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Reigning Class C Champion Hen Hud Sinks Rebels

Hendrick Hudson senior A Jordan Porter gets air and nets one of two goals (plus an assist) she would score in the reigning Section 1 Class C champion Sailors' 18-4 victory over visiting Lakeland/Panas last Thursday when the Sailors improved to 4-2 and the Rebels dropped to 4-3 in Class B where undefeated Mahopac currently rules to the roost at 6-0. The Indians and Sailors will meet on April 26... See Focus on Girls Lax



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Lakeland/Panas Frosh Hoping Rebels Can Bounce Back

Lakeland/Panas freshman M Oban Rader has the size and speed to get the youthful Class B Rebels (2-3) back on track, maybe as early as 2023, after L/P took one on the chin in Thursday's 13-5 setback to visiting John Jay CR... see Boys' Lax Notebook

Yorktown Stumbles in 4th, Falls to Rye, 9-7; Somers Surging

By Ray Gallagher
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YORKTOWN senior All-American A Harry Griff bagged a combined eight goals and dished five assists in the Huskers' 14-4 win over Wappingers and their 14-10 win over Scarsdale, but reigning champion Rye countered wisely in Saturday's 9-7 win over the Huskers in a super-hyped rematch of last year's Class B title tilt, limiting Griff to a pair of assists.

Things began rather swimmingly for state-ranked (No.5) Yorktown against No.3 Rye when Griff found James Solazzo for a 1-0 lead at 9:10 of the first. Solazzo then scored man-up at 9:57 before finding Sava Makarenko for a 3-0 lead at 7:40 of the second. Things went downhill from there with the Garnets scoring four unanswered before the half to take a 4-3 lead.

Rye's Tommy Greenhaw went back-to-back at 2:53 of the second to make it 3-2, Huskers. Owen Kovacs tied the score at 3-3 before long pole Carter Barford scored with :10 left in the half.

A #YardSale takeaway by Yorktown led to a 4-4 tie when Drew Weissman spun and won, unassisted at 5:34 of the third. The Huskers then took the lead when Solazzo, playing a career game, scored in the waning seconds of the third. Rye responded in kind at 11:25 of the fourth when Kovacs tickled twine and then Tanner Howson found the back of the net for a 6-5 Garnet lead they would not relinquish at 8:51.

Howson then came out from behind the X and spotted Rye a two-goal lead just seconds later, and more mystery ensued for Yorktown when Whaling picked a corner at 7:35 for a three-goal lead. Rye put the final

nail in the coffin when Whaling beat a red-dog double-team and zipped it into an empty net with 2:40 to play. Solazzo tacked on a pair of late tallies to make it close. If nothing else, 40-time Section 1 champion Yorktown, which hasn't won it all since 2017, proved it could hang with the Garnets.

In Yorktown's win over Scarsdale, Ryan Vogel added two goals and two assists while Jack Duncan and Makarenko netted two goals apiece.

Against Wappingers, Duncan added four goals and an assist for the Huskers and Solazzo finished with two goals and three assists in what was a breakout week for the senior...

Despite fielding a veritable M.A.S.H. Unit Coach Jim Lindsay's **LAKELAND/PANAS** Rebels (2-5) were right there with visiting John Jay CR last Thursday when junior M Justin Stabile had a career quarter, scoring back-to-back-to-back goals to bring the Rebels within 6-4 midway through the third. However, the well ran dry on L/P, which was without its three top poles, in what would become a 13-5 beatdown at the hands of the Wolves (5-2).

Wolves Chris DiChiara (3G, 1A), Luca Duva (3G) and Nick Savastano (2G, 2A) feasted upon the undermanned L/P defense, courtesy of M Dom Savastano (15 faceoff wins, 8 GBs) owning the draw box.

With six players sidelined, the Rebels can only hope to heal up in a hurry and get ready for May. Joe Allewa and Nick Graap each scored once for the Rebels, who need more from Graap after he netted a hat trick in a 15-9 loss to state-ranked (No.3) Class A Mamaroneck earlier in the week, if they are

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Yorktown senior All-American A Harry Griff's Huskers stumbled down stretch of 9-7 loss to Rye Saturday.



L-P senior A Nick Graap takes check from Jay's Finn O'Callaghan in Rebels' 13-5 loss to visiting John Jay CR Thursday.



L-P senior Auggie Kocaj gains step on Jay's Sid Goldberg in Rebels' 13-5 loss to visiting John Jay CR Thursday.



L-P senior M Chris Macaluso takes run at Jay's Kyle Petschek in Rebels' 13-5 loss to visiting John Jay CR Thursday.

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going to achieve a Class B Final 4 spot.

The youth movement at **SOMERS** was on display Saturday in the Tuskers' 13-9 triumph of Section 2 Guilderland. Freshman Miguel Iglesias, junior Luke Kennedy and sophomore Mac Sullivan combined for 15 points for the Tuskers (6-1) and did nothing to tarnish the notion that Somers has some up-and-coming, next-level D-I talents (IMO).

Sullivan (5G, 2A), Iglesias (2G, 2A), Kennedy (4G) Nick Newman (1G, 1A), T.J. Olifiers (2A), Ryan Brush (1G), Mike Keane (1A), Henry Ellison (1A) all found the stat sheet while Hunter Sullivan made 17 saves. Nine of 13 Tusker goals were assisted.



L-P senior M Ryan Gallagher gets ready to crank on Jay's Finn O'Callaghan in Rebels' 13-5 loss to visiting John Jay CR Thursday.

Curious to see this Somers vs. Mahopac game today. Could/should go down to the wire.

In **MAHOPAC's** 14-4 win over **PUTNAM VALLEY**, Mike Harney, Gavin Viglucci and Jake Degnan all buried a hat trick for the Indians (5-3). Pac's Danny Koch and Mike Rettberg each scored twice, dropping the Tigers to 2-3.

CLASS D

Lakeland/Panas was also overwhelmed by nationally-ranked Class D powerhouse **BRIARCLIFF** in Saturday's 15-5 loss to the visiting state-ranked (No.1) Bears, who lead an unheard of trio of Section 1 Class D teams ranked atop the NYSSWA polls, including No.1 (Briarcliff), No.2 (Bronxville) and No.3



L-P senior M Nic Conetta is hounded by Jay's Jonah Silverman in Rebels' 13-5 loss to visiting John Jay CR Thursday.

(Pleasantville). I cannot recall a time when three teams from Section 1 were all atop the state polls at the same time. Surely, the survivor of this trio would be favored to win a state title and possibly become just the fifth Section 1 program to do so, joining Yorktown (7X), Mahopac (1996), Pleasantville (2018) and Bronxville (2014). If not for COVID and the shortened 2021 season, Braircliff might be going for a second state chip later this spring.

Liam Gaugler had four goals and an assist in **HALDANE's** 11-2 win over **WESTLAKE**, giving the Blue Devils (4-1) their fourth straight win. Evan Giachinta (6 points) notched two goals and had four dimes while Frankie DiGiglio (hat trick) and Rhys Robbins (3 points) added two goals and an assist. The Wildcats (1-4) bounced back in a 11-10 win over CROTON behind Isaiah Rivera (5G), who turned a 6-3 deficit into Westlake's first win.



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Hen Hud to Celebrate Lent on May 7; Sailors Deck Yorktown

By Ray Gallagher
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If you're in the neighborhood on Saturday, May 7th, and you have had anything to do with Hendrick Hudson High baseball, stop by Sunset Field just before 11 a.m. for a brief ceremony memorializing the impact of longtime Sailor assistant coach Ed Lent. Mr. Lent was a friend of mine, a guy I could count on for wisdom, for friendship and family-based ideology. Seeing him, no matter where we were, warmed my heart, and his departure into divine immortality last fall struck a chord with anyone who ever donned a Sailor baseball uniform and those that knew him for what he was; a true family man and friend to all.

Coaches, especially in the 80's and 90's – when Mr. Lent first joined the Sailor staff (mid '80s) – could be tougher on kids than they are nowadays, but tough love is something Mr. Lent specialized in. While former head coaches Paul Natalie and Dutch Pritts, and current coach Van Vourliotis, were serving as the front men for the Sailors, Lent, an unpaid volunteer within the program, was behind the scenes, serving as the bridge between players and head coaches. Players leaned on him, trusted him and went to him for everything from pitching tips – which he specialized in – to everyday advice.

“He did that for three decades and never got a dime,” Natlaie said. “Ed was as loyal as they come. Everybody loved him. You never heard anyone say a bad word about him.”

Hen Hud Athletic Director Tommy Baker and Coach Vourliotis are banging the drums to get as many alumni and friends of Mr. Lent as possible Sunset Field, which essentially served as his back yard, to celebrate his 34 years of volunteering to the Sailor community.

“He deserves that and more,” Vourliotis said. “His family will be giving out a scholarship to a senior in his memory going forward.”

One of those seniors in line for such an offer might be P Josh Shea, who went 6-2/3rds innings in the Sailors 10-4 win over visiting **YORKTOWN** Friday. Captain Shea, the ace of an otherwise young pitching staff, whiffed 10 Huskers (4-3), walked no one and scattered seven hits before reaching his pitch limit.

Little does anyone know, baseball is Shea's second sport. Funny thing, which not a lot of people know, Shea is the best national racquetball player at his age in the entire country - a legit No.1 for the last year, who won nationals a month ago.

“Josh is the man,” Coach V said. “He's a great leader for this team, he's like a third coach on the field. He threw 210 pitches in five days this week and carried us on his back. He is the most mentally tough player I've ever coached and he just loves to be coached.”

After a poor showing against Nanuet earlier in the week, the Sailors, on their own, stayed after practice and hit in the cage for 45 minutes before asking for extra fielding work.

“Never been a part of a team like that

here.” Coach V said.

Leading 6-4 in the sixth, the Sailors (5-3) put the Yorktown game away with back-to-back doubles by junior LF Mike Tucci and a two-run, two-bagger by sophomore 1B Max Lipton for a 9-4 lead. Sailor junior C Alec Tangredi delivered a two-run, pinch-hit double for a 6-3 Hen Hud lead in the third. Cole Haddock tripled and scored a run for Yorktown, which also saw red hot Dyaln Koch (2B) drive home a pair of runs.

Shea was also superb in a 1-0 win over **MAHOPAC** earlier in the week, allowing just three hits while whiffing nine Indians (1-7). He did not walk a batter. Tucci's fifth-inning sac fly was the difference between the two sides. Mahopac also lost 8-3 to North Salem and 11-3 to Yorktown. The Huskers put up crooked numbers in four frames against the Indians, doing so behind a pair of RBI apiece from Haddock, Jon Munoz (4-4, 3B) and Stephen Haglund.

Yorktown also defeated Valhalla, 13-6, Saturday. Koch (3-4, 3 RBI) crushed it. Jason Peragallo went 3-for-5 and Haddock was 3-for-4 with a dinger and fanned all nine batters he faced over three scoreless frames. Munoz (2 hits, 2 RBI, 1R) and Haglund (2 RBI) were menacing figures.

BREWSTER is off to a solid 3-2 start after beating Lourdes, 6-1, behind a solid pitching effort from sophomore George Vallecillo (6 IP, 10K, 3H, 0 ER). Junior OF Collin Brennen (2 RBI), senior SS Shane McLaughlin (2 RBI) and junior C Antonio Galizia (RBI 3B) all supported his cause. The Bears began the week with a 9-6 loss to previously undefeated **PANAS** (6-1), which took a 4-0 loss on the chin at John Jay CR Saturday. The Panthers needed to shake that off in preparation for last night's bout with Class AA heavyweight Arlington.

Against the Bears, Panas P Aidan Cohall went five scoreless frames with eight whiffs to earn the win. Jackson Dilorenzo homered and knocked in four runs while Gavin Carlucci (3-for-3) and Derek Hawley (2 RBI) had solid efforts.

SOMERS (3-4) hung tough with a very solid **BYRAM HILLS** club, before the Bobcats (7-0-1) turned a two-run lead into a 9-5 win behind P Fred Saltstein (6 IP, 10 K) and a pair of two-run bombs by Danny Bernstein and Jack Blackmar. Somers knocked off **LAKELAND** (2-7) earlier in the week and hoped to get on a roll with two against winless Greeley and two more against one-win Mahopac upcoming. The big test will come today when the Tuskers see Panas. Lakeland is down by its standards but isn't ducking anyone and has tested itself against three unbeaten foes: Rye (10-0), Byram Hills (7-0-1) and Arlington (7-0).

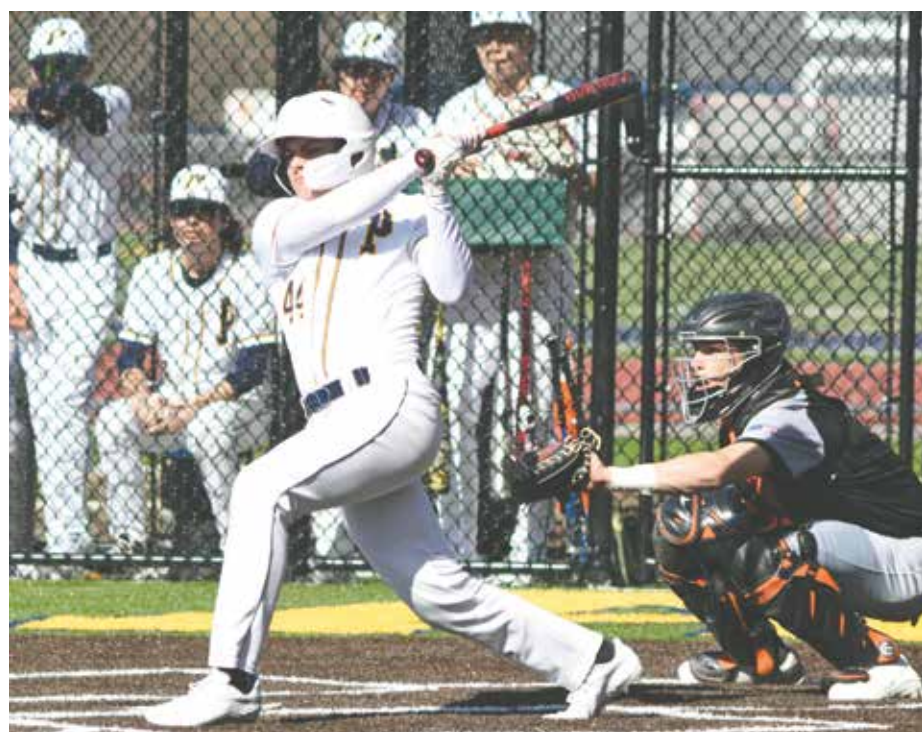
CLASS AA

CARMEL was struck by the Gallagher Kiss of Death last week. Featured on the front page of last week's Examiner due to their incredible 6-0 start, the reigning Section 1 champion Rams (6-4) were brutalized in a pair of lopsided losses to mighty Suffern, 15-0 and 12-1, plus another pair of one-run setbacks to John Jay EF. We said this was going to be a rough patch for the inexperienced Rams, and more is on the

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Hen Hud senior Josh Shea has been a driving force in the young Sailors' early success.



Walter Panas OF Travis Carlucci and the Panthers (6-1) suffered their first loss Saturday, 4-0 to John Jay CR.

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Girls Lax****Sailors Bomb Rebels, 18-4**

Hen Hud freshman Kayla McCarthy, who had game-high 5G, carries as L-P's senior Celeste Pagliaroli gives chase in 18-4 Sailor win.



Hen Hud freshman Paige Montgomery fires shot despite good D from L-P sophomore Clare Warren in host Sailors 18-4 win Thursday.



L-P senior Sara Coster scored once in Rebels' 18-4 loss to host Hen Hud Thursday.



Hen Hud senior Katie Bell rips one of four goals she would score in 18-4 win over visiting Lakeland-Panas Thursday.



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Hen Hud senior Jordan Porter is checked by L-P 8th-grader Katelyn Kuney in Sailors' 18-4 win over Rebs.

Sports

NWE/Putnam Softball Notebook

Servedio, Class A Finalists Yorktown Picking up Where it Left off

By Tony Pinciario

Annually, teams have to face graduation departures which is difficult, especially if it includes their pitchers. However, when a softball or baseball team returns its top pitcher, it makes the ensuing season somewhat easier to prepare for.

YORKTOWN had to replace three impact players as it prepared for the 2022 varsity softball season. But, the 2021 Section 1 Class A finalist, held an ace in its hands. Yorktown has won four of its first five games because of senior P Maya Servedio's excellence in the circle. Servedio, who established herself as one of Section 1's finest last year, has taken it one step higher through the early season.

The Colgate-bound Servedio has recorded double-digit strikeouts in four games and has rang up 68 this season. Her season-high is 18 and she came within one strikeout, against Class AA power R.C. Ketcham, of making it five games in double digits. Servedio also has shutouts of Ursuline and perennial Section 1 Class AA power Arlington.

However, Ketcham handed Yorktown its only loss – 4-1. Servedio slammed a home run. While Servedio has been a prime factor in Yorktown's success, she is quick to cite her teammates' equally sizeable contributions, especially the newcomers.

"We did lose three strong players that played a huge part in our success last year," said Servedio, who plans on majoring in Economics and will continue with softball. "However, we did bring up five extremely talented underclassmen in Eva Destito, Julia Centofanti, Vittoria Milizia, Sophia Reilly and Bella Gomes, who were eager to work hard and learn.

"I do think they have been and will continue to do an incredible job of filling the big shoes our three seniors left last year."

Servedio, in her second season as Yorktown's ace, also traces the team's early success to its defense; a pitcher's best friend.

"I think we're all pleased with the way our season has gone thus far," said Servedio, who was promoted to varsity freshman year for sectionals. "I believe our defense has been incredibly solid and our energy unmatched. We're so excited to get back out on the field and play together, especially after the devastating loss we suffered at the end of last season (Class A finals to Lakeland)."

Servedio, the only pitcher to

beat 2021 Section 1 Class AA champion Mahopac and Shannon Becker last year, had her finest outing against Arlington. She allowed one hit and struck out 10. Olivia Salvaggi's home run in the fourth inning was all Servedio needed.

"During the Arlington game I think most of my success was due to the lock-down defense my team played, as well as the phenomenal pitch-calling from our freshman catcher, Eva Destito. She showed real maturity behind the plate and kept the hitters off balance while calling pitchers that were having success that game."

Even though Yorktown was not pleased with the loss to Ketcham, the Cornhuskers (4-1) went to work on what adjustments needed to be made off this game.

"Over spring break we focused on adjusting as hitters pitch-to-pitch as well as positioning, which we felt could be improved upon after the Ketcham game," Servedio said. "Personally, I believe I need to work on utilizing my repertoire of pitches, as well as getting ahead in the count."

Yorktown returns from break to host John Jay-Cross River (today), Brewster (Thursday) and the Yorktown Tournament title game (Friday). The Cornhuskers travel to Somers (Saturday).

BREWSTER opened the week with wins over Walter Panas (17-0, in five innings) and Our Lady of Lourdes (9-5), before Hen Hud handed the Bears (4-1) their first loss of the season, 12-2.

Brewster Coach Lisa Delzio said that Kate Katsetos, after a torrid first week, continued her hot hitting. Katsetos had two hits, including a triple, drove in three runs and scored three runs against Panas.

Isabella Rizzieri went 3 for 4 with three RBI and Kylie Dudones slammed a two-run homer to back the two-hit pitching of Natalie Hayes, who also had seven strikeouts.

Katsetos doubled among her two hits and had four RBI against Lourdes. Hayes added a two-run double.

Brewster led Hen Hud, 2-0 after four innings before the Sailors erupted. Brewster (4-1) faces a difficult week playing Mahopac (3-1) and Yorktown consecutively.

SOMERS played one game, but it was a memorable 3-2 win over 2021 Section 1 Class A champion Lakeland. The Tuskers (2-2) were trailing 2-0 after five innings before rallying for three runs, with two outs, in the sixth inning.

Krista Gallagher's single plated

Emily Stavola with the first run. Avery Kossow followed with a fence-clearing home run, giving Somers a 3-2 lead. The defense stepped up in the seventh inning to preserve the win as centerfielder Ellie Walsh threw out the attempted tying run at the plate to conclude the game. Gigi Krantz tossed a seven-hitter in the win.

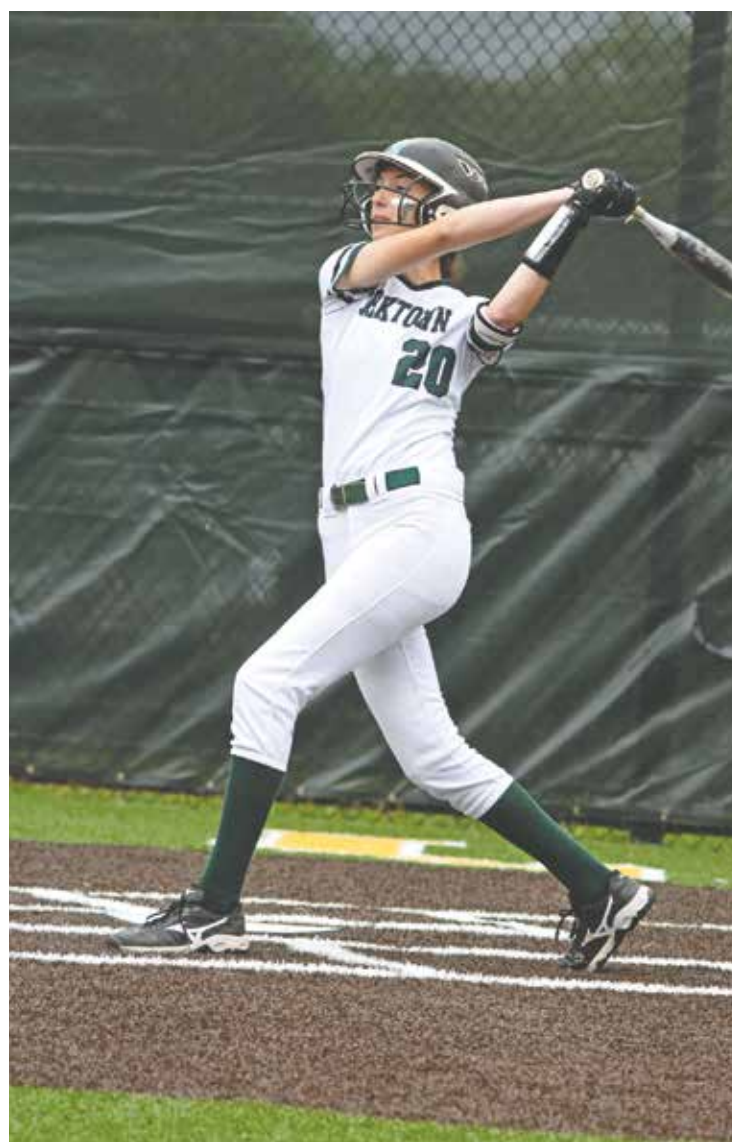
HEN HUD was held scoreless through the first four innings against Brewster, but the slumbering bats woke up in the fifth. The Sailors (2-3) turned a 2-0 deficit into an eventual, 12-2 win. It was Hen Hud's first game in a week because of the rainy April.

Bella Buscetto led Hen Hud with three hits and three runs scored. Ja'Nae Walker homered among her two hits and had three RBI. Sydney Muranaka also had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run and Taeghan Dapson had one hit and three RBI. Freshman Kiely Morley and eighth-grader Emma Barbelet each had their first varsity hits. Lost in the offensive output was pitcher Alana Espinoza's one-hitter with 12 strikeouts.

Hen Hud trailed Pearl River, 6-0, in the bottom of the third inning before the game was suspended because of thunderstorms. Hen Hud Coach Will Mauro said his team had two runners on base in the first three innings, but was unable to score.

Hen Hud has a busy week as it hosts John Jay-East Fishkill, today, travels to Our Lady of Lourdes, Thursday, then hosts its annual tournament, Saturday. Fox Lane plays Putnam Valley and Hen Hud faces Panas.

A young **PUTNAM VALLEY** is still finding its way after a loss to Pleasantville and Briarcliff. The Pleasantville game was a



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Yorktown P Maya Servedio has Huskers off to 4-1 start.

chance for Putnam Valley Coach Rena Finsmith to play against her former coach – legendary Gina Perino. Finsmith was an outstanding player for Perino.

Mary Mikalsen, a Haldane student, tripled twice, scored two runs and drove in a run. Taylor

Peduto collected two hits and a RBI and Katelyn Flanagan tripled and scored a run. Flanagan had a run-scoring double against Briarcliff and Mikalsen had a hit and a RBI. Putnam Valley (3-3) plays Fox Lane (1-4), Saturday, in the Hen Hud Tournament.

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horizon with North Rockland (6-2) and Arlington (7-0) on tap for four games between today and April 28.

OSSINING's Brian Hoffman went 2 for 3 with two RBI for the Pride (3-2) in a 9-5 win over **BRIARCLIFF** (3-2). Lucas Rodriguez and Nolan Sniffen each had two RBI for the surging Pride, winners in three of the last four. With **FOX LANE** (2-4) struggling – by their lofty standards – out of the gate, Ossining is hoping

to make a run at what looks like a wide open league. When push comes to shove, though, Coach Matt Hillis' Foxes are oftentimes the favorites. Could come down to Fox Lane vs. Mamaroneck on May 10-11.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY won two of its last three games, including Saturday's 6-5 win over visiting Pawling, but the Tigers (3-3) enter the meaty portion of their schedule in the days ahead with Westlake (4-2), **CROTON-HARMON** (4-

4), North Salem (4-3), Rye Neck (5-1) and Briarcliff (3-2) on deck.

The Tigers lost 7-6 to Valhalla. Joey Maloney had three hits and an RBI while Sean Van Riper (2 hits, 2 RBI), Ryan Moriarty (2 hits), Ricky Meister (2 hits, RBI) and Arthur Holzman (2 RBI) had big days for the Tigers.

Dylan Watson (6IP, 8 K) pitched well in the win over Pawling, and the bullpen – behind Hudson Sperrazza – held on for dear life in the end, leading up to Van Riper's walk-off single and subsequent dog pile.

Sports

Chicoine's Hitting and Pitching Leads the Bobcats Past Hen Hud

By Andy Jacobs

It's hard to say whether it was Bobby Chicoine's bat or his throwing arm that made a bigger impression last Tuesday.

The Byram Hills senior standout pitched six scoreless innings, striking out 14 Hendrick Hudson batters and yielding just two hits, and also went 3-for-3 at the plate, including a prodigious second-inning home run into the distant left-field stands at Rockland County's Clover Stadium that highlighted the Bobcats' 8-0 victory over the Sailors.

"He was special today," said Bobcats head coach Scott Saunders shortly after witnessing the multidimensional exploits of Chicoine. "Just a testament to him. He's just such a great kid, he works so hard, and to be able to come out and pitch like that on the mound today, in this spot, was just really special for him."

On a day when early-morning rain gave way to abundant sunshine, Chicoine wasted no time providing the Sailors with a glimpse of what they were in for as he retired the side in order to start the game and collected his first two strikeouts, both of them looking.

In the bottom of the first inning, Byram leadoff batter Christian Bellantoni doubled to right and scored one out later on a triple by Jared Cohen. Chicoine, hitting cleanup, brought in another run with a single to center.

After Chicoine set the Sailors down 1-2-3 again in the second, with two more strikeouts, the Bobcats all but put the game out of reach in their half of the inning, scoring five runs to open up a 7-0 advantage. The big inning began with walks to Dylan Ettinger and Justin Barad. They both soon scored on Danny Bernstein's single to right field.

Bernstein, along with Cohen, who had reached on a walk, were both in scoring position with Chicoine at the plate. Hen Hud hurler Kieran Plunkett probably wishes he had issued him an intentional walk because Chicoine jumped on one of his offerings and sent a line-drive shot deep to left field that



Byram Hills junior Justin Barad rounds third base on his way to scoring one of the Bobcats' five runs in the second inning vs. Hen Hud.

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The Bobcats' Bobby Chicoine fires a pitch in last week's 8-0 win over Hendrick Hudson. He struck out 14 batters in six innings and allowed just two hits.

landed with a loud thud as it caromed off the bleachers beyond the wall.

"Oh yeah, it's definitely something that I'm gonna remember for a long, long time," said Chicoine about his long home run in a ballpark built to test professional players.

"I couldn't be happier for him," said Saunders. "He typically hits the ball real hard and sometimes they go up in the trees and it's tough to tell how far they went. But we had a pretty good idea how far it went today. It just kind of jumped off the bat. You know, he took a great swing on it, found a great pitch to hit and he did some damage with it."

Chicoine never actually saw the ball clear the fence and was running down the line toward first unsure if he was going to have to settle for an extra-base hit instead of a homer.

"I was thinking, because of what I'm used to, that it'll be out," he said. "As I was running down the line, I was like, 'No, maybe not, it's gonna hit the warning track or off the wall.' So I started kind of running a little bit and then once I heard the cheering I knew, and it was surreal."

Chicoine followed up his electrifying home-run blast by striking out the side in



Giddy Byram Hills players wait at home plate to greet teammate Bobby Chicoine after his second-inning home run in last Tuesday's game at Rockland's Clover Stadium.



Byram Hills first baseman Jack Blackmar stretches for the throw that retires Hen Hud's Max Lipton on a ground ball during last Tuesday's game at the home of the Boulders.

both the third and fourth innings. But Mike Gagliardi did manage a one-out single in the fourth to end Chicoine's bid for a no-hitter. In the bottom of the fifth, Byram Hills added its final run as Chicoine led off with a hit and courtesy runner Chris You stole second, then scored on Jack Blackmar's single to center field.

In the sixth inning, Hen Hud nearly got on the scoreboard when Tyler Muranaka was hit by a pitch, his pinch-runner moved to second on a wild pitch, and then Gagliardi lined his second hit of the day, a single to right field. But the Bobcats' Bernstein fired a perfect strike home just in time to cut down the runner and preserve the shutout.

"Yeah, it was really nice to see the boys make a play," said Saunders. "I thought our right fielder, Danny Bernstein, did a great job getting to it real quick and I thought our catcher, Jackson Smith, did a great job of putting on the tag and hanging onto it as the runner came through. So it was a well-executed play on both halves of it."

After throwing 77 pitches, Chicoine's day was finished after six innings. Southpaw Jackson Frankel came on in the seventh and quickly got into trouble when the first two Sailors reached base. But he struck out Mike Frustace, then retired Derek DeResh on a liner to short and Alec Tangredi on a fly to right to end the game.

"To play in a venue like this and have a special day for the boys was just really cool and something we've been looking forward to for a while," said Saunders, whose Bobcats added wins over Ardsley and Somers later in the week to improve to 7-0-1 this season. "We played some of our best baseball today, so we were pretty excited about that."

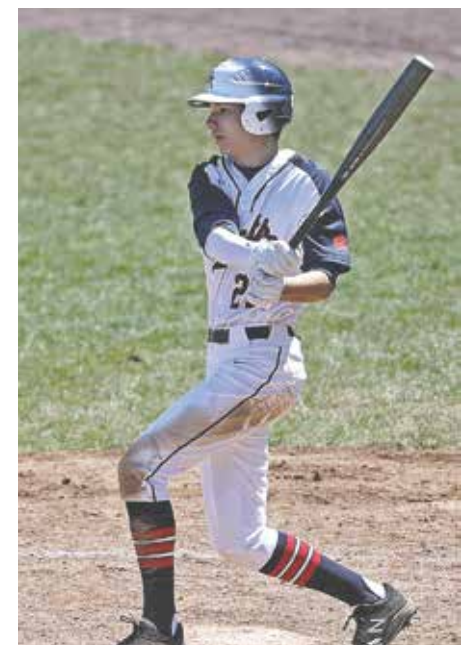
Chicoine, who was in fifth grade and can remember sitting in the stands at the same ballpark back in 2015 watching Byram Hills win the sectional title en route to its state championship, is hoping the undefeated start this

year is just a prelude to postseason glory for this Bobcat team too.

"We're hoping for the section and more," he said. "Last year, we lost in the championship to Tappan Zee. Most of the guys on this team know that feeling. I've been part of two section championships that we lost. So this year, my last year, I'm really just trying to go out there, win a section and keep going from there."



The Bobcats' Danny Bernstein awaits a pitch in the bottom of the first inning during last Tuesday's win over the Hen Hud Sailors.



Christian Bellantoni hits the ball to the left side of the infield in the 8-0 Byram Hills victory over Hen Hud.



Briarcliff senior midfielder Nico Santucci unleashes a shot on goal in Saturday afternoon's 15-5 road win over the Lakeland-Panas Rebels. He finished with three goals.



Daniel Picart of Pleasantville moves the ball across the field in last Tuesday's home win over Fox Lane. He finished with three goals and two assists.



Valhalla second baseman Sophia Malandro gives chase to a foul pop in last week's home victory over Pleasantville.



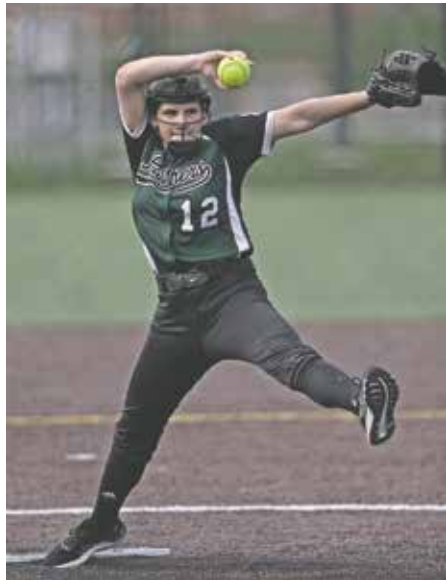
Elliot Jones finished with a game-high five goals in Saturday's 15-5 Briarcliff win over the Lakeland/Panas Rebels.



Grant Kelly races the ball up the field in the third quarter of Pleasantville's 15-2 win over Fox Lane last Tuesday afternoon.



Pleasantville's Anna Morea runs down the third-base line trying to score in the Panthers' road game vs. Valhalla.



Ashley Rosen of Pleasantville brings the heat on the mound for the Panthers at Valhalla last Wednesday afternoon.



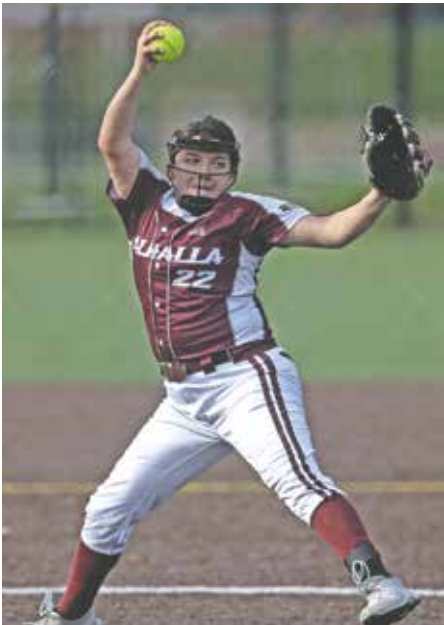
Jack Ricciardi of Briarcliff does some high-stepping as he controls the ball in the Bears' 15-5 rout of Lakeland/Panas on Saturday.



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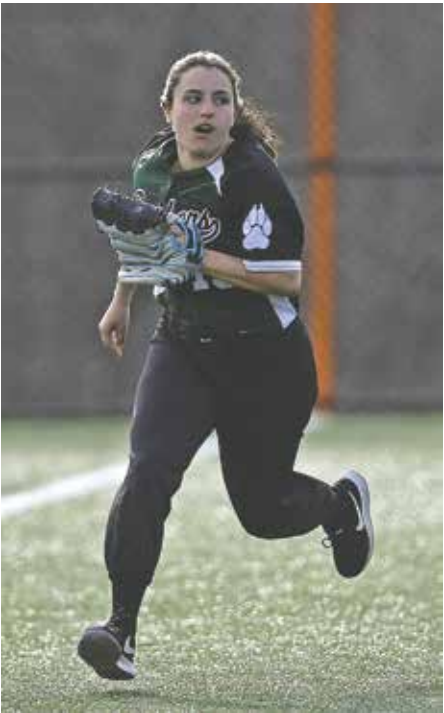
Sports



Valhalla's Tanner Smith fires a pitch during the Vikings' 8-3 home win over Pleasantville on Wednesday afternoon.



Pleasantville's Ryan Challice, who scored five goals, is defended by Fox Lane's Jesse Glickstein during last week's 15-2 Panther home victory.



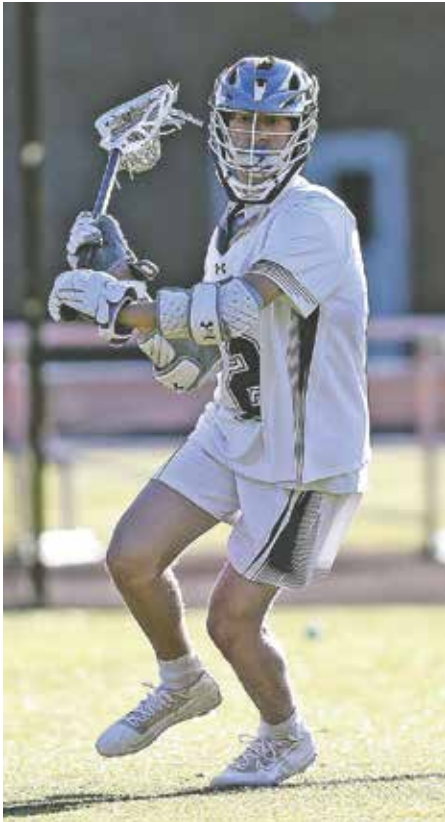
Pleasantville left fielder Izzy Wish races in to back up third base in last week's 8-3 loss at Valhalla.



Pleasantville's Abigail Saraceno watches the flight of the ball jump off her bat in last week's game at Valhalla.



Valhalla's Ava DeNatale watches the flight of the ball off her bat in the first inning of an 8-3 win over Pleasantville last Wednesday afternoon.



Nick Reich of Pleasantville passes the ball in the win over Fox Lane.



Pleasantville's Shane Mueller is about to score from long distance in the Panthers' home victory vs. Fox Lane last Tuesday.



Briarcliff's Lucas Proctor considers his options as he takes the ball up the field in Saturday's game at Walter Panas High School.



Jessica Wichman of Valhalla is on the move between second and third base during last week's victory over visiting Pleasantville.

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Brandon Rispoli, who scored three goals, moves toward the cage in Briarcliff's road win over Lakeland-Panas this past weekend.



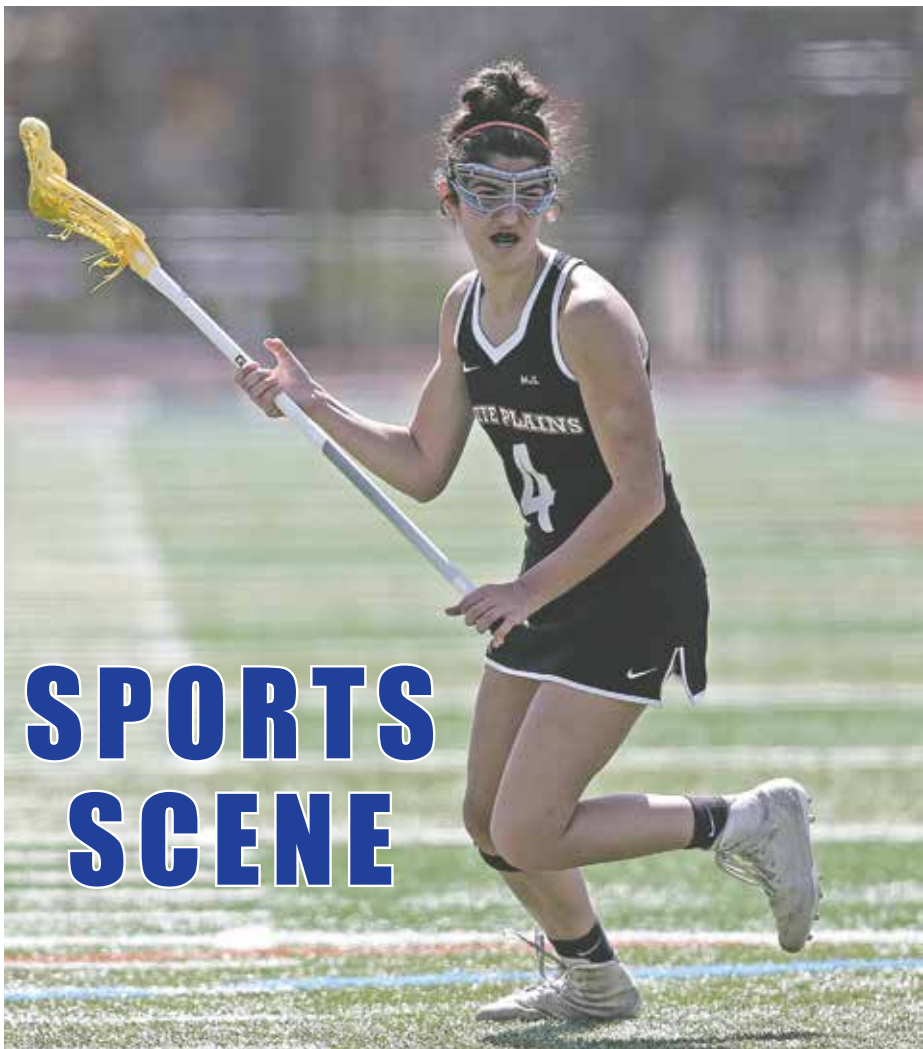
Emily Merritts of Pleasantville is on her way to victory in the 100 at Westlake High School last week.



Pleasantville standout Alex Searle runs the 3200 in the Panthers’ recent meet vs. Westlake.



Sophia Gould of White Plains is closely guarded as she moves across the field in the second half of last week’s game against the host Wappingers Warriors.



Lizzy Armogida of White Plains controls the ball in the first half of the Tigers’ game against the Wappingers Warriors at Roy C. Ketcham.



Westlake’s Chloe Putter breaks from the starting line in the 800 vs. visiting Pleasantville.



White Plains’ Chloe Ryan tries to get to the cage during the Tigers’ road loss to Wappingers last Wednesday.



Pleasantville’s Michael Bucci turns the corner as he runs in the 3200 at the Panthers’ recent meet vs. host Westlake.



Daniel Castellano of Westlake heads for a landing as he competes in the long jump at last week’s home meet vs. Pleasantville.



White Plains senior co-captain Lucy Barest controls the ball behind the cage in last week’s game vs. Wappingers.

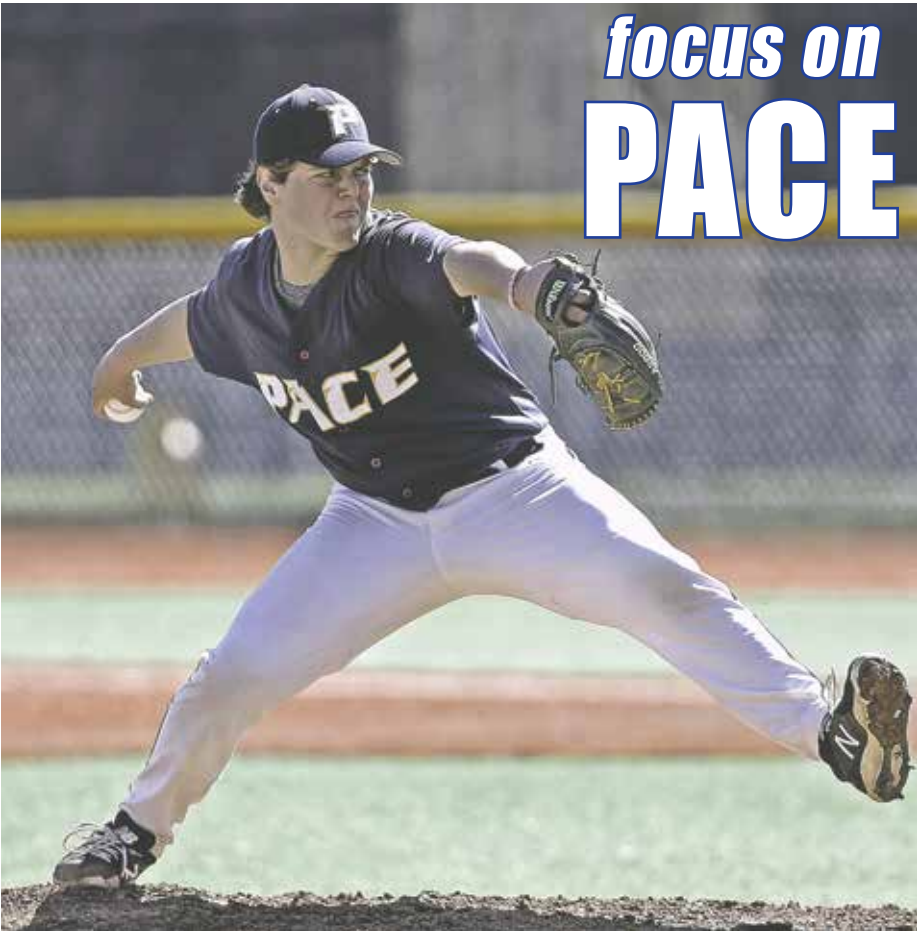


Ava Horgan of Pleasantville competes in the long jump during last week’s track meet at Westlake.

Sports



Walker Azzaro gets set to pass the ball during the Setters’ 15-9 win over Assumption at Pace Stadium.



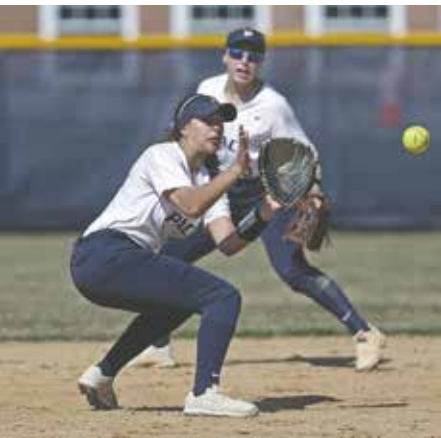
Pace University starting pitcher Anthony Apollaro delivers to the plate in last Tuesday afternoon’s 7-5 home victory over Caldwell.



Pace sophomore Alexandra Tejada drives a pitch down the left-field line in the first game of last Wednesday’s doubleheader sweep of visiting Molloy College.



Pace right fielder Luke Jacobi steals third base in the bottom of the first inning of the Setters’ win over Caldwell.



Pace shortstop Brianna Shea fields a throw as second baseman Sammi Swenson looks on during the Setters’ home sweep of last Wednesday’s twin bill vs. Molloy College.



The Setters’ Maxwell Streety tries to get to the cage in the first half of last Tuesday’s 15-9 home victory over Assumption.



Nicholas Montagna drove in four runs in the Setters’ 7-5 home win over Caldwell University at Finnerty Field last Tuesday.

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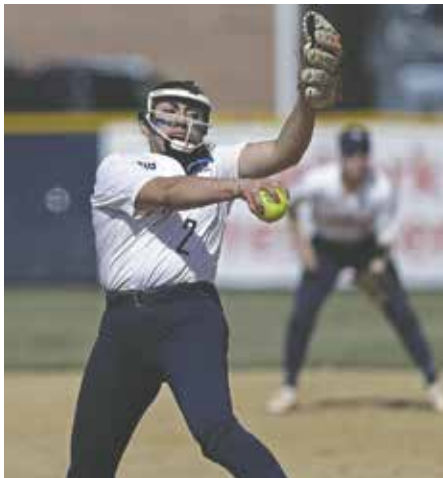
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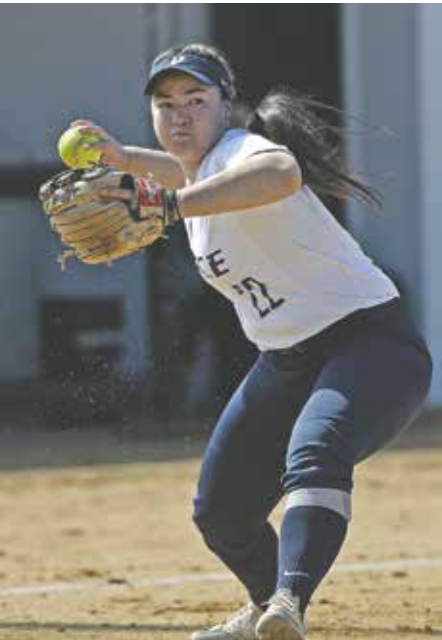
SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS



Pace’s Marcus Ottaviano (right) is greeted by Tim Cairo after scoring a second-quarter goal that started the Setters’ comeback from a 6-3 deficit vs. Assumption last Tuesday.



Gisselle Garcia, just named the NE-10’s pitcher of the week for a second straight time, fires to the plate in a 3-1 win over Molloy, which improved her record to 10-3 this season.



Setter third baseman Zoie Iverson fires to first for an out in last week’s 3-1 win over Molloy in the first game of a doubleheader.

Sinking the Sailors

**Bobby Chicoine Blasts a Long Home Run
in the 8-0 Byram Hills Victory on Tuesday
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