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Somers Escapes Mahopac with Last-Second 28-21 Victory

Somers RB Luke Savino tries to get corner on Mahopac DB Danny Koch in Tuskers' 28-21 triumph of host Mahopac Friday when Savino's big run in the fourth quarter set the state-ranked No.1 Tuskers up for the final touches on a 28-21 win over the host Indians on Homecoming Day... See Grid Notebook



700 Club!

Lakeland's Sarsen Blessed with Milestone Win

Lakeland field hockey Coach Sharon, as modest and humble as they come, will tell you her 700 career victories are testament to the great players she's had in her program and the longevity that comes with a 41-year career, but every single player past and present will tell you Sarsen is the driving force behind the program's success and many of them returned to 'The Hive' last Saturday when Sarsen's Hornets defeated Hen Hud, 8-1, for the milestone victory... see Field Hockey Notebook P9

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Grid Notebook

Carmel Crushes Arlington, P'Ville Nips Byram, Somers Topples 'Pac

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Word out of Dutchess County and parts of Section 1 was that sectional runner-up Arlington (now a shocking 2-3) was the Class AA team to beat entering the 2022 campaign. Don't think for one second that state-ranked (No.5) CARMEL (ranked No.1 among teams in the state tournament), took kindly to those whispers. The reigning NYS Class AA champion Rams (4-0) crushed and hushed the upstart Admirals in a 62-21 thrashing last Friday to win for the 20th straight time.

"I thought we just had a good week of practice," said RB/DB Nick Rosaforte, who has the look of a two-time All-NYS player. "Our coaches got us prepared and we played to the Carmel standard. I'm proud of everyone, especially the O-line who played a hell of a game! Our line has been playing very well and working hard at practice everyday. We have to stay level-headed and prepare the same way and play at the same speed every week."

Two touchdown passes from Admiral QB Mike Rescigno had Arlington within 35-21 in the third quarter, but the host Rams reeled off two more scores, including RB Tristan Werlau's 91 yard scoot up the gut to paydirt for a 49-21 with 2:01 left in the third. Werlau, just a sophomore, also capped Carmel's opening drive with an eight-yard touchdown trot. QB Matt Gay's 27-yard pass to Damien Santiago set up the first score, and a two-point pass by Gay to Jake Storen made it 8-0 at 8:21 of the first.

The next drive was all Rosaforte, including jaunts for 13, 24 and a 17-yard score for 14-0 lead at 4:51, the first of two scores for

Rosaforte. Santiago, a 6-4 junior with mad skills, added a sack, an INT and blocked punt for a TD and snared four passes for 129 yards, including a 55-yard touchdown.

The Rams scored in all facets of the game and went for 577 yards of offense, including a whopping 443 rushing yards. Werlau led the attack with 12 carries for 169 yards and three scores. Thomas Keating has returned from a two-week injury and supplied 119 yards on just 11 totes and Rosaforte made the most of nine rushes for 115 yards and three tuddy's. Gay finished with an impressive 8 of 9 through the air for 142 yards.

OSSINING's Vinny Stella put the Pride (3-2) up for good in their 41-34 win over WHITE PLAINS (0-4).

CLASS A

Host **MAHOPAC** put its best foot forward on Homecoming Day against NYS Class A runner-up **SOMERS**, but it was the state-ranked (No.1) Tuskers (4-0) who prevailed, 28-21, on a one-yard TD plunge from All-NYS QB Matt Fitzsimons in the game's waning seconds.

Mahopac RB Joey Koch went Wildcat for a 12-yard TD and a 7-0 lead at 4:34 of the first quarter, supplying ample electricity for the massive crowd on hand, which was treated beyond reproach with fireworks and parachuters. As usual, the Mahopac boosters left no stone unturned.

Somers RB Ravi Dass answered three plays later, hauling in a 25-yard strike from Fitzsimons at 3:43 of the first to tie the score at 7-all.

Dass then went for a 16-yard TD scoot for a 14-7 at 8:27 of the third. After a Justin Sanchez fumble recovery (forced by Liam

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Somers RB Ravi Dass hauls in a 25-yard strike from QB Matt Fitzsimons in Tuskers' 28-21 win over host Mahopac Friday.

Dodd), Mahopac (1-3) was back in business, and Koch (19 carries, 127 rushing yards) answered back with a 16-yard TD catch from QB DJ DeMatteo, but the PAT was blocked by Navy-bound Jake Polito at 2:42 of the third.

Tusker DB Mike Aquilino picked one off for Somers at 8:33 of the fourth and a crucial unsportsmanlike penalty against the Indians set Somers up at the Mahopac 16. Somers junior HB James Balancia then punched it in, untouched, from four yards out at 5:08 of the fourth for a 21-13 lead.

Speedy Indian John Kearny's 74-yard TD catch from DJ DeMatteo (7 for 11, 159 yards, 2 TD passes) and Joey Koch from the wildcat to Owen Ryan for the two-point conversion made it 21-all with 2:00 to play.

On the winning drive, Tusker Mac Sullivan took a slant into Mahopac territory at the 41 and Sullivan grabbed another huge catch with :41 to go on 3rd and 12, putting Somers on the Indian 29. A big run from Luke Savino and a pass from Fitzsimons set up Somers on the six with :29 to go. After Kearny broke up

a play in the end zone to Dass on 1st down with :11 to go from the six, the Tuskers then lined up for a one-yard, game-winning plunge from Fitzsimons for the final margin.

"Don't wanna take anything away from 'Pac because they gave us their absolute best shot, but we just came out flat in the beginning," Somers All-NYS OL/DL Jake Polito said. "It's always hard with the DeMatteo Bowl and obviously it wasn't pretty. Nevertheless, we are 4-0. It's time to figure some stuff out as a team and keep on pushing."

Of note: Mahopac's three losses have come against teams with a combined 12-1 mark, including Eastchester (3-1), Pelham (5-0) and Somers.

"At the end of the day we have to keep going and make a push for the playoffs," Mahopac OL/DL Anthony Porco said after getting a sack and eight tackles on defense. "I'm proud of the guys and know what type of team we are after competing with a great Somers team, playing them with no fear. From here out, it's one step at a time, and



Somers All-NYS DL Jake Polito gets hold of Mahopac's senior stud RB Joey Koch in Tuskers' 28-21 win over host Indians Friday.

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Mahopac senior OL-DL Anthony Porco celebrates one of many big plays he encountered in Indians' 28-21 loss to Somers.



Mahopac QB DJ DeMatteo lead blocks and springs RB Joey Koch for a score in Indians' 28-21 loss to visiting Somers Friday.



Speedy Indian John Kearny sheds two would-be Somers tacklers en route to 80-yard TD catch in Mahopac's 28-21 loss to Somers.



Mahopac OL-DL Tommy Jacobellis (65) led way for big night for Indians RB Joey Koch (127 rush yards, 2 TDs).

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we are a dangerous 1-3 team. Can't wait to get back on the field this week preparing for Sleepy Hollow."

Owen Ryan led the Indians with nine tackles.

LAKELAND QB Grady Leonard hit on 15 of 25 passes for 202 yards for the Hornets (2-3), including a TD pass to Sean Perry and another 11 catches by WR Anthony Jennings for 130 yards, but Harrison had its way in a 42-7 rout.

In **YORKTOWN's** 35-6 win over Nyack, Husker senior RB Justin Meyreles rushed for 148 yards and three TDs on 20 carries. Yorktown QB Kaden Gonzalez hit on 8 of 16 passes for 170 yards and two TD strikes to Ryan Cane and Christopher Constantine as the Huskers improved to 3-2 with Brewster on deck.

"I thought our kids did a great job of executing the game plan," Yorktown Coach Pantelis Ypsilantis said. "Our defense played excellent and both Justin and Kaden made some huge plays offensively. Having multiple contributions from those guys plus Delvecchio, Price, Constantine, Cane and Costello, that is when our offense is at its most dangerous, so we just need to keep grinding and working hard in practice as we head towards the home stretch of the regular season."

BREWSTER fell to 1-3 after a 44-20 loss at Clarkstown North Friday. North jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead before the Bears answered with a four-yard TD run by QB Massimo Parrello. Clarkstown answered with a TD to take a 21-7 halftime lead. After a North field goal, Brewster marched and capped a scoring drive with a 25-yard TD jaunt by Parrello to bring the Bears within 10 but it never got any closer.

"We came into the game wanting to limit their running game and we did a good job with that holding them to 47 yards of run offense," Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihille said, "but they took advantage of some miscues in our secondary and threw for over 300 yards. Offensively, we moved the ball well with close to 300 yards of offense but three turnovers put us in tough spots." Parrello continues to make plays and RB Joe Anfuso is running hard every game (he averaged 10 yards per run vs North). Colin Lamoreaux had 12 tackles and has been a rock in the middle from the LB spot. Kevin Fox moved to QB in the 4th quarter and threw a 25 yd TD pass to Alex Rienzi for Brewster's final tally. Yorktown is up next for Brewster's Homecoming.

"We have to right the ship," the coach said.

State-ranked (No.5) Rye remained unbeaten behind a 21-7 win over **FOX LANE** (1-4).

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Sparing nothing on Homecoming Day, Mahopac drops the 'Game Ball' in play in Indians' 28-21 loss to Somers.

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CLASS B

PLEASANTVILLE beat **BYRAM HILLS**, 17-14, in a game for the ages, on Homecoming Day in P'Ville where Panther RB/QB Aidan Picart found Erick Coleman for 28 yards to the 14-yard line with :13 left on the clock, setting up K Joe Sokich, who pinned a career-best, game-winning 32-yard field goal in yet another frantic finish by the Panthers.

NYS Class B runner-up Pleasantville went up 14-0 in the first half off a pair of Picart TDs. The All-NYS Picart finished with an eye-popping 268 yards on 33 carries for the state-ranked (No.5) Panthers (4-0).

State-ranked (No.16) Byram Hills showed no quit, though, scoring the next 14 points. Byram RB Gavin Javorsky, who played a whale of a game, tied the score at 14-all by chugging for 168 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries. Bobcat WR Sean Siegel had seven grabs for 108 yards from QB Jon Accurso, who connected on 12 of 25 for 123 yards. Trailing 14-7, Accurso found Siegel all the way to the Panther 35 with 1:20 left in 3rd, but when the team switched sides enter the fourth, Byram picked up a free first down on a penalty, setting up first and 10 from the 23, but on 4th and four the Panthers denied the Bobcats (4-1) with 10:49 left.

A poor Pleasantville possession ended with a 3-and-out with 4:19 to play and the Bobcats still alive at their own 15 with three timeouts and a chance to rock the section.

With 2:49 left Siegel reached the P'Ville 42, and another 10 yards by Javorsky to 32 with 2:15 left to the 33. A Siegel catch brought Bobcats to the 16 where Javorsky went untouched to paydirt with 1:38 left for a 14-14.

HEN HUD just can't get on track this season and the Sailors fell to 0-4 after a 21-20 loss to Nanuet.

CLASS C /D

State-ranked (No.17) **VALHALLA** took an easy 40-6 win over Woodlands, who trailed 40-0 at the half as the Vikings improved to 4-0.

State-ranked (No.4) Tuckahoe's Michael Annunziata romped for six TDs in a 40-14 win over host **PUTNAM VALLEY** Friday. PV junior RB Ricky Meister continued his ground assault, rushing for 95 yards on 18 carries and Micahel Leone scooted for 36 yards on eight carries, including a TD for the Tigers (2-2, 1-1). PV QB Thomas Cunningham was 6 of 12 in the air for 28 yards and a rushing TD.

HALDANE's RB Evan Giachinta went off in the Blue Devils' 41-16 win over Rye Neck. The sophomore carried 15 times for 221 yards and three TDs while QB Ryan Van Tassel added 152 rushing yards and a score. Van Tassel also hit on 7 of 9 passes for 135 yards, including a pair of TD passes to Thomas Tucker and Michael Murray.

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

PANAS QB Travis Carlucci continued to look the part of the best signal caller in the league after seven carries for 171 yards and three touchdowns. The junior also threw a touchdown and returned a punt 80 yards to the house in the Panthers' 45-7 win over Edgemont. Panas RB Paul Ronga took nine carries for 81 yards and two tuddy's for the Panthers (4-1), who won their fourth straight.

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Bobcat RB Gavin Javorsky goes for good chunk of his 168 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries in 17-4 loss to Joe Sokich (12) and host Pleasantville Friday.



Pleasantville FB Christian Perlleshi picks up a row blockers in Panthers' 17-4 win over Byram Hills Friday.

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Panther Brian McPhee narrowly misses INT in P'Villes 17-14 win over visiting Byram Hills on Homecoming Day.



Pleasantville K Joe Sokich lets sail game-winning 32 yard field goal in final seconds of 17-14 win over Byram.



Byram Hills QB Jon Accurso, who connected on 12 of 25 for 123 yards, fires pass.



Bobcat WR Sean Siegel had seven grabs for 108 yards in 17-14 loss to P'Ville.

PANTHERS RUN WITH PRIDE



Pleasantville High School freshman Clara Shingler (below left), fifth overall in the varsity II 5000 meter race, completed the run on Sat., Oct. 1 at Brewster High School in just 19:48. She led the Panthers to the 5k merge team win over the #3 and #4 New York Class C teams. Fleet-footed senior Alex Searle (below right), sixth overall in the boys varsity II 5000 meter race, finished in just 16:19. There were 50 teams in attendance at the Brewster-hosted event.



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Hen Hud's Johnsen Sister in Synch; Yorktown Nips Somers, 2-1

By Tony Pinciario

HEN HUD opponents are learning that defending against sisters Lena and Liv Johnsen is twice the trouble.

Lakeland was the last team to experience the Johnsen sisters' chemistry as Lena, a senior, scored twice, both assisted by Liv, a sophomore in a 2-0 victory.

Lena Johnsen has amassed 20 goals, ranking her among the top goalscorers in both Section 1 girls' and boys' soccer. Liv Johnsen now has 10 assists on the season.

The Johnsen sisters are one of the prime reasons Hen Hud is currently 8-1-1 and a contender for the Section 1 Class A title.

After playing together on the Cortland Super Stars youth travel soccer team, the sisters anxiously awaited the day they would be Hen Hud teammates. That came to fruition last year.

"It's been so much fun and especially exciting this year," Lena Johnsen said. "It's been a little while since we last played together."

Student-athletes will always cite the tremendous team bond that is formed by the players as the season progresses. The Johnsens have something even better – a sister bond. This is what makes it difficult to defend them because they know what the other is thinking.

"We know each other so well," Lena Johnsen said. "Our movement, if we are going to make a move, cross the ball. It



Hen Hud's Lena and Liv Johnsen are a big reason for the Sailors 8-1-1 start on the pitch.

makes it so much easier to play with each other. We also have been training with each other for years so it gives us a huge advantage."

The sisters take pride when they set up a teammate for a goal. However, it means more when they assist each other on a goal.

"It does make it slightly more special and it shows after either one of us scores off each other's assist," Lena Johnsen said.

Hen Hud coach Bill Pagel is awed, at

times, at what the sisters do.

"They are both very skilled and athletic," Pagel said. "They understand each other very well on the field and have an uncanny ability to find each other and set each other up to score. They have combined for some spectacular goals this season."

YORKTOWN reached double digits in wins after victories over Brewster, 3-1, and previously undefeated Somers, 2-1. The Cornhuskers are now 10-2-1 on the season.

Drita Tinaj scored twice and Kendall Kardon also had a goal against Brewster. Emily Ward collected two assists and Jules Vano had a helper.

Yorktown rallied from a 1-0 halftime deficit to hand Somers its first loss of the season.

"We made a few formation adjustments throughout the game and marked their midfielders super tightly," said Vano of the Somers game. "We had to consistently adjust due to subs and injuries so we worked with what we had."

Kaitlyn Judge, assisted by Liv Lucas, evened the score for Yorktown, then Olivia Del Gaudio had the game-winner with two minutes remaining in the game. Del Gaudio finished a crossing pass from Vano.

Ciara O'Brien was outstanding in goal with 20 saves.

"Ciara is the hardest-working player on this team," Vano said. "She has been absolutely killing it. Her confidence and tactics have improved tremendously so fast. I'm so proud of her!"

MAHOPAC won a pair of 1-0 league games last week – over R.C. Ketcham and John Jay-East Fishkill.

Piper Klammer had the goal, assisted by Katie Watts, against Ketcham. Goalie Arianna Pennalla was excellent in goal with 14 saves.

"This was a much-needed league win for us and I was happy we were able to come out with a 'W'," Mahopac coach Casey Carroll said. "Center defender Katie Watts played a beautiful ball that Piper Klammer was able to find the back of the net with for the game-winner. Arianna Pennalla had a solid performance in net."

Gabrielle Ferrante provided Mahopac with the goal against previously undefeated John Jay-East Fishkill, assisted by Adrianna Pranzo. Jess Sterbens followed Pennalla with another strong showing in goal with 11 saves.

"This was a big team win for us, as well," Carroll said. "We came out strong and scored early in the first half, and were able to hold on to the lead for the remainder of the game for the win. Jess Sterbens had a standout game in net to really help us clinch the win and give John Jay their first loss of



Yorktown senior captain Jules Vano's Huskers had good reason to smile after 2-1 win over rival Somers.

the season."

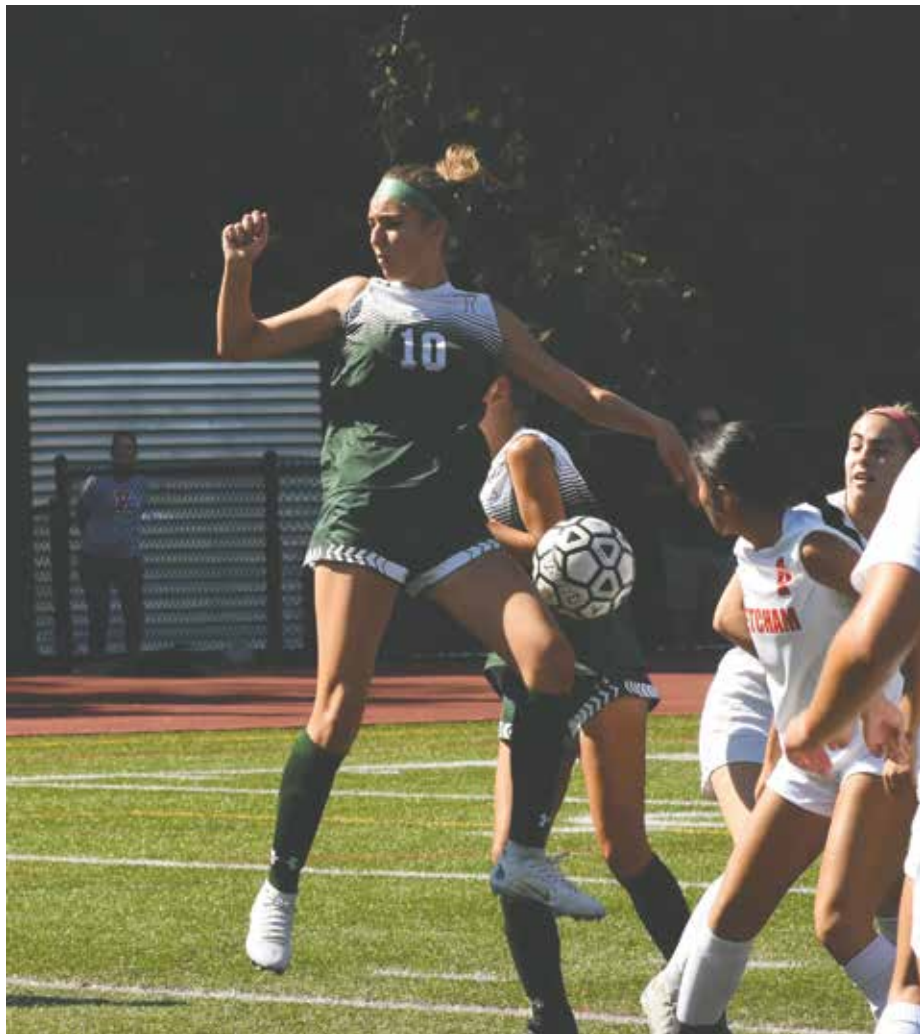
LAKELAND split two games, dropping a 2-0 verdict to Hen Hud then rebounded to beat intra-district rival Panas, 2-1.

Deanna Lage and Riley McConnell had Lakeland's goals against Panas. The assists went to Kelli Sullivan and Kayleigh Mula.

Lily Merriam handled four shots. She made six saves against Hen Hud.

"I am very proud of the girls," Lakeland coach Shawn Sullivan said. "This was a tough week of soccer versus our two biggest rivals. We got better this week. Our defense was fantastic in both games. The girls really moved the ball through the midfield to the attacking third and we created a bunch of good chances in each game. We are looking forward to the final two weeks of the season

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Yorktown freshman F Olivia Del Gaudio scored biggest goal of her young career in Huskers' 2-1 win over visiting Somers Saturday.

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Yorktown G Ciara O'Brien was outstanding in goal with 20 saves for Coach Armstrong's Huskers in 2-1 win over previously unbeaten Somers.

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Fox Lane freshman Elizabeth Fortune tries to elude Greeley senior Sydney Mikesell.

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then sectionals.”

SOMERS kept its undefeated season intact with a 3-2 victory over John Jay-Cross River. However, Yorktown scored twice in the second half for a 2-1 victory.

The Tuskers are 9-1 this season.

Somers grabbed a 2-0 lead in the second half before John Jay answered with two goals to even the score. Julia Arbelaez provided the decisive goal, finishing off a Lindsay Gill pass.

Arbelaez had two assists, Gill added a goal as did Anne Maguire.

“It was a hard-fought game that was very evenly-matched,” Somers’ coach Kelci Hegg said. “We played slow in the first half and then adjusted our attack at halftime and got

two goals early.

“Unfortunately, we lost senior captain Ava Giudice to injury and it threw us off in the midfield. We gave up two goals, but we showed great perseverance, determination, and composure in the final minutes. Julia came through with a big time finish to end the game.”

Giudice, assisted by Gill, provided Somers with a 1-0 lead going into halftime.

“Unfortunately, we did not get the result we wanted against Yorktown, but it was a good learning experience for us,” Hegg said. “It also relieves the pressure of being undefeated heading towards sectionals. We will look back on the game and assess how we can perform better as a team for the next game.”

A young **PUTNAM VALLEY** team has been improving with each game and the Tigers were finally rewarded with



Fox Lane senior Valentina Valencia and Greeley senior Annie Bombback battle for 50-50 ball.



Fox Lane senior Roselyn Vazquez Max plays one of body of Greeley sophomore Rachel Glick.

their first win of the season – 2-0 over Pawling.

Eighth-grader Gianna Gottfried scored her first varsity goal, assisted by senior GiGi Cartategui. The senior captain then added the second goal.

“It’s been a rough first half of the season, but things are really clicking now,” Putnam Valley coach Nicole Ryan said. “We were very close against Haldane the week prior, were off to a lead that game, but lost a very exciting match, 3-2. We are excited to play them again at home this Friday for our senior night and get the win back.

“We have a pretty young team with two eighth-graders, but it is also a special group of girls, especially the five seniors. I coached the seniors when they were seventh-graders on modified in 2017, before I moved up to the varsity level the following year. It’s been a special thing to watch them grow as players and young adults all of these years.”

PEEKSKILL dropped a 5-1 verdict to

Panas, but rebounded with a 4-0 blanking of Gorton.

Michelle Barreto scored against Panas with the assist to Valeria Otavalo. Anais Patino finished with eight saves.

Sophia Vesce scored Peekskill’s first two goals of the game, two minutes apart, against Gorton. Both were assisted by Otavalo. Barreto made it 3-0 one minute later, assisted by Evelyn Zumba, and Mayra Perez closed out the scoring three minutes later with Patino assisting.

Jennie Zhizhpon and later Zumba did not make a save.

PLEASANTVILLE only had one game but the Panthers made it a victorious homecoming with a 1-0 win over Rye Neck.

Faith Brown scored early in the first half and Cadence de Luca assisted as the Panthers improved to 6-3 this season.

“We were able to move the ball very well

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Fox Lane sophomore Amanda Griffin readies to drill shot.



Greeley junior Caroline Rose is chased by Fox Lane freshman Amanda Mazzuca.

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and use both sides of the field and we also did a nice job staying connected with each other," Pleasantville coach Chris Osterhoudt said. "I think we are improving each day and we hope to find our stride at the end of the season. Playing well at the end of the year is so important for a team."

PANAS began its week with a 5-1 win over Peekskill, but lost 2-1 to district rival Lakeland.

Giuliana Rodriguez led Panas with two goals and an assist. Cassidy Pisani and Kaylie Mellars each had a goal and an assist. Molly Muller had a goal and Sofia Disisto collected an assist. Kelly McAleese made seven saves.

Rodriguez had the Panas goal against Lakeland and McAleese had four saves.

CARMEL had a difficult week with losses to North Salem, R.C. Ketcham and Arlington.

"Although the outcome of our games this past week was not what we had hoped, it is important to note that a majority of our starters are underclassmen," Carmel coach Robyn Weindel said. "The girls are continuing to gain valuable experience from these games as they learn how to play together at this level."

WHITE PLAINS - It was a nil-nil game into the 70th minute on Thursday against Port Chester before Coach Ali Rainone unleashed White Plains defender Francesca De Lia up top, applying pressure to the resistance.

De Lia was the "key reason" for opening up the scoring by creating "movement and intensity."

A game deadlocked at zero ended with a 3-0 White Plains win.

"That gave us the edge we needed to get the ball into the back of the net," Rainone said.

White Plains returned to a winning record with Thursday's "insane game" at Port Chester, lifting the team to five wins, four losses and one tie.

After the first goal, the Port Chester team basically "shut down," Rainone observed in a phone interview.

"We dominated the whole entire game, we just couldn't find the back of the net," said Rainone, a former White Plains player herself who was an assistant for the past half dozen years of her White Plains coaching career before becoming head coach this season. It's a team of young players after graduating 12 seniors; mostly freshman and sophomores and even one eighth grader.

With the second half of the season now upon the team, and the schedule resetting to teams they played the first half, Rainone said it's critical for White Plains to use what they learned in their first 10 games and apply those scouting lessons to the second half.

"You spend the first half of league play being a detective almost," the coach said, noting it's important to capitalize on any weaknesses the team has learned about their opponents, and also understand strengths on both sides.

On Tuesday (after press time), White



Greeley senior Sydney Mikesell and Fox Lane senior Valentina Valencia.

Plains plays Saunders at home, and then confronts Suffern on Thursday before a battle at Greeley on Friday.

FOX LANE won 8-1 in a home matchup against Scarsdale B last Tuesday. The Foxes followed that up with a loss by that same score in reverse on Thursday, with a home defeat against Greeley, coming up on the wrong side of an 8-1 game. But the Foxes pounced two days later at home against Saunders, successfully hunting for a laugh win, kicking their way to a 10-1 rout.

"One of (the) captains, Jocelyn Wierzchowski, was out for a few weeks due to an injury but made her return at the Saunders game and scored within her first two minutes on the field," said Assistant Coach Jessica Ruiz said. "I'm proud of the girls for working together to support each other on and off the field. They've worked hard to grow as individual players and as a team, I couldn't be prouder."

The head coach is out sick. After 10 games, including a charity event tournament loss, the team's record is three wins, six losses, and one tie.

The Foxes played at Port Chester on Monday (after press time) and have a game on Friday at Ossining.

BYRAM HILLS Coach Julianne Marinaro conceded it was a "rough week" for her team. With the holiday and rain, the team only played one game on Thursday. The squad played Sleepy Hollow and lost 5-2.

The team was down 5-0 and showed some grit, coming back and scoring a pair of goals within the last 10 minutes of the game.

"We are looking forward to learning from our mistakes and making some changes going forward," Marinaro said.

Goals were scored by Amelia Dougherty and

Lucy Brescio. Dougherty also contributed with an assist.

Byram's record stands at 5-4-1.

WESTLAKE - It was rough going for Westlake last week, suffering a pair of losses in their two games, lowering their record to 1-6.

On Thursday, the team played Blind Brook, losing in a tight 2-1 fight. Luciana Shkreli scored on a penalty kick while Morgan Leitch notched a half dozen saves.

On Saturday the Wildcats played Valhalla, losing 2-0.

The first goal was scored early in the second half off a penalty kick. First year Westlake Coach Ashley Heis credited keeper Morgan Leitch with a "great game in goal."

This week the team battled Pleasantville at the Panther field on Monday (after press time), then are slated for John Jay Cross River on Thursday, in a home game, with another home game Friday versus Rye Neck before hitting the road Saturday for an evening match against Hastings.

Efforts to reach the HORACE GREELEY and VALHALLA programs were unsuccessful.



Mahopac G Jess Sterbens makes one of 11 saves in 1-0 shutout of previously unbeaten John Jay EF Thursday.

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Mahopac junior M Isabella Fava (17) pushes up field in Indians' 1-0 win over previously undefeated John Jay EF Thursday.

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Field Hockey Notebook

Lakeland's Legendary Coach Sarsen Clinches 700th Career Win

By Tony Pinciario

Add another milestone to the impressive and lengthy resume of legendary **LAKELAND** varsity field hockey coach Sharon Sarsen.

The Hornets defeated Hen Hud, 8-1, presenting Sarsen with her 700th career win on Senior Night.

Sarsen, in her 41st season at Lakeland, is the winningest field hockey coach in New York State.

Lakeland beat Somers, two days before Hen Hud, setting up Sarsen to get her 700th win at home.

Once the game concluded and Lakeland finished congratulating goalie Celeste Pagliaroli, the team descended on Sarsen to celebrate with a unique gift.

"Before the game we made 50 fatheads of Sars so after the game, one of the moms handed us 16 of them," Pagliaroli said. "We ran to each other first, where I handed them out, then we all ran up to Sars afterwards and had a big group hug."

Lakeland Junior Varsity coach and former Lakeland field hockey great Andi Coiro was there to witness No.700.

"We are all so proud of Sars," said Coiro, a co-captain, along with Danielle Fiore, on the 2003 New York State Class A championship team. "She is so humble, but she deserves every ounce of praise and recognition she has received."

"Seven hundred wins doesn't just happen. It's a testament to the player development, time and commitment Sars puts into the program. Nobody works harder than her. She is an asset to the community in every way."

The 2003 state-title team featured a first for Sarsen – four freshmen. This quartet was Melissa Gonzalez (current Yale field hockey coach), Kara Connolly, Amy Voelkel and Rebecca DiSisto (current Section 1 field hockey co-chairperson).

Pagliaroli said that coming into the season a few players knew that Sarsen was 11 victories away from 700.

"During those 11 wins we definitely faced some hard teams so I think it really meant a lot to be part of her big accomplishment and show that we were really determined this year to get her to 700," Pagliaroli said. "It was definitely special not only because the win came at home, but it was also senior night."



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Lakeland players and boosters put together tasty treats for Coach Sharon Sarsen's 700th career win Saturday.

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Greeley freshman Kate Paskowitz races up the field with the ball during the undefeated Quakers' 3-2 home win over White Plains.



Alyssa Rose of Greeley charges up the left side of the field with Ryleigh Falvey of White Plains in pursuit late in the first half on Friday afternoon. Rose finished with a pair of assists in the Quakers' 3-2 win.



Greeley midfielder Phoebe Warshaw searches for an open teammate as she advances the ball vs. White Plains on Friday afternoon.



Sophia Emmert of White Plains gets set to backhand a pass toward the sideline in Friday afternoon's game against host Horace Greeley. She finished with both of the Tigers' goals.



Alivia Alexander of White Plains is chased by Greeley's Florence Moraes during Friday's game, won by the host Quakers.



White Plains senior Courtney Austin tries to send a pass past Horace Greeley's Emma McCumber in Friday afternoon's 3-2 win by the host Quakers.

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Boys Soccer Notebook

State-Ranked Yorktown, Briarcliff Remain Unbeaten on Pitch

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At the midpoint of the Section 1 boys' soccer season, state-ranked (No.3) Class A **YORKTOWN** and state-ranked (No.4) Class B **BRIARCLIFF** remain unbeaten, the Huskers checking in at 11-0, including a 2-0 win over reigning NYS champ Somers, and the Bears at 8-0-1. Both would secure a No.1 seed if the playoffs started today, and the Class A circuit would see a glut of Examiner-area teams in the top 16, including No.4 **GREELEY** (state-ranked No.19), No.5 **LAKELAND**, No.9 **PEEKSKILL**, No.12 **MAHOPAC**, No.13 **SOMERS** and No.16 **FOX LANE**. And No.18 **PANAS** would also qualify for the playoffs.

In Class AA, No.5 **OSSINING** and No.6 **WHITE PLAINS** are giving chase top-seeded, state-ranked (No.1) Scarsdale. **CARMEL** would check in at No.12.

The Class B circuit is also flooded with local teams chasing No.1 Briarcliff, including fifth-seeded **PLEASANTVILLE**, No.7 **BYRAM HILLS**, No.9 **CROTON**, No.12 **VALHALLA** and No.16 **WESTLAKE**.

State-ranked (No.5) **HALDANE** would be the No.1 seed in Class C. The Blue Devils (9-1) are getting it done behind the scoring of dual-threat M Clem Grossman (11 G-10A) and finisher Ryan Eng Wong (17G)

CLASS A

Yorktown is craving respect and we're here to give some to Coach Zoran Milojevic's Huskers (11-0), who are getting it done with defense and clutch goal scoring from a host of players.

"My defensive unit led by keeper JP Frucco (2 goals allowed in 10 games), Central Defenders Sean Horlacher, Jake Levine, and Zach Palmer, and sometimes helped by Captain Lucas Buono and Michael Duffy has



Somers senior G Anthony Tucci saves a flicked header by Yorktown senior F Matthew Pozo in Tuskers' 2-0 loss to Huskers Wednesday.

performed extremely well so far," the coach said. "Unlike last year, when we needed heroic performances from George Popovic and Peter Tinaj, this year's team quality is spread across all the lines and especially in defense. In addition to gritty defense, we have 11 players scoring this year while in comparison two players last year accounted for 80% of all our scoring. These young men have been playing together since a very young age, and they are a really tight-knit group. Jake Levine, Sean Horlacher, and Zach Palmer stepped up their game this year and have been a spark to the rest of the team in the way they carried themselves on the back line. They are battling for each other, their positioning and their ability to read the game make them difficult to score on. JP Frucco worked hard off-season individually to correct a few things and his confidence is very high this year, sparking interest from D-2 and D-3 colleges."

The scoring has been spread between 11 players, including David Beitler (2G

-8A) and Buono (1G, 7A), and it was Ryan Tomeny and Beitler who scored in the shutout of Somers, who nobody should be sleeping on despite a 5-5 record. Goals have been tough to come by, but grit, oftentimes, prevails on the pitch, and Somers has more than enough of that to defend its sectional title with dignity.

Greeley suffered a tough 2-1 loss to White Plains last week, but the Quakers (6-2-1) have been paced on the attack by Justin Xiang (6G-3A). Lakeland has managed to find the net often enough behind Micahel Rodriguez (8G-8A) Bryan Jaramillo (6G-10A) and Bryan Rodriguez (7G- 2A), but the Hornets (8-2-1) have had lapses on defense (see Somers game) that need shoring up, but they did put the hurt on Peekskill in an 8-0 win.

Peekskill just won't go away. While we're still awaiting that first quality W (OK we'll give them Carmel), the Red Devils (6-3-1) have plenty of scoring



Anderson Mejia of Fox Lane (left) and Alexander Rhaymani of White Plains converge as they battle for the ball in Friday afternoon's 0-0 tie.

punch behind Jonnathan Mendieta (8G) and Manuel Lopez (5G- 3A).

Mahopac has been a pleasant surprise after the Indians (5-4) struggled through much of the last two seasons, but the playmaking skills of Colin Waring (3G- 8A) have the Indians among the top 12 seeds in Class A.

Dennis Argueta (8G-4A) and Zach Foltz (5G-3A) have led Fox Lane on a nice 2-1-1 run, including a win over Ossining and a scoreless tie with WhitePlains.

"Eli Daglio, our sophomore goalie, had an unbelievable game against White Plains," Foxes Coach Mike Tomassi said. Great soccer by both teams. Our center back

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White Plains senior captain Andrew Fajardo sets his sights on the ball during the second half of Friday's game at Fox Lane.



Yorktown captain Ryan Tomeny readies to celebrate his clutch game-winning goal in Tuskers' 2-0 triumph of host Yorktown.



Fox Lane's William Boyland heads the ball away from White Plains' Gael Baraldi in the second half of Friday's game that ended in a 0-0 tie.



Yorktown senior M David Beitler breaks sliding tackle by Somers senior D Jack Healy in Huskers' 2-0 win over visiting Somers Thursday.

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Anderson Mejia anchored another strong defensive performance. We had some really good chances, just couldn't capitalize.

CLASS AA

White Plains seems to have righted the ship after a 2-1 win over Greeley behind GK Milo Kris (8 saves). The Tigers have not been beaten in the last five, going 4-0-1 behind the booming boots of Rhaymani Alexander (G, 5A) and Gael Baraldi (8G,

3A). After a sluggish start (1-2), White Plains holds a two-game lead on Ossining for the league title. Alex Lenaghan (7G-4A) and Danny Rodriguez (2G-7A) have paced the Pride (8-3-1), who went through a rough patch with losses to Fox Lane, Port Chester and Greeley.

"I think our confidence has picked up a bit after the Suffern game," White Plains Coach Mike Lambert said. "Greeley is very good and very organized, I'm happy they won't be in our bracket for playoffs.

Carmel needs to find a way to get the



Jair Cano of White Plains (left) and Fox Lane's Zachary Foltz race for the ball in Friday's game that ended in a scoreless tie.

ball on Kyle Klammer (6G, 4A) more if the Rams (5-6-1) are going to make some noise, like they did in a 3-1 win over John Jay EF behind a pair of goals from 'The Hammer' Kyle Klammer.

CLASS B

We saw how good Briarcliff was this summer in the Lakeland Summer League and that has transitioned nicely for the Bears, who have gotten it done behind a bevy of playmakers, but the only team they've beaten with an above-.500 record

is Pleasantville (2X), which checks in at 6-3 with consecutive wins over Westlake (4-7) and Valhalla (4-4-3). Bronxville and Irvington have played a tougher slate of games than the Bears have. Westlake knocked off Valhalla, 5-2, when Michael Marto and Thomas Lyden each put a pair between the pipes.

We caution anyone sleeping on Byram Hills, which has toughened itself up with losses to Yorktown and Lakeland and a tie with Eastchester and took that out on Ardsley in a 3-1 win behind two tallies and assist from Zach Pero collected two goals and a goal and two assists from Jessie Goldstein.



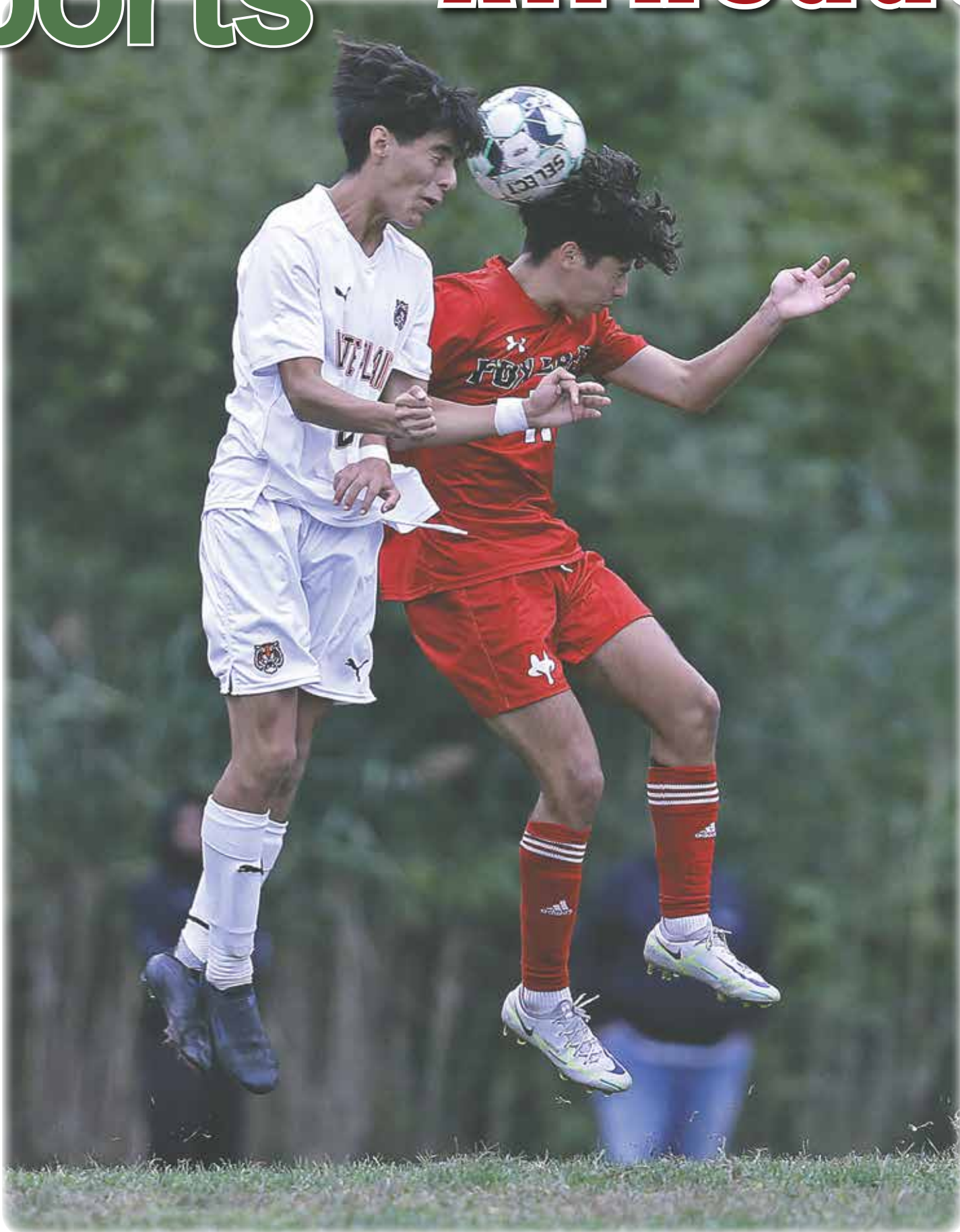
Somers sophomore D Noah Hechler tries to invade space of Yorktown senior M Adrian Pjetri in Tuskers' 2-0 loss to host Huskers Thursday.



White Plains senior Gael Baraldi pursues the ball in front of Fox Lane's William Boyland during second-half action in Friday's game in Bedford.

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Fox Lane, White Plains Settle on Scoreless Draw

Adrian Ramos of White Plains (left) and Zachary Foltz of Fox Lane go airborne for a head ball in Friday's 0-0 deadlock between the two league rivals... see Boys' Soccer Notebook

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