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Righetti & Meatballs!



**Somers Soph Serves
up Pair of Spicey Goals,
Sets up Another in 5-0
Win over Yorktown**

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers sophomore Tiana Righetti (5) sends a hurdling shot beyond the reach of Yorktown G Ciara O'Brien in the Class A state-ranked (No.11) Tuskers' 5-0 win over the visiting Huskers last Thursday, thus avenging a 2-1 loss to Yorktown earlier this year behind two goals and an assist from Righetti, who celebrated often with Tusker teammates, including Julia Arbalaz (11, inset)... see Girls' Soccer Notebook

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State-Ranked Somers, Carmel, Byram Hills Dominant in Victory Mahopac Survives Jay, Yorktown Rolls on Lakeland, Greeley Shocks Panas

By Ray Gallagher
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SOMERS left little doubt, not that there was a whole lot going into Friday's showdown between the state-ranked (No.1) Tuskers (6-0) and previously undefeated Pelham (6-1). Pelham's smoke and mirrors were figments of the Pelicans' imagination when Somers slapped a 41-0 whipping on visiting Pelham on homecoming day at Tusker Nation.

Somers senior HB Ravi Dass, among the best in the business in NYS, rushed for three TDs and 92 yards on just four totes while Tusker QB Matt Fitzsimons scored once on the ground from 18 yards out and fired another 24-yard TD strike to Tyler Ostrander.

Somers RB Luke Savino, who doubles on offense as one of the state's finest kickers, had his way between tackles, rushing for 93 yards and scoring once while setting up teammates with dynamic runs to move the chains and set up scores. He was 5 for 5 on PATs.

Tuskers Luke Kennedy (4 tackles) and Ryan Cole (3 tackles) each had a pair of tackles for a loss.

It was total domination from start to finish for the NYS Class A runner-up Tuskers.

"It was a game well played with very few penalties and mistakes on our part," Savino said. "The O-line really stepped up this

game and gave Fitz, myself and the other running backs a lot of room to move the ball. We came into the game super prepared and had a great week of practice, allowing us to execute and perform on both sides of the ball."

BREWSTER remained alive in the Class A playoff hunt when it spoiled **FOX LANE's** homecoming day with a defensive effort for the year in a 13-0 shutout of the Foxes (1-5). Bears QB Massimo Parrello hit on 11-19 passes for 128 yards, including a TD strike to Matt Thompson from 12 yards out in the first quarter. Joey Anuso padded the Brewster lead early in the second when he scooted to paydirt from 32 yards out behind the blocking of AJ Pieragostini, Derek Karlsson and Izzy Arenas.

"I thought we had the chance to put them away early but Fox Lane wouldn't quit," Bears boss Ed Mulvihille admitted. "They were very physical up front and we had to work hard to get yards all day."

Bears WR Julius Walters loosened up the Fox Lane defense by snaring five passes for 85 yards. "Defensively, we pitched our first shutout of the season," Mulvihille said. "We made very few mistakes on defense and our kids matched their toughness. Marco Accurso, Logan Simon and Derek Karlsson clogged the middle and Luke Sanchez had a big interception on our goal line to stop a

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Walter Panas quarterback Travis Carlucci tries to run past Greeley's Kyle McKenney during Friday night's Independent League showdown in Chappaqua.



Greeley wide receiver Jameson Blakeslee couldn't haul in this first-half pass from quarterback Julian Asch, but the two sophomores later connected on a game-winning touchdown toss in OT as the Quakers defeated Panas 27-24.



Paul Ronga of Walter Panas High School celebrates in the end zone after scoring the first touchdown in Friday night's game at Greeley.

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CHRISTINA SCHOONMAKER PHOTO

Greeley WR Erik Forster is beyond stoked with teammate Jameson Blakeslee after Quakers' wild walk-off Homecoming win over visiting Panas Friday.

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score, and Nick Smith made big tackles from the defensive backfield. Sometimes, you have to play through mistakes and win the game. Offensively, we had too many missed assignments for this late in the season, but we got the W and that's the bottom line."

The one thing **MAHOPAC** Coach Dominick DeMatteo is most proud of during the Indians' 3-3 start is the fact that his club has no idea what the word quit means. Week in and week out, Mahopac battles to the final whistle and that was evident once again in the host Indians' 48-44 win over visiting John Jay CR (3-4) with all the playoff marbles on the line on senior night.

"We never give up and always fight to the end," said All-Section-in-waiting RB Joey Koch, who added three more TD to his season total of 12, adding 37 carries for 217 yards. "We have guys stepping up each week and making plays. We had a few close ones this season and it was nice to come out on top in this one. We are going to stick to the plan and continue to focus on each week's upcoming opponent and keep working to get better in each practice."

Mahopac survived despite losing starting QB DJ DeMatteo, who was sent to the sideline after taking a massive hit. Junior Danny Koch stepped in under center where he and his brother got busy. Danny added 11 carries for 72 yards and the go-ahead score on the ground and found speedster John Kearney for a key 41-yard TD catch. DeMatteo went for 38 yards on four carries, including a TD trot before being injured (MCL sprain) and likely sidelined for two to four weeks.

"We all feel for DJ taking that hit and having to leave the game," Joey Koch said. "I thought Danny stepped in at a big moment and handled it very well."

Phil Colbrook had a 52-yard pick-six for the Indians while Danny Koch and Owen Ryan (team-high 7 tackles) each had an INT, Ryan's sealing the deal as time ran out.

"That might have been one of the most exciting high school football games I've ever

been a part of," Coach DeMatteo said. "Our kids have bought in 100% to our philosophy, our core values, the way we do things in our program. It's a 100% buy-in from 8U through varsity and it encompasses our entire community. Current players and former players, current parents and former parents, everyone is buying in. The vision was on full display and it was awesome to witness."

YORKTOWN continued to own crosstown rival **LAKELAND**, the Huskers (4-3) taking up the ritual of beating the Hornets (3-4) by a 33-20 count.

On senior night at Yorktown, senior RB Justin Meyreles surpassed 1,500 total yards on the season and added to his 12 total touchdowns by rushing for 317 yards and three touchdowns on 41 carries. He also added a catch for 23 yards.

Lakeland QB Grady Leonard hit on 12-23 passes 162 yards, including a pair of TD passes to WR Sean Perry (4 grabs for 102 yards) and Anthony Jennings (4 catches, 44 yards). Hornet RB Stephen Carroll carried six times for 102 yards and a TD trot and added a team-high 15 tackles. Ian Wisker added 13 tackles and Kyle Gallagher had a pick.

Lakeland had two key players sent to the hospital by ambulance before halftime, adding to its woes.

"It was pride and culture from their on out," Lakeland captain Andrew Mendel said. "Not focusing on the win or loss but giving all you got for the two guys fighting horrible pain. We are just happy that they were ok. That, sometimes, beats winning."

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

They won't be independent for long if **HORACE GREELEY** sophomores – QB Julian Asch and WR Jameson Blakeslee – continue to hook up as they did in Friday's 27-24 overtime triumph of visiting **WALTER PANAS**. The youthful duo hooked up on the game-winning score as time expired to beat the Panthers and take over the top seed in the

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Carmel senior RB Nick Rosaforte found paydirt twice in Rams' 25-0 win over host Suffern Friday.



BILL KENNEDY PHOTO

A rare combination of speed (6.59, 60), strength and agility have made Mahopac RB Joey Koch one of the toughest to tackle in Section 1.



ANDY JACOBS PHOTO

Byram Hills RB Gavin Javorsky found paydirt yet again in 38-6 win over Bronxville Friday night.

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Indy League, which was wisely developed so teams could improve their programs in a competitive format: Fair to say the Quakers (6-1) and Panthers (5-2) have done just that and then some.

Asch dialed up 20 completions of 27 attempts for 270 yards and two TD's. Jameson Blakeslee added a pair of scores for the Quakers.

"The game winning play was a flood concept to the right," Greeley Coach Joe Kearns said. "I was hoping for a five- or 10-yard pick up. But Julian and Jameson have a special connection and they trust each other. It was a great night but what should not go unnoticed is how well Panas played. They are very well coached and they are a class act. Nothing but respect for that group."

CLASS AA

WHITE PLAINS (1-4) had no answers for John Jay EF RB Brady Feliciotto, who raced for 260 yards and four scores to lead the surging Patriots (5-1) to a 35-21 win. If the playoff were to start today, the Patriots would be a tough second-round foe for reigning NYS Class AA champion **CARMEL** to deal with. Currently, the Carmel side of the bracket looks particularly tough with Scarsdale (4-2) serving as a potential first-round opponent. The top-seeded Rams (6-0) are still the team to beat after going across the river Friday and manhandling Suffern in a 25-0 rout behind a pair of rushing scores by senior Nick Rosaforte (6 carries, 67 yards) and sophomore Tristen Werlau (100 yards rushing on 6 carries). Ram RB Thomas Keating added 89 rushing yards on 11 carries. Carmel's defense posted its second shutout of the season and led the Rams to their 22nd-straight win. DB Rosaforte led the defense with 11 tackles.

CLASS B/C

State-ranked (No.15) **BYRAM HILLS**

took it to Bronxville in the second half (21 unanswered points) of a 38-6 Bobcat homecoming day victory. Rushing touchdowns from Gavin Javorsky (123 yards rushing) and Dario Amicucci (63 rushing yards, 56 receiving) paved the ground game. Bobcat QB Jon Accurso (11 for 16 passing, 205 passing yards) threw one TD pass to Luca Scali (3 grabs, 77 yards) and rushed for two more scores on homecoming night. Luke Weiler booted a 47-yard field goal for the Bobcats (6-1), who saw Sean Siegel haul in four catches for 64 yards.

Byram Coach Simon Berk said, "George Gjela was everywhere on defense with 12 tackles, a forced fumble, and two passes knocked down. We also had interceptions from safety Luke Weiler, CB Isaac Berfield, and a one-handed interception from our nose tackle Jackson Frankel. We fumbled on the one-yard on the opening possession, and Bronxville drove 99 yards to score but never scored again. Defense settled in and was fantastic."

State-ranked (No.9) Dobbs Ferry had three running backs combine for nearly 400 yards from scrimmage in a 40-7 defeat of host **PUTNAM VALLEY**, who picked a bad opponent for Homecoming Day. The sledding was awfully tough, but junior RB Rick Meister led the Tigers (2-3) with 36 rushing yards and a TD. Hudson Sperrazza was in on 12 tackles (7 solos), three for loss, including a sack, to lead the PV defense.

HALDANE (4-2) survived a scare from Blind Brook but held serve with a 39-33 OT victory when sophomore RB Evan Giachinta scored the last of his three rushing TDs in overtime, 19 carries and 155 yards later. Blue Devil QB Ryan Van Tassel hit on 9 of 17 passes for 105 yards, including two TD strikes to Giachinta and Tommy Andrews. Erik Stubblefield (12 assists on tackles) and Jake Mason (11 assists) were a menacing defensive presence.

Nanuet beat Briarcliff/Hamilton 28-12 to improve to 5-1 while B/H dipped to 1-6.



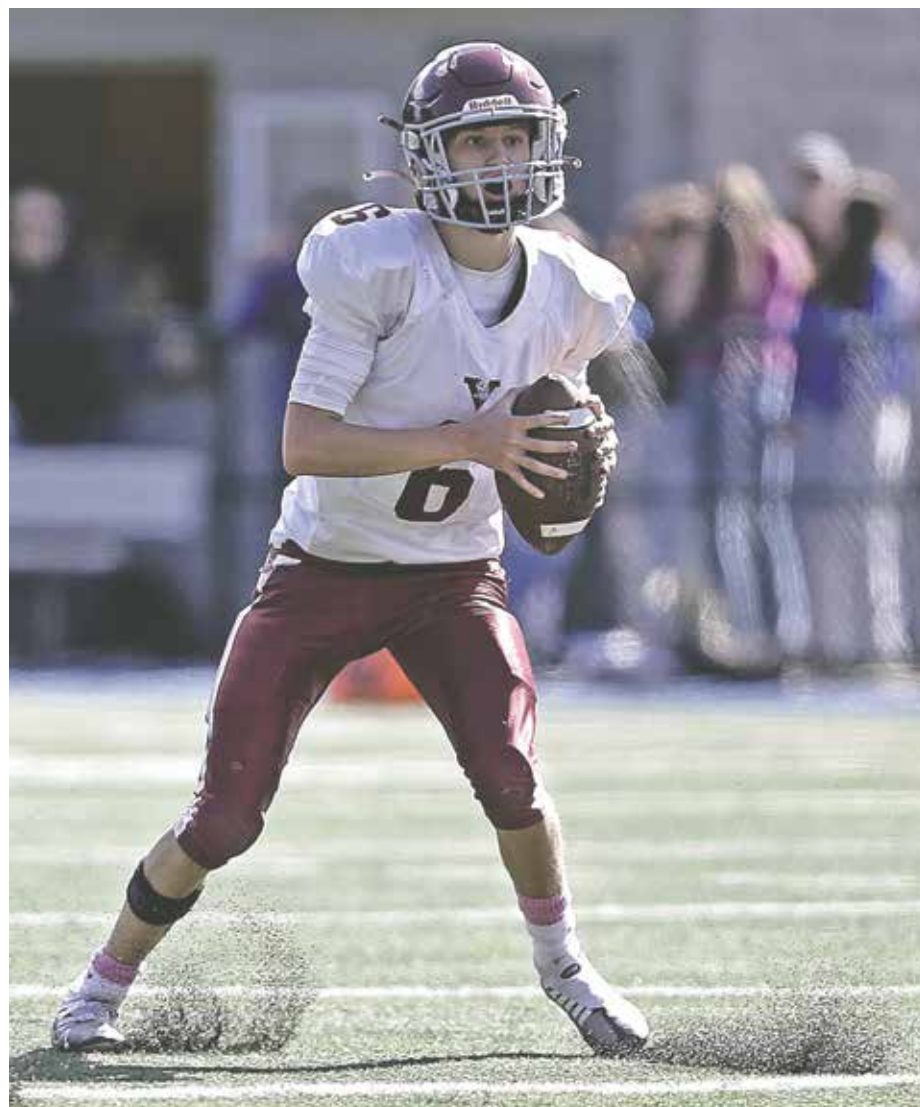
YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PHOTO

Yorktown RB Justin Meyreles follows OL Cristian DeCanio's lead to paydirt en route to one of three TD and 317 yards in 33-20 win over Lakeland.

State-ranked (No.4) Tuckahoe proved its the team to beat in Class D when the Tigers took it to state-ranked (No.13) Class C **VALHALLA** in a 44-20 Tuckahoe win on the Vikings' homecoming day. Valhalla fell to 5-1. **WESTLAKE** (4-2) put its best foot forward in a 40-0 whipping of Irvington Saturday. The Wildcats will host Valhalla Friday in a key Class C matchup that could shake up the Class C playoff seeds.

PLEASANTVILLE (6-0), the reigning Section 1 Class B champion, was awarded a forfeit victory over **HEN HUD** due to the Sailors (1-5) not having enough healthy players eligible for Week 6. The Panthers will face Ardsley in Week 7 with the No.1 seed in Class B all but locked.

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Valhalla QB Brendan O'Neil's state-ranked Class C Vikings suffered tough loss to state-ranked Class D power Tuckahoe Saturday.

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Brewster's Palladino Nets Section 1 Singles Title, Byram Duo Crowned Doubles Champs



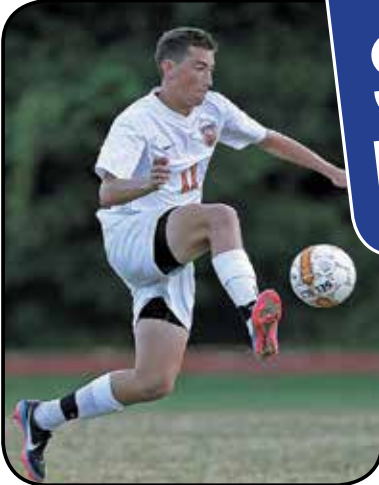
ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



The Byram Hills duo of Chloe Bernstein (L) and Jenna Kleynerman (in sweat pants) captured the Section One doubles championship last Tuesday afternoon by defeating Harrison's Hannah Rose and Alexia Lansberg 7-5, 6-4 in the title match. The Bobcat standouts, seeded first in the tournament, had breezed through the first three days of the tournament at Harrison High School, losing just six games over five matches. Meanwhile, Brewster High School's Mia Palladino (Nike hat) crushed this forehand en route to winning the Section One girls' singles tennis title on Tuesday evening. The Stonybrook-bound, talented Brewster senior, seeded second in the sectional tournament, outlasted top-seeded Victoria McEnroe of Bronxville 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 in a marathon match. Palladino prevailed in a finale that lasted almost three hours. She built a 5-2 third-set lead, then held off McEnroe in the last game with a pair of aces before ending the match with a flourish on a forehand winner into the open court. The local trio will now await the state championships in Schenectady that start in two weeks.



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Girls Soccer Notebook

Klammer Sisters Share Traditions of Mahopac Soccer

Somers Answers Back Yorktown Loss in Convincing Fashion

By Tony Pinciario

One aspect has been a constant for Mahopac High in establishing itself among the Section 1 elite in recent years – a Klammer sister has been an impact player for the Indians.

Katrina set the standard for the sisters. She was joined by younger sister Mia. When Katrina graduated, Mia welcomed youngest sister and current senior captain Piper to varsity. The sisters have all been Mahopac captains as seniors.

“It’s definitely something special to be able to play at a highly-competitive level of soccer with your sisters,” said Piper, a four-year varsity player. “I got to play on varsity with Mia for two years and Mia was able to play on varsity with Katrina for two years, as well.”

While Piper is a major factor in Mahopac’s successful season and assured berth in the Section 1 Class A Girls’ Soccer Championship, Katrina and Mia are starters and captains at Cortland and The College of Saint Rose, respectively.

Katrina also established the sisters’ love of the sport when they were younger.

“Our dad started us off playing soccer at a young age and I would definitely say that once Katrina started playing, that Mia and I as younger siblings wanted to follow in her footsteps,” Piper said.

Prior to teaming up for Mahopac, Piper explained she was able to watch, play against and even play with her sisters and cousin on the same club team.

“This has helped me to become the player that I am today because we have always pushed each other to be the best, well-rounded players that we can be whether that was in foot skills, aggressiveness, or sportsmanship,” Piper said.

Even with her sisters’ busy academic and game schedules, Piper knows they are pulling for her and the team.

“My sisters try their best to watch all of my games and always support me and the team, but sometimes have to miss them due to their own games and practices,” Piper said.

Mahopac closed out its season with a 3-0 victory over rival Carmel to finish 11-5. The Indians received goals from Gianna Fava, Cam Wilson and Keyla Tenenpaguay. Klammer had an assist as did Fiona Kelleher.

Mahopac’ offense has been a strength, but its defense has been quite stingy and hopes to continue its lockdown showing.

“Going into sectionals the defense has been playing strong, giving up maybe 10 goals in 16 games,” Piper said. “We hope to keep up the strong defense in sectionals



Somers sophomore Adrianna Cooke drills goal in Tuskers’ 5-0 win over visiting Yorktown Thursday.

and hopefully that can help us to make a long run.”

SOMERS only had one loss entering the last full week of the regular season and the Tuskers were aware they would have a chance to return the favor to Yorktown.

The Tuskers did just that, avenging the lone blemish on their record with a 5-0 victory over Yorktown behind two goals and an assist from sophomore Tiana Righetti.

Coupled with a 2-1 win over Clarkstown North, Somers finished the regular season 15-1. The Tuskers have secured the No.2 seed in the upcoming Section 1 Class A Girls’ Soccer Championship.

“We made the necessary adjustments for the game,” said senior and captain Tori Olsen. “Going into it we knew we wanted to win the game and we did everything it took to achieve this goal.”

Julia Arbelaez had two scores for Somers. Somers trailed Clarkstown North, 1-0 at halftime, but second-half goals by Righetti and Arbelaez fueled the victory. Ava Giudice assisted on both goals.

“After trailing 1-0 at halftime, we were able to regroup and talk about how to break down their formation,” Somers’ Coach Kelci Hegg said. “We came out better organized, we were able to capitalize on our chances

and control the pace of the game.”

Somers now begins its preparation to confront the difficult path to a Class A sectional title. Annually, Class A is the most difficult to win because of the large number of excellent teams such as Yorktown, Lakeland, Hen Hud, Pearl River, Albertus Magnus, Tappan Zee and Somers, just to name a few.

“I think Class A is always so challenging because of every team’s competitiveness, work ethic and great talent,” Olsen said. “Everyone is out to win and this pushes our team to work even harder and go the extra mile, all while having fun, so we can succeed.”

HEN HUD concluded the regular season with a draw, in double overtime, and record-setting performances in a victory.

The Sailors played Tappan Zee to a 1-1 draw in a rematch of a 2021 Section 1 Class A Girls’ Soccer Championship outbracket game which the Dutchies won in penalty kicks.

“It was a great 0-0 overtime game last year,” Hen Hud Coach Bill Pagel said. “When we saw them on the schedule this year we were eager to play them again. This turned out to be another really well-played game by both teams. This game, we had some good

chances in overtime, but just missed the target. We were pleased to walk away with a tie against a quality team. This game proved to be a confidence-booster for us to end the regular season with. Heading into sectionals we are feeling confident in our ability.”

Lena Johnsen had the goal, assisted by sister, Liv Johnsen. Lexi Schaffer made nine saves.

The Johnsen sisters will now have their names in the Hen Hud girls’ soccer program history books after Lena had four goals and two assists in the 7-0 win over Peekskill. Liv added two goals and three assists.

Lena Johnsen tied the program’s single-season goals standard with 27. Liv Johnsen established a new program record for most goals scored in one season by a sophomore with 20.

Jess Redmond opened the scoring for Hen Hud and Morgan Parks had an assist.

Hen Hud finished the regular season with a 10-4-2 record and will begin play in the Section 1 Class A Girls’ Soccer Championship this week.

LAKELAND closed out its week with an accomplishment it can add to the girls’ soccer banner in the Hornets’ gymnasium.

The Hornets defeated district-rival Panas,

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5-2, and earned a share of the league title. Lakeland Coach Shawn Sullivan noted this is Lakeland's first league title since 2004.

Riley McConnell and Laura MacDonald each had a goal and an assist. Deanna Lage, Kayleigh Mula and Ellen Ndreka also had goals.

Caroline Leonard and Grace Nugent recorded assists.

"We are all super-thrilled and proud of ourselves for being able to finally win a league title," senior and captain Deanna Lage said. "Throughout the season we've all been working super hard to get better every game and this really did show in big games. Beating our rival, Panas, on our senior night to secure this title more exciting and exhilarating. It's been a goal of the entire team to win league and to make it real was awesome!"

Lakeland lost a tough 3-2 game, in double overtime, to Eastchester earlier in the week.

Caroline Daly and Magda Argos scored for Lakeland.

"We did an outstanding job defending, moving the ball and creating chances, unfortunately we couldn't find the back of the net with many of our shots," Sullivan said. "We are headed in the right direction going into sectionals. We just need to convert a few more chances."

PANAS concluded the regular season splitting two games to finish at 8-8 as it prepares for sectionals. The Panthers reached .500 with a 6-0 victory over Putnam Valley in their final regular-season game.

Giuliana Rodriguez and Cassidy Pisani each had two goals and Rodriguez tallied two assists. Molly Muller added her team-leading ninth goal of the season along with an assist and Kaitlyn MacPherson scored a goal. Kaylie Mellars and Emily Jankowski also had assists.

"I was happy with our team's effort in their win, especially after an emotional rivalry loss the night before," Panas Coach Matt Schiff said. "We possessed the ball well, created opportunities and put heavy pressure on their midfielders. It's a good result to have leading into sectionals."

Muller and MacPherson had the goals against Lakeland. Muller assisted MacPherson and Jankowski assisted Muller. Kelly McAleese made 13 saves.

PLEASANTVILLE rallied in the second half to force overtime and Jess Beck punctuated the 3-2 victory over VALHALLA scoring the game-winning goal by Jess Beck with 29 seconds remaining in the second overtime.

The Panthers trailed 2-1 in the second

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Yorktown senior Olivia Lucas (14) is fouled by Somers sophomore Tiana Righetti in Huskers' 5-0 loss to host Tuskers Thursday.



Somers sophomore Adrianna Cooke is quick to offer congrats to Ava Giudice after her goal gave Tuskers 4-0 halftime lead.

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half, but Faith Brown scored the second of her two goals to even the score.

Pleasantville is 10-4-1 on the season and hopes to lock down a top-5 seed..

PEEKSKILL encountered a tale of two 7-0 scores.

After dropping a 7-0 verdict to Hen Hud, Peekskill bounced back to beat Woodlands, 7-0.

Sophia Vesce and Valeria Otavalo led Peekskill with two goals and two assists apiece. Evelyn Zumba added one goal and one assist and Michelle Barreto and MaYra Perez scored goals.

WHITE PLAINS swept its two games – 3-1 over Fox Lane and 3-0 over Port Chester.

The Port Chester game was halted early in the second half because of thunderstorms.

“I was proud of my girls for sealing the deal in the first half so that if the weather didn’t hold up, we would get the win after half,” White Plains’ Coach Ali Rainone said. “The last time we played them we didn’t score anything until the 70th minute so it was nice to come out strong, right away.”

Francesca DeLia, Kim Orozco and Sophie Mercer scored for the Tigers and Cianna Smith had an assist.

White Plains is 8-7-1 this season.

HORACE GREELEY had a busy final week of the regular season with four wins and it outscored its opponents, 29-1.

The Quakers defeated Port Chester as Meredith Feiner and Ramsey Edson each scored twice and Feiner added two assists. Sophia Ivanov had one goal and one assist and Sydney Mikesell, Esmeralda Weiss and Skyler Stambleck also scored goals.

After Fox Lane took a quick 1-0 lead on a Melissa Palma goal, assisted by Joselyn Wierzzhowski, the Quakers scored the next seven goals.

Hannah Fetzer had a hat trick, Feiner added two goals and two assists and Ramsey Edson finished with a goal and three assists.

Edson and Feiner each scored three goals in the victory over Arlington B and Fetzer posted two assists.

Greeley (12-4) had balanced scoring in the 8-0 triumph over Saunders as seven different players scored, highlighted by Feiner’s two goals.

Ramsey Edson, Rowan Edson, Abigail Meakem, Casey Samuels, Rachel Glick and Sophia Ivanov had goals. Caroline Rose, Finley Pollard, Alexa Troob, Mikesell and Ivanov each had an assist.

BYRAM HILLS went 3-0 with a 5-3 victory over Westlake and a 2-0 and 5-3 win over Ardsley.

Ella Salstein and Abi Rondeau had two goals apiece against Westlake and Amelia Dougherty added one goal and two assists for the Bobcats (9-5-2).

Sydni Shamus and Dougherty scored in the 2-0 win as the game was stopped at halftime because of severe weather.

Rondeau added two more goals in the 5-3 win over Ardsley.

Perry Ertel, Anastasia Byrnes and Shamus also had goals and Dougherty assisted on four goals.

FOX LANE closed its week with a 5-0 win over Saunders following losses to White Plains (3-1) and arch-rival Horace Greeley (7-1).

Sophia Bueti finished with one goal and two assists against Saunders and Melissa Palma added one goal and one assist.



Yorktown’s Kaitlin Judge (L) and Jules Vano try to slow down Somers senior Ava Giudice in Huskers’ 5-0 loss to host Tuskers Thursday,

Jocelyn Wierzchowski, Elizabeth Fortune and Vasquez Max also scored and Emily Ruiz and Ava Schuster had assists.

Fox Lane is 4-9-2 this season.

PUTNAM VALLEY played its final four games of the season and, unfortunately, lost all of them – Dobbs Ferry, Pawling, Panas and North Salem.

Senior Gigi Cartategui scored Putnam Valley’s goal against Pawling and North Salem.

“GiGi, a senior and captain, has been an integral force to be reckoned with each and every game,” Putnam Valley coach Niclè Ryan said. “Our other three captains, Emily Nielsen (also a senior), Taylor Rogers (junior), and Mia Borchick (sophomore) have been major assets in all roles on the field. All four captains are prime examples of positive leadership.

“While our record does not show much success, it is in no way an accurate reflection of the progress achieved this season on both the individual and team levels. This truly is a great group of girls and I look forward to next season and all those returning. We will for sure miss our five seniors.”

WESTLAKE lost its only game of the week – 3-1 to Blind Brook.

Luciana Shkreli scored on a penalty kick. Goalie Sophia Remo made seven saves and Coach Ashley Heis said Remo played a fantastic game.

YORKTOWN closed out the regular season with a pair of losses – 5-0 to Somers and 2-0 to John Jay-Cross River.

Goalie Ciara O’Brien made 18 and 17 saves, respectively, in the two games as Yorktown finished the regular season at 11-4-1.



Somers senior Ava Giudice (L) was thrilled to set up sophomore Tiana Righetti in Tuskers’ 5-0 win over visiting Yorktown Thursday.

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FIELD HOCKEY

White Plains Shocks Fox Lane, 3-2 Lakeland Nips Improved Yorktown, 1-0



White Plains senior Courtney Austin advances the ball between Fox Lane's Alexis Frusciante (left) and Julia Cambareri in the Tigers' come-from-behind 3-2 win over the host Foxes.



Elizabeth Armogida of White Plains takes the ball up the field with Fox Lane's Sidney Sicignano in pursuit during the fourth quarter of the Tigers' 3-2 victory Friday.



White Plains senior captain Sophia Emmert surveys the field as she controls the ball in the Tigers' come-from-behind 3-2 win at Fox Lane on Friday.



Zoe Stonecipher of Fox Lane moves toward the goal in front of White Plains midfielder Stella Gould during the second half of Friday's 3-2 White Plains win.



YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PHOTOS

Yorktown senior captain Adrianna Albano and Lakeland junior captain Isabella Basulto clash for 50-50 ball in Huskers' 1-0 loss to visiting Hornets Thursday when Charlotte Sabert scored the game's lone goal from Emily Yazzetti. Lakeland G Celeste Pagliaroli stopped six shots in the shutout of the improving Huskers.



Fox Lane's Riley Linehan tries to race past Ryleigh Falvey of White Plains in Friday's game won by the visiting Tigers.



White Plains players, left to right, Stella Gould, Brianna Hanratty and Alivia Alexander celebrate a second-half goal that helped the Tigers overcome a 2-0 halftime deficit and defeat host Fox Lane Friday.



Samantha Reder of Fox Lane sets her sights on the ball with White Plains defenders Stella Gould (left) and Mackenzie Kelly nearby in Friday's 3-2 Tigers win.



YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PHOTOS

Yorktown senior Kaitlin Regan is challenged by Lakeland sophomore Gabriella Santini in Huskers' 1-0 loss to visiting Hornets Thursday.

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Yorktown, Briarcliff, Haldane Take Top Seeds into Tourneys

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The regular season is a thing of the past, the seeds are essentially set as we speak and the second season begins this week with four top seeds and somewhat crystal clear favorites: Classes AA (state-ranked No.1 Scarsdale), Class A (state-ranked No.2 Yorktown), Class B (state-ranked No.1 Briarcliff) and Class C (state-ranked No.6 Haldane).

CLASS A

Perhaps nobody will have it tougher than **YORKTOWN**, though. The current seeds show the Huskers (16-0) having to face reigning NYS champion and eighth-seeded **SOMERS** in the quarterfinals and No.4 crosstown rival **LAKELAND** in the quarters before a potential title tilt with No.2 Tappan Zee, ranked No.6 in NYS. So, Yorktown, while having become the first team in school history to go undefeated and untied in the regular season, has one heck of a road to hoe en route to the finals.

"As for class A and B, the one seeds are of course the favorites and are both undefeated, but both classes are so deep," Lakeland Coach Tim Hourahan said. "The waters are so much tougher to navigate, so whoever wins Class A and B will have won four really tough games."

Which should set them up rather nicely for the state tournament where Yorktown would host the Section 9/Section 4 winner on Nov. 5 should they survive and advance.

But let's not put the cart before the horse because the road to the sectional finals has some serious bumps to navigate.

Yorktown managed to score 15 goals in a pair of season-ending wins over **BREWSTER** and John Jay CR, piling up the 11th and 12th shutouts of the year for this splendid back line of defenders, which have allowed just four goals all season in front of skillful keeper JP Frucco.

Fifth-seeded **HORACE GREELEY** (11-2-2) went off on Saunders in an 8-0

win behind goals from Jesse LaRosa (2G), Jeremy Taber (2G), Bryan Ji, Bryce Bernbach, Daniel Fioretti, Diego Weiss and Gordon Walsh, thus securing home field advantage in the first round and setting up a potential doozy with Lakeland in the quarters, though Lakeland would have to survive the No.13 **MAHOPAC**/No.20 **HEN HUD** outbracket winner. The Indians are 7-8 on the season and have lost four of the last five but those losses have come against some tough Class AA competition, including **CARMEL**, Arlington, John Jay EF and Somers. In other words, don't expect an easy out when a hardened Mahopac pays a visit. However, the collision course between Coach Hourahan's Hornets and Coach Camp Shropshire's Quakers seems inevitable. The Quakers also defeated **WESTLAKE**, 3-1, as the reigning Section 1 Class B champion Wildcats fell to 5-9-2. After Thomas Lyden spotted Westlake a 1-0 lead, Diego Weiss, Jesse LaRosa and Gordon Walsh netted consecutive goals for the Quakers, who have not lost in their last seven matches (6-0-1).

At 10-6 overall, **SOMERS** is the team nobody wants to see in the early rounds, but in the same breath it would be a feather in anyone's cap to knock the Tuskers (10-6) off their perch while developing confidence throughout the tournament, which is what ninth-seeded Sleepy Hollow might be thinking. Though, it would be a shocker if Coach Brian Lanzetta's Tuskers aren't squared off with Lakeland in what would be an entertaining quarterfinal round, with winners potentially taking on Yorktown.

HEN HUD put a monkey wrench on **PEEKSKILL**'s plans with a 1-0 Sailor win behind a goal from Zach Zalamea, assisted by Charley Corrad 15 minutes into the second half. The loss sent the Red Devils (10-4-2) to the No.6 seed and kept the Sailors (3-12-1) postseason hopes barely alive.

Unofficially, No.15 **PANAS** (6-8-2) has a ridiculously tough draw with No.18 Roosevelt in the outbracket before going to Tappan Zee in the opening round. Panas



Briarcliff's Miles Prosperino (left) and Valhalla's Julian Amorosa race for the ball in Wednesday's game won by the host Bears.

finished off **PUTNAM VALLEY**, 3-0, when the Tigers failed to contain Jefferson Velasquez who posted a natural hat trick for the Panthers (6-8-2). Velasquez also scored twice in a 2-2 with Peekskill. Daniel Farez and Randy Tapia spotted Peekskill a 2-0 lead before Velasquez saved the day.

Panas did not fare as well in a 2-0 loss to **LAKELAND**, which won the league title behind tallies from Connor Daly and Mike Rodriguez to avenge an earlier loss to Panthers. Bryan Jaramillo finished with one assist and Oban Rader made four saves for the shutout as Lakeland (12-3-1) closed with seven wins in its last eight and went

7-1 against league foes. Coach Hourahan's Hornets are playing their best soccer of the year heading into the postseason.

CLASS B/C

BRIARCLIFF put up seven goals in a shutout of the Obama School. Nathaniel Rohde (2G, 1 A), Ethan Klar (1G, 2A), Evan Gleason (1G, 1A), Matt Galiano (1G, 1A), Sebastian Lai (1G) and Dan Antin (1G) all found the back of the net while Toby Young (5 saves) had the clean sheet for the state-ranked (No.1) Bears (14-0-1).

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Luca Pandzic of Valhalla is sandwiched by Briarcliff's Matt Galiano (left) and Ethan as he tries to gain control of the ball in last week's 4-1 victory by the Bears.

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Briarcliff junior forward Matt Galiano sends a shot on goal late in the second half of last week's home win over the Valhalla Vikings.



Briarcliff senior midfielder Ethan Klar speeds his way up the field in a 4-1 win over Valhalla last Wednesday.

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The Bears also bested **VALHALLA**, 4-1, when Emilio Abud-Chalita (1G, 1A), Rohde (1G, 1A), Klar (1G), Theo Molinoff (1G) and Evan Gleason (1A) were in on the scoring.

The Vikings (5-8-3) came out strong against the Bears, and Lucas Signes scored off a Vincent Reyes assist. This broke Briarcliff's back line for the first time in three games, but the response from the Bears was immediate. Molinoff and Klar each scored within a minute of each other, making the halftime score 2-1. Abud-Chalita and Rohde scored late second half goals to put the game away.

BYRAM HILLS suffered a 3-1 loss to a really good Bronxville club Sunday when the Bobcats (9-5-2) let an early Aidan Heffner goal go to waste and fell to the No.6



Yorktown captain Ryan Tomeny's top-seeded Huskers (16-0) are first team in school history to go undefeated and untied in regular season and could see Connor Daly's No.4 Hornets in semis if chalk pans out.

seed in Class B. Still, nobody will discount the Bobcats, who have as much tradition on their side as any club in Class B. The unit has faced a tough schedule under Coach Matty Allen and are quite prepared for the rigors of the postseason.

PLEASANTVILLE fell to 8-6 after three-straight losses to Rye Neck (2X) and Blind Brook.

HALDANE, ranked No.6 in NYS Class C, won the league championship last week with wins over North Salem (4-1) and Croton (7-2). The Blue Devils (13-2) went 8-0 in league play but did suffer a 2-1 overtime loss to Peekskill. Red Devils Joe Uzhca (PK at '9 in 1st half) and Jonathan Mendieta (finished inside the 6 yard box from a Chris Chalco pass at the '3 of the 1st OT)

Haldane's Matt Silhavy headed home a



Valhalla's Lucas Signes (left) heads the ball away from Briarcliff's Matt Galiano during the second half of last Wednesday's game.

corner kick by Brandt Robbins at the '30 of the second half to force OT.

Robbins was at it again in the win over North Salem, tickling twine twice. Clem Grossman added a goal and an assist. Blue Devil sniper Ryan Eng Wong put a hurt on Croton, bagging a hat trick and setting up three more goals.

CLASS AA

The potential playoff rematch between No.6 **WHITE PLAINS** and No.11 **CARMEL** in the opening round is quite intriguing, considering the Tigers barely got off the bus in a 4-1 loss to the host Rams (6-7-3) in early September. Back then, the Tigers had no answer for Kyle Klammer and Co., but a different Tiger team (11-4-1) has emerged since then; one that has gone 7-1-1 in its last nine, one that has allowed two goals in its last seven games.

White Plains continued its strong play in a 2-0 win over Port Chester behind goals from Chris Salazar (assisted by Rhaymani



Somers will need a disciplined Brady Leitner as the potential No.8 seed on a potential collision course with No.1 Yorktown in quarters.

Alexander) and Charles Reid (assisted by Abraham DeOliveira) and a shutout effort from G Milo Kris (6 saves).

The Rams (6-7-3) fought to the finish in a 2-2 tie with RCK when Neel Walia (assist to Alex Kozlowicz) and Klammer (assist to David Maldonado) scored come-from-behind goals.

OSSINING (10-3-3) will enter the fray as the No.4 seed having gone unbeaten (4-0-2) in its last six. Goals have been tough to come by (just four in the last four games) but the Pride defense has been stout, just four goals in its last seven games. Ossining will draw No.13 Mamaroneck in the opening round before a potential quarterfinal match with No.5 John Jay EF.

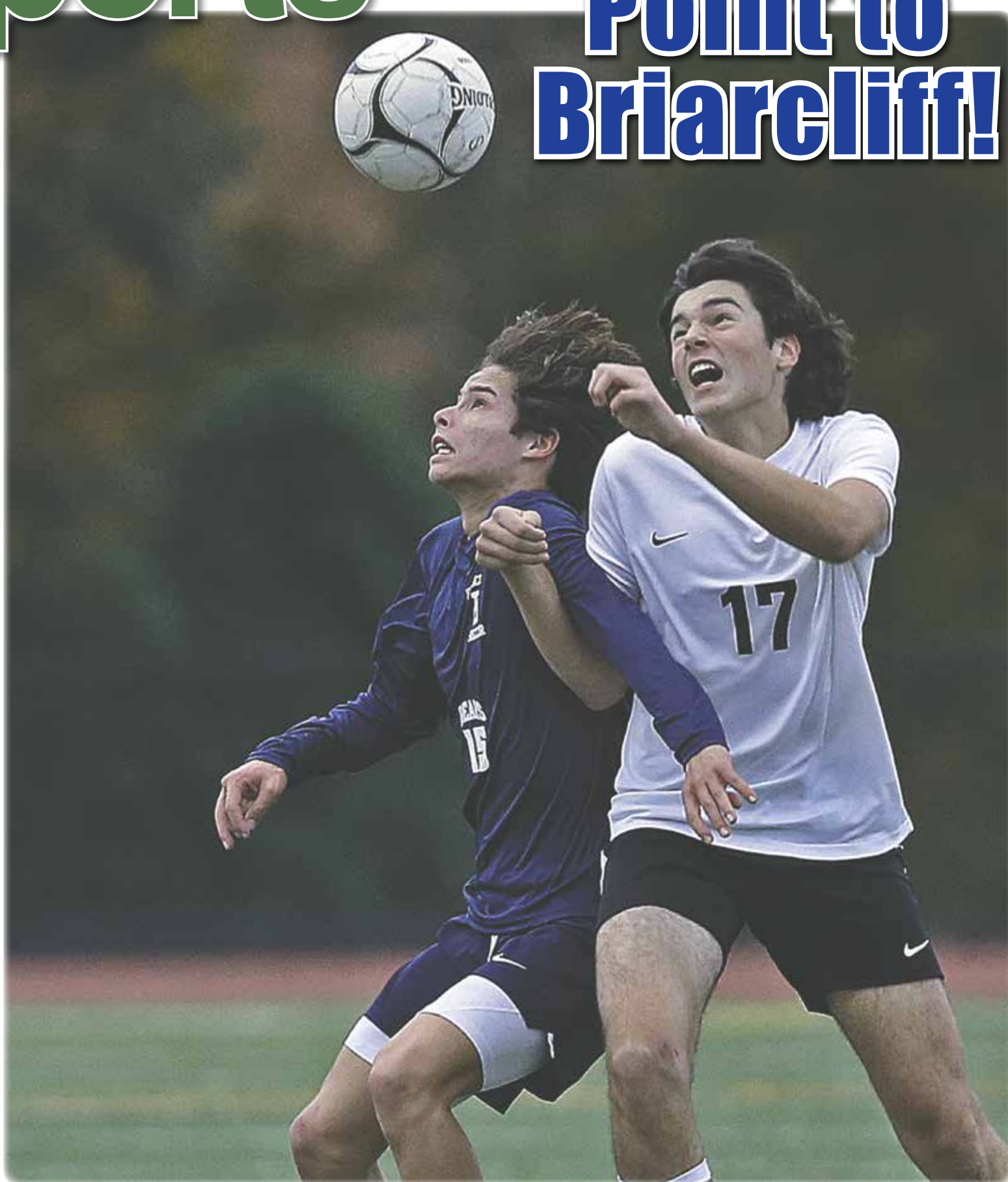
Scarsdale looks like the team to beat but the road to Class AA supremacy has often run through Dutchess County where the Raiders will have to contend with No.2 Arlington (in the finals?) – who they beat 1-0 – and John Jay EF (in the semis?) – who they edged 2-1 – or Ossining. Saddle up!



State-ranked No.6 Haldane snagged the League III-E title last week and then secured the No.1 seed in Class C for playoffs.

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All Rohdes Point to Briarcliff!



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State-Ranked (No.1) Bears Defeat Valhalla, 4-1, Map Path to Top Seed in Class B

Briarcliff's Nathaniel Rohde (left) battles Valhalla's Nathan Querfeld for possession last Wednesday when the state-ranked (No.1) Bears overcame an early deficit to defeat the visiting Vikings 4-1... see Boys' Soccer Notebook