck to drop during a faceoff vs. the visiting Pearl River Pirates.



The Quakers' Charlie Spar stays ready for a pass at the point in the second period of Friday's home win against Pearl River at Brewster Ice Arena.

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