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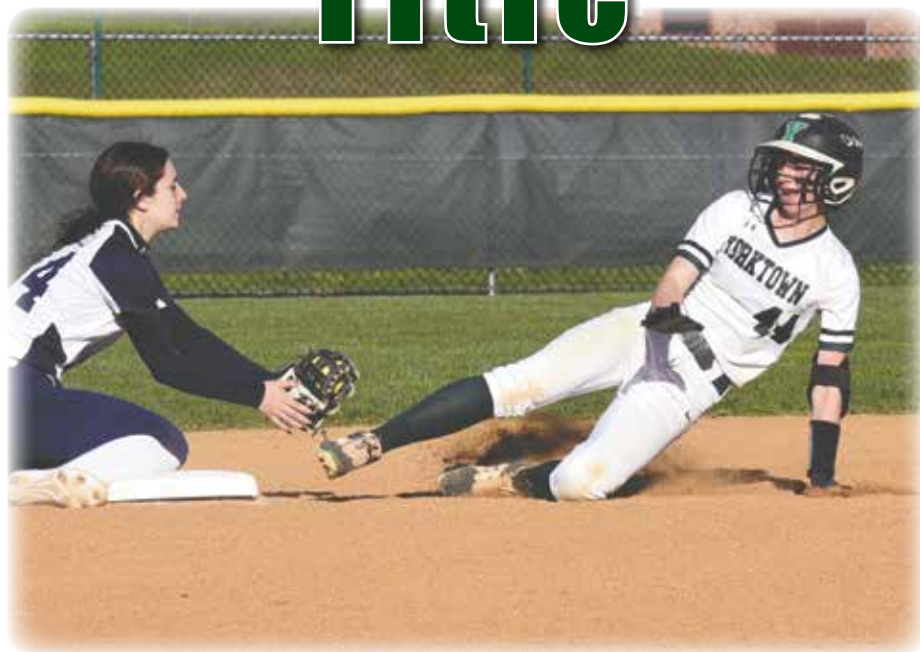
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Somers Seeing Results, Tuskers Top Mahopac, 10-7

Mahopac senior A Michael Harney (L) tries to gain ground on Somers senior D Derek Marcus in a battle of likely All-Section studs last Tuesday when the state-ranked (No.12) Class A Tuskers scored three unanswered goals in the fourth quarter of their 10-7 win over the visiting Indians, proving that their 9-1 start is no fluke and the mix of young rocks and old vets has the elephants trumpeting loud and clear for all to hear... see Boys' Lax Notebook

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Huskers Swipe Tourney Title



MATTHEW TURRI PHOTO

Yorktown Nips John Jay EF, 1-0, Servedio Fires No-Hitter

Yorktown SS Adrianna Albano slides into 2B (ruled safe upon 1B interference) in the host Cornhuskers' 1-0 victory over John Jay EF last Friday when P Maya Servedio chucked a no-hitter to clinch the Yorktown tourney title after Yorktown slugger Olivia Salveggi cracked a walk-off solo home run in bottom of ninth... see Focus on Softball

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NWE/Putnam Boys Lax Notebook

Surging No.12 Somers Cracks State Polls, Nips Mahopac, 10-7

By Ray Gallagher

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We have been saying in this space for quite some time now that emergent **SOMERS** is veering toward excellence again; not the excellence we saw between 2000-09 when the Tuskers reeled off six Section 1 titles and produced All-Americans like Jordan Ravidou and Jo Jo Marasco. But ya never know.

Somers senior T.J. Olifers has been on the Class B scene the last four years as Somers has trotted out an “also-ran” unit that was decent but not quite part of the second tier of teams beneath the upper crust of 40-time champion Yorktown, 10-time champion John Jay and seven-time and reigning Class B champion Rye.

Through no fault of anybody’s, Somers hit a cyclical period whereby the Tuskers weren’t producing as much All-Section talent like they had prior to 2010, which coincides with their last sectional title appearance, a 9-6 loss to John Jay CR.

But if you take a look at the current roster, which just disposed of visiting **MAHOPAC**, 10-7, last Tuesday, one will see a host of next-level individuals who are buying into Coach Vin DeGregorio’s #WeNotMe system, sharing and caring for the ball – and each other – like they have not done in years, according to senior captain TJ Olifers.

“The young talent that everyone sees is part of the program that Coach DeGregorio is building in Somers, which is trusting everyone to do their job, and the “we-not-me” lacrosse culture.” the Muhlenberg-bound Olifers said. “Since my freshman year on varsity I have played with many great lacrosse players like Nick Rossi and TJ Deagan. The foundation for the success you’re seeing now has been set by players like them, who myself and the kids in the youth program can look up to. This year, the coaches and our team have bought into trusting everyone so that anyone is a threat on the field. The success also doesn’t come without the underrated talent of Derek Marcus who we can trust to lock down any player.”

The ‘spread- the-wealth’ mentality was on



Somers freshman Ryan Brush cranks 1 of 2 goals he would net in Tuskers’ 10-7 win over visiting Mahopac Tuesday.



Good-looking Somers rookie Miguel Iglesias and Mahopac soph John Kearney will surely battle for years to come; Miggy took 10-7 win Tuesday.

display against Mahopac, which failed to slow down sophomore Newman (4G, 1A), who was oftentimes set up by freshman Miguel Iglesias (4A), who also dished to sophomore Mac Sullivan (2G, 1A) and freshman Ryan Brush (2G, 1A). Yeah, just like ‘The Who’ sang back in 1965... The Kids Are Alright. Nine of Somers’ 10 goals were assisted.

Seniors – Olifers (2G), A Henry Ellison (2A), G Hunter Sullivan and game-changing pole Derek Marcus, among others – have set an excellent example, and the kids have bought in, according to DeGregorio, who the players were quick to give credit to.

“I give a lot of credit to Coach Vin, he built up the team we have right now all the way from youth, he held clinics and did a lot for us to love the sport,” Marcus said. “The difference is that not one person on our team is selfish. We have assisted more than 80% of our goals, which is unheard of. I just knew from the start we could have something going by the way we play at practice and the way we act off the field, too. My teammates are a special group of people and are awesome to play with my senior year.”

The state-ranked (No. 12) Tuskers (9-1) still have a lot to prove, but the win over an



Somers senior TJ Olifers takes on Mahopac’s John Kearney as he attempts to set up 1 of 2 goals he would score in Tuskers’ 10-7 win Tuesday.



Mahopac junior Gavin Viglucci snipes 1 of 2 goals he would score in 10-7 loss to host Somers Tuesday.

improved Mahopac club was a step in the right direction.

Mahopac FOGO Chris Evans kept the Indians in the game, which was 7-7 after three quarters, winning 15 of 22 faceoffs while gobbling nine GBs to set up the likes of sophomore Danny Koch (2G, 1A), junior Gavin Viglucci (2G), junior Mike Rettberg (2G) and West Point-bound senior Mike Harney (1G, 3A).

Somers went on to defeat Class D state-ranked (No.3) **PLEASANTVILLE**, 10-3, behind a superb second-half effort from G Hunter Sullivan (13 saves). The Panthers had nothing to slow down Olifers (4G, 1A), Brush (3G), Newman (1G, 1A), Iglesias (1G, 1A) and Ellison (1G) were quick to pile on.

YORKTOWN has lost four in a row, but don’t be fooled into thinking Coach Tim Schurr’s state-ranked (No.4) Huskers (4-5) are not prime-time players for the Section 1 Class B crown. The four losses were

against some of the finest programs in the nation, including state-ranked (No.3) Rye (9-7), CT power Darien (9-8), (No.7 Class D) Cold Spring Harbor (6-3) and (No.2 Class A) Chaminade (17-8). So settle down until we see what happens today when the Huskers take on John Jay CR, the Section 1 program that lifted the veil of invincibility back in 2018. We’re not going to panic on the Huskers, who traditionally play an extremely tough schedule, until we see what happens later today, though a loss to John Jay would give cause for concern.

CLASS C/D

HEN HUD is feeling pretty, pretty good after the Class C Sailors (3-5) left as bosses against **PUTNAM VALLEY** in a 7-4 win and **BYRAM HILLS** in a 10-9 triumph; all three teams are bidding for Class C supremacy with state-ranked (No.8) Tappan Zee serving

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Somers soph Mac Sullivan drops 1 of 2 goals he would score in Tuskers’ 10-7 win over visiting Mahopac Tuesday.

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Mahopac soph Danny Koch takes a rap from Somers soph Nick Newman in Indians' 10-7 loss to Tuskers.

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as the team to beat. Sailor Dean Hiltzley (5G) found his groove against the Bobcats (5-3) while Rocco Capicotti added a hat trick. Ryan Clark (1G, 1A), Scott Lupi (1G), Thomas Popolizio (1A) and Dylan Lennox (1A) were the benefactors of FOGO Cole Pritchard, who won 13 of 19 draws. Rowan Caffrey had seven saves (5 in the 2nd half) to keep Byram under control until the Sailors scored four unanswered for the win. Bobcats M. Oronzio (4G), Ben Rakower (2G, 2A), R. DuToit (2G, 1A) and Gavin Javorsky (3A) scored three or more points.

"It's what we needed, a back and forth game where we came roaring back with four unanswered goals for the win," Sailor skipper Troy Lepore said.

Against PV, Hiltzley (4G) had a day, and Thomas Popolizio (1G, 1A), Scott Lupi (1G), Lennox (1G) all tickled twine while Caffrey made 12 big saves.

Always optimistic PV Coach Tim Weir believes the best is yet to come from his Tigers (4-5).

"My rookies are really coming on of late," Weir said. "Tom Calicchio is playing awesome at D-mid, Middle Hayden Gumbrecht on offense, Andrew Dzubak on attack. Doug Brown has been stepping up his game. Chris DeGiorgio has been solid at mid. Defensively, goalie Roger Raimo has been outstanding. Anthony Esposito and Logan Porteus have been shut down defenders. I really like this team. We are right there in Class C and I love our chances in May."



Somers soph Nick Newman dropped career-high five points (4G, 1A) on Mahopac in Tuskers' 10-7 win over visiting Indians Tuesday.



Hen Hud A Dean Hiltzley (5G) went off in Sailors' 10-9 win over visiting Byram Hills.



Putnam Valley M Tommy Calicchio is hounded by Hen Hud D Ryan Ho in Tigers' 7-4 loss to Sailors.



Putnam Valley D Anthony Esposito slaps a check on Hen Hud's Dylan Lennox in host Tigers' 7-4 loss to Sailors Thursday.

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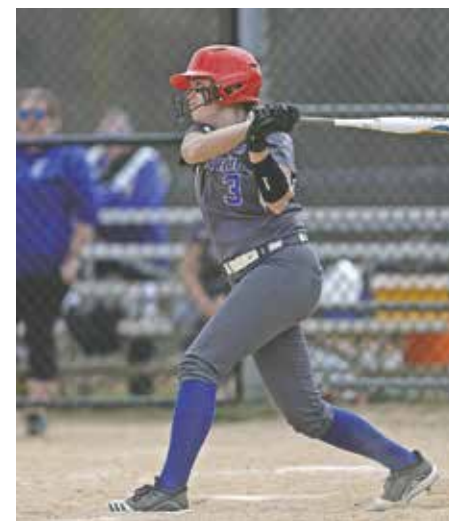
Yorktown, Mahopac, Hen Hud on Class A Collision Course



Mahopac sophomore C Giana Lafaro congratulates sophomore P Ava Lichtenberger after yet another Indian win last week.



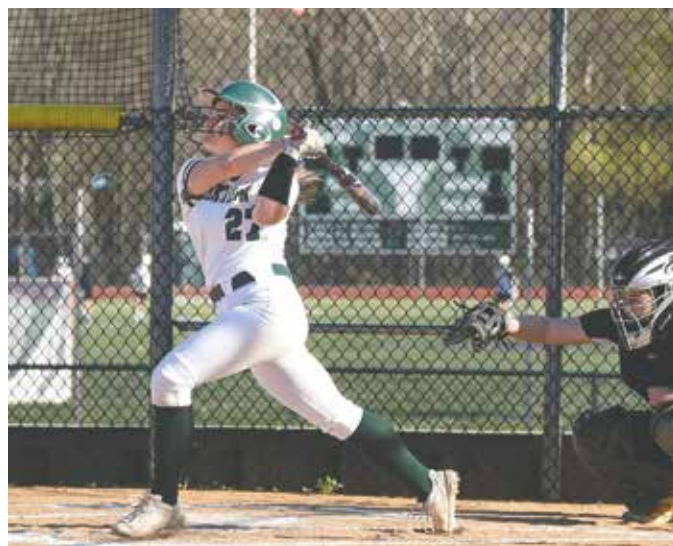
Yorktown players have had good reason to smile during the Huskers' 8-1 start.



Hen Hud sophomore C Emma Morley follows through on her hit in Sailors' 15-0 tourney title win over Fox Lane Saturday.



Yorktown P Maya 'On Fire' Servedio delivers during 1-0 no-hitter (14 K's) win vs John Jay EF in finals of Husker tourney.



Yorktown slugger Olivia Salveggi cracked a walk-off solo home run in bottom of ninth to beat John Jay EF, 1-0, in finals of Husker tourney.



Reigning Class AA champion Mahopac has had good reason to celebrate during torrid 7-1 start in Class A this season.



Yorktown's Kelly Jennings rounds 2B en route to triple in Huskers' 1-0 win over JJEFF in Husker tourney final.



Yorktown 1B Julia Centofanti gets putout in Huskers' 1-0 tourney title win over John Jay EF Friday.



Hen Hud's Sydney Muranaka was named the tournament MVP after the host Sailors' 15-0 win over Fox Lane in Saturday's finals.



Mahopac sophomore P Ava Lichtenberger has taken Class A by storm this spring with a 7-1 start.

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DiLorenzo, Panas Blank Arlington; Carmel Bounces Back

Yorktown Dazzles in Win over Byram Hills; Croton Sweeps PV

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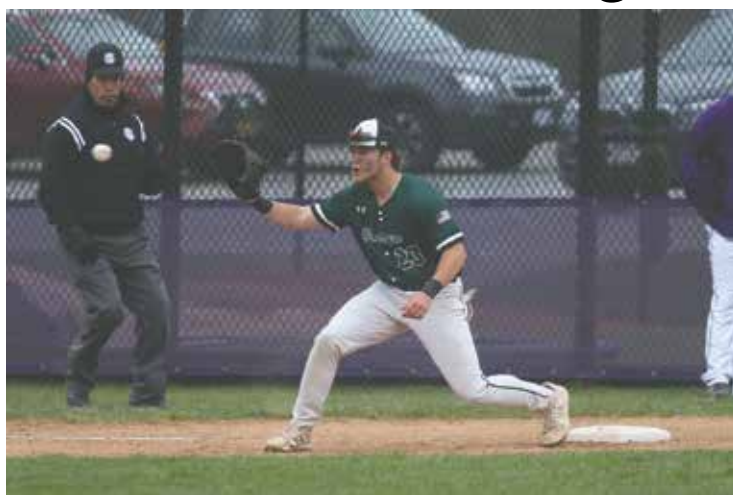
We're at the halfway point of the season and the contenders are beginning to separate themselves from the pretenders.

CARMEL and **FOX LANE** are currently among the top five in Class AA, chasing the likes of Dutchess County powers Arlington and RCK, as well as Rockland bigwig Suffern.

Carmel stopped the bleeding with a huge win over North Rockland last week and then backed it up with another over Scarsdale to improve to 8-4. Fox Lane fattened up its record with four-straight wins last week, including a 3-1 win over **OSSINING**.

We're thinking Fox Lane gets on a bit of a roll here the next 10-12 days or so, leading up to a tough slate against Yorktown, John Jay EF, Arlington and RCK; what basically amounts to a brutal, telling stretch.

After a 6-0 start, Coach Joe Hackert's youthful Carmel Rams discovered just how tough Class AA baseball is, but the bounce-back effect was nice to see when lefty Mark Yorrio allowed just five hits and struck out seven to earn the 5-3 win over North Rock. Matthew Gay struck out four over two scoreless frames, did not allow a hit and earned the save. Nevin Scaperotti, Danny Monahan and Jon Melarczik each drove home



Yorktown 1B Cole Haddock records putout in Huskers' loss to host John Jay CR.

a run in the confidence-restoring win.

After losing to Fox Lane, Ossining bounced back nicely with a 3-2 win over New Rochelle behind P Nolan Sniffen, who did not allow an earned run in a complete game victory for the Pride (5-4).

CLASS A

This **WALER PANAS** club has some serious moxie. Coach Anthony Pata's Panthers (10-1) hammered a Class AA Arlington club (7-2) that looked unbeatable at the time, doing so in a 7-0 thrashing that sent shockwaves throughout the section. The Admirals followed that up with another loss to RCK, signaling that Class AA is up for grabs.

St. John's-bound Panas senior Aidan Cohall homered, drove home two and scored thrice in the win over the Admirals, supporting winning P Jackson DiLorenzo. The ECU-bound commit flourished, going the distance while fanning 10 and scattering five scoreless hits.

"Arlington was an amazing opponent, they got guys who can hit up and down the order," DiLo

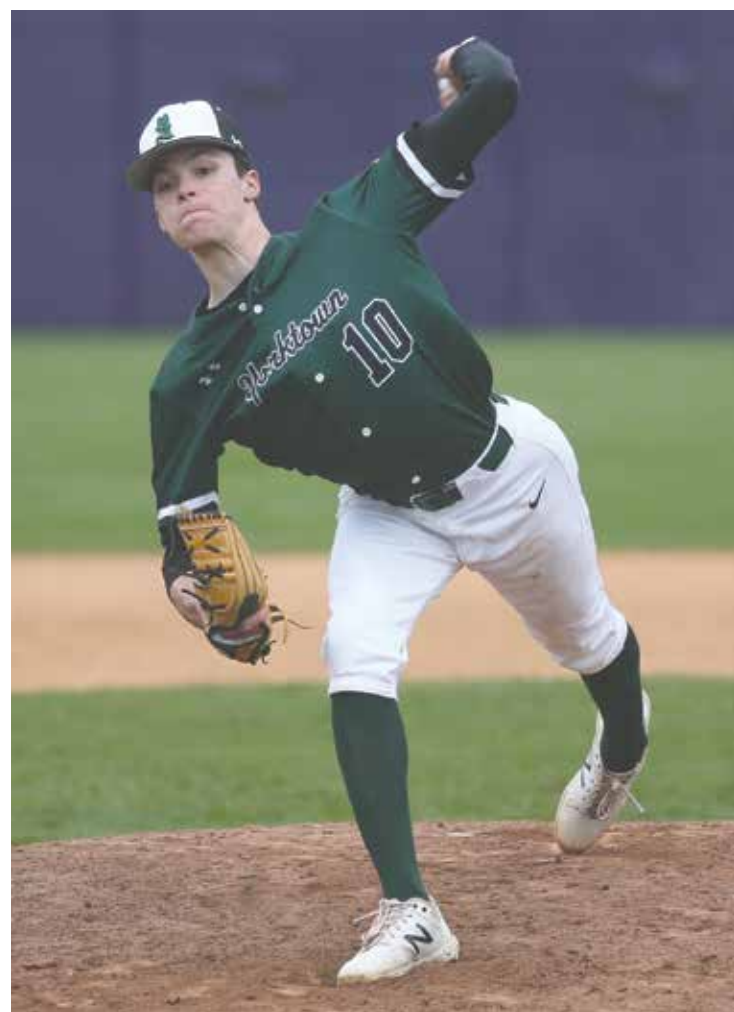
said. "We were coming off a tough loss to John Jay Cross River and we were out to kill our next opponents. I trusted my teammates and myself and just competed like usual. I found control of my secondary pitches around the fourth inning and it was over after that. It helped to have our offense working that day especially with Aidan Cohall going big fly in the first inning. I had some help on the defensive side with our middle infielders Gavin Carlucci and Sammy Stafura with some amazing plays as well.

In the Panthers' 5-4 win over Tappan Zee, Panas OF Tony Humphrey drove in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth and reliever Alex Enea earned the win. Panas SS Sam Stafura mashed a pair home runs, added three RBI and truly started looking like the kid Clemson has hopes for.

"Cohall is looking better than ever and Sammy is getting hot at the right time right now with two bombs against TZ," DiLorenzo said. "I'm glad to see him back, quite honestly. Once he's back for good and we get our whole lineup swinging it like usual, I think we are going to be more than okay. I'm excited to see what we can do."

In Panas' 6-0 win over Lourdes, Carlucci looked every bit the part of a No.3 pitcher, firing a one-hitter with six whiffs to earn the win. Panas C Danny Witters had three RBI and OF Cohall added two.

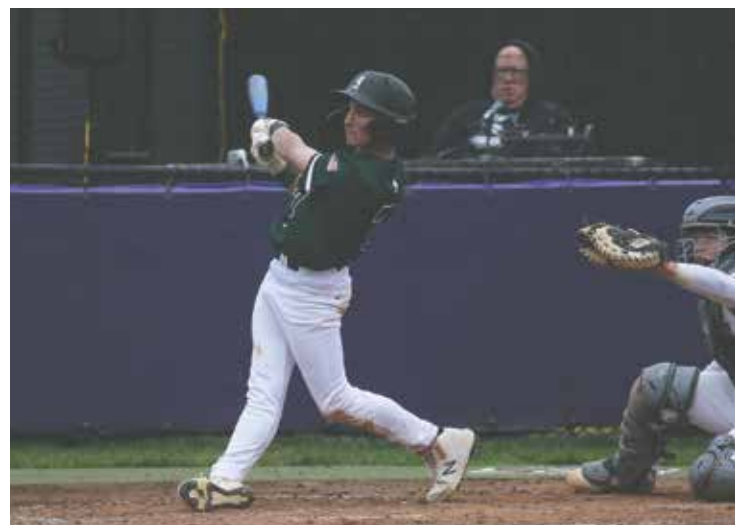
If **YORKTOWN** could just figure out some consistency issues, though baseball is baseball and consistency is only as good as your starting pitcher the next day, the Huskers might make some noise this spring. Yorktown was the first team to put a blemish on **BYRAM HILLS** this year, doing so with an 11-3 win behind the blistering bat of Jon Munoz, who went 5 for 5 with two doubles, three RBI and a run. Dylan Koch added two hits and two RBI while Nick Pace went



Yorktown ace Matt Alduino delivers pitch in recent loss to host John Jay CR.



Yorktown's Dylan Koch has been on a tear of late for the 6-5 Huskers.



Yorktown's Derek Patrissi takes rip in Huskers' loss to host John Jay CR.

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Undefeated Mahopac off to Best Start in History

By Tony Pinciario

MAHOPAC faced two major adjustments as it prepared for the 2022 varsity girls' lacrosse season. The Indians bid adieu to 10 graduated seniors and also welcomed a new coach in Christina D'Amore. Even though D'Amore was a first-year varsity coach, the players were very familiar with her as D'Amore was the Junior Varsity leader last year.

Once preseason commenced and the players acclimated themselves to D'Amore's coaching approach, All-Section senior Ava Jennings had a positive feeling about the team's promising season.

"I was able to see how much talent and skill we had," said Jennings, a senior and four-year varsity starter. "We have a variety of different girls at different positions who bring a lot to the table. Even before the season started, I knew each girl very well and I knew all of them bring different qualities to the team. We also mesh very well together. Our team is like a family on and off the field. The team chemistry before the season started really put us in a good position on the field."

Jennings was on point as Mahopac owns a program-record eight consecutive wins to start the season. The Indians improved to 8-0 after victories over Arlington (18-5) and Wappingers (20-14).

Mahopac could not have asked for a better result to the season's first half. Not only have the returnees raised their level of play, the new varsity players have stepped in and made immediate contributions.

"I'm very impressed by the way we adjusted to the loss of our senior class last year," said Jennings, who will attend the University of Cincinnati in September and also play lacrosse. "Several seniors were key parts to our offense and defense. Our goalies, defense, and offensive players really stepped up to fill the shoes of those graduated seniors."

This was evident in the season-opener against **BYRAM HILLS**, one of the top Section 1 teams in 2021. Battling the nasty weather conditions along with a quality Byram Hills' team, Mahopac began the season with an overtime win. Since then, Mahopac has been building on each victory.

"Although we know we still have a handful of tough games left, one huge win for us was Byram Hills, which was our first game of the season," Jennings said. "We really didn't have the time to get all the moving parts flowing smoothly. It was a game played in the pouring

rain and hail and it was very competitive. Byram Hills was ready for the fight, especially since their head coach is our former assistant coach, and knows our style of play."

Mahopac registered its seventh win with a strong second half over Wappingers as it outscored the opponent, 8-2.

Nicole Panny established a new program standard of 13 points – five goals and eight assists. Audrey Colucci registered a team-best six goals and Jennings added five goals, four draw controls and she scooped up five ground balls. Avery Przymyski led the team with seven draw controls and also added a hat trick.

Colucci finished with four goals and Ally Savino contributed three goals as nine players found the net in the win over Arlington. Erin Harney, Jennings, Panny (four assists) and Przymyski (six draw controls) had two goals apiece. Harney was assisted by sister, Hannah, on one of her goals.

"We have been playing as a team and making magic happen on the field," D'Amore said. "We are so proud of all the girls and their hard work has been paying off!"

Mahopac has a tough week as it hosts reigning Class C champion **HEN HUD** before going to Putnam rival **BREWSTER** and John Jay-Cross River.

Jennings said she and her teammates are proud of what they have accomplished, to date, but are aiming to continue playing at a high level. Hopefully, this leads to the team peaking for sectionals.

"It feels good to be part of program history with such an amazing team and coaching staff," Jennings said. "We're all dedicated, and work hard, and we

hope to continue this streak of an undefeated season. We need to continue to do the things that we've been doing well all season, but definitely address some of the things we can improve on in order to progress through sectionals by really focusing on game film, lots of practicing, and continuing to play as a team, and to be strong at all corners of the field."

BREWSTER improved to 7-3 this season after a 17-7 win over Our Lady of Lourdes and a nail-biting 8-7 triumph of North Salem.

Morgan Brace led Brewster with four goals and added two assists and five draw controls against Lourdes. Sasha Kulo chipped in with three goals, three assists and eight draw controls.

Moe Poley had three goals and three assists and Emily Monaco and Jancy Espinoza had three assists apiece. Jules Gabriel made five saves, including the 200th of her varsity career. Senior defender Ashley Sheil scored her first varsity goal.

Anna Nitti supplied the decisive goal against North Salem. Brewster coach Kristen Ohberg said Nitti also had several important draw controls.

Juliet Arroyo and Espinoza each netted two goals and Kulo added one goal and one assist.

"This was an amazing week, across the board for our girls," Ohberg said. "The girls are really coming together and trusting one another. They are truly starting to gel at the perfect time."

"Moving into more league games I am excited to watch them continue to grow throughout the back half of our season. It has been



MATTHEW TURRI PHOTO

Hen Hud's Katie Bell had a hat trick in 8-7 double OT loss to Rye.

nice seeing some younger girls step up in some big moments this week, as well, along with our vets setting the bar and leading the way."

Brewster will play Somers and undefeated Mahopac this week.

YORKTOWN won two of three games last week as the Cornhuskers beat Putnam Valley (20-3) and Pelham (13-12). Fox Lane dealt Yorktown a 9-8 loss.

Alex Scialdone had a huge game against Putnam Valley with four goals and six assists for the Huskers (3-7). Twelve Yorktown players registered points. Gianna Altimari finished with three goals while Brienna Gaccino, Ali Passarella, Holly Raniolo (two

assists) and Charlotte Lauth each had two goals.

Scialdone was the leading goalscorer, with five, against Pelham.

Kate Regan had a hat trick, Passarella collected two goals and three assists and Gaccino scored twice. Altimari had a team-best six draw controls and Emily Ward had five. Scialdone, Altimari and Gaccino had two goals apiece against Fox Lane.

HEN HUD lost a tough one at Rye, 8-7. Katie Bell had a hat trick and Paige Montgomery scored twice for Hen Hud.

CROTON senior Jamie Pollak scored her 100th varsity goal last week.

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3 for 3 with an RBI. Joe Lupinacci and Tommy Shkreli combined for Yorktown to serve the Bobcats (9-1-1) their first loss.

But Yorktown followed that up with a somewhat stunning 7-6 loss to **LAKELAND** Saturday in the annual Sorrentino Cup game, which the Huskers have owned in recent years. But Hornet Dom Toscano delivered the goods for the Hornets (5-8), going 2 for 4 with a triple, double and two RBI while teammate Devin Diaz went 2 for 3 with a triple and a pair of runs and Ryan McArdle added an RBI double. Yorktown scored three times in the seventh to make the Hornets sweat. Koch (1 run) and Patrisi (2 runs) each had a pair of

hits for the Huskers (6-5).

MAHOPAC also got on track last week, taking a pair from **BREWSTER**, 7-6 and 12-1.

Indian senior Anthony DeMatteo cracked a walkoff single in the bottom of the seventh to support his own cause, earning the win in relief while providing Mahopac's highlight of the season. Mahopac sophomore Tyler DeBrocky added three RBI and showed signs of mega-promise while Andrew Dacey drove home a pair of runs and Joey Koch had three hits, a run and a ribbie for the Indians (3-8).

In a career-effort, Mahopac P Anthony Mante fired a three-hitter and whiffed an all-time high 13 Bears in the 12-1 win. Indian SS Tyler Castrataro has been hot of late, going 3 for 4 with a double,

an RBI, three runs and two base swipes. Joey Koch, Matt Bilichuk and DeMatteo poked home a pair of runs.

CLASS B

CROTON-HARMON swept a pair from **PUTNAM VALLEY**, taking PV pitchers by storm and scoring 19 runs. Croton's 8-3 win saw Jack Sarcone allow no earned runs to secure the win while delivering a two-run triple to aid his cause. Aidan Callahan (2 for 3) stroked a two-run dinger for the Tigers (6-5) while Korey DeBeer added three hits and Evan Kurtz (2 RBI) had two hits.

In Croton's 11-3 win over Putnam Valley, Callahan was again the catalyst going 4 for 5, as did Nate Bilogray (3B, 2 RBI), who

supported P Harry Kahn, who allowed one earned run and fanned seven Tigers (4-6) and aided his own cause with a hit and two RBI.

CHSAA

In his 17th year at the helm of **KENNEDY CATHOLIC**, Coach Bob Fletcher may be at the top of his game. After losing to St. Joseph by the Sea in the city championship last year, the Gaels, who have eight players committed to the next level, are on track to take the coveted CHSAA title and last week's 4-3 extra-inning win over Monsignor Farrell kept the Gaels on course. Bard College-bound Pierson McGinnis plated the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning to keep the Gaels unbeaten in CHSAA play.

Sports

Foxes Settle for Runner-Up Trophy at Hen Hud Tournament

By Andy Jacobs

It sure was an up-and-down day for the Fox Lane softball team at the Hendrick Hudson Blue White Softball Tournament.

Just a little while after trouncing Putnam Valley in the opening round on Saturday, the Foxes wound up suffering a similar fate as the Tigers when they met the host Sailors in the tourney final at Cortlandt's Sprout Brook Park.

Hen Hud pushed across four runs in the opening inning, all with two outs, and never looked back, cruising to a 15-0 six-inning victory. Tournament MVP Sydney Muranaka reached base four times and Sailor starter Alana Espinoza limited the Foxes to just three hits in her five innings on the mound.

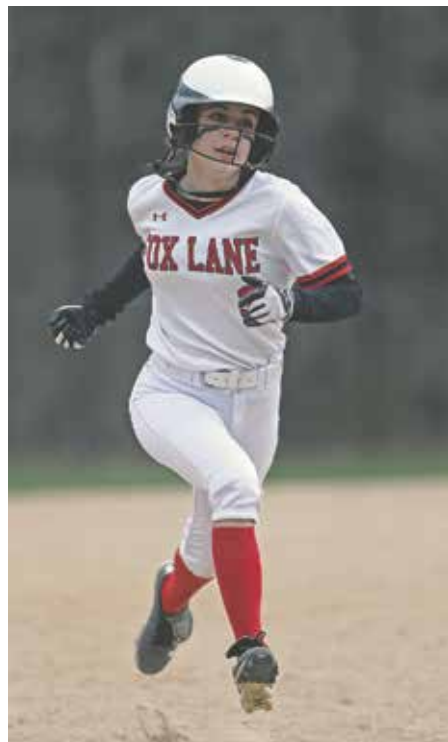
The Sailors were already leading by 14 runs when they came to bat in the bottom of the sixth inning. Muranaka sent the first pitch she saw to the gap in left-center field for a triple and, one batter later, came in to score the game-ending run on a single to left by Lisa Pasquale.

For Fox Lane first-year head coach ToniAnn Licata, whose work-in-progress team recently endured a six-game losing streak, the loss to the Sailors was a vivid reminder of some of the problems she's witnessed all season.

"Well, with our girls, we just need to work better at being a team and just really communicating," she said. "Honestly, I think the most frustrating thing is the base running. We just need to trust ourselves. I tell them this all the time, they need to believe in themselves that they're better than they think they are."

The Foxes, now 3-7 this season, began the day by crushing Putnam Valley 19-2, led by catcher Katie Cristiano, who had three hits, including two doubles, and scored four times. Quoya Schnell and Hannah Getman chipped in with a pair of hits apiece, but Licata was also impressed by what she saw offensively from her entire lineup.

"We did a great job," she said. "We were hitting the ball really well. We really did well



The Foxes' Megan Rukel runs to third base in the top of the third inning at Saturday's final of the Hen Hud Blue White Tournament.

on getting an accumulation of hits. But we had the bases loaded twice and we just made some running errors. So we just have to work on that."

Facing a Hen Hud team that has now won six straight games after starting the year 0-2, Fox Lane got a one-out single to right field by starting pitcher Jordynn Killion. But she was left stranded as Cristiano grounded to short and Sydney Hurwitz popped out to second base.

In the bottom of the first, Killion, who was later named to the all-tourney team, was just one out away from retiring the side when the Sailors' Ja'Nae Walker sent a long fly to right-center field that dropped between Getman and Megan Ruckel, bringing home the first run of the game. An infield hit soon scored

Walker, then a wild pickoff throw brought in another run. Hen Hud's fourth run of the inning came when Muranaka lined a single to right.

The Foxes' Victoria Bodine was robbed of a hit leading off the second when her line drive was snagged by first basemen Pasquale. The next two batters fanned, but the score remained 4-0 as Killion retired the Sailors in order in the second.

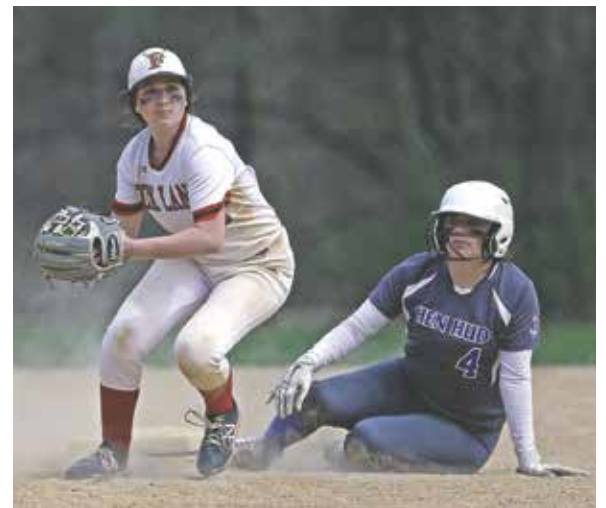
Ruckel led off the third inning with a base on balls, stole second base and moved to third on Getman's ground out. But the Fox threat to get on the scoreboard ended as Killion lined out to right field. Killion's day on the hill came to an end in the bottom of the inning after Walker belted a long two-run triple over the head of Getman in center.

Hurwitz came on in relief and her first pitch was smacked to left field for a run-scoring double by Emma Morley. Even though Hurwitz got out of further trouble by stranding two runners, the Foxes found themselves trailing 7-0.

The Foxes threatened in the top of the fourth inning as Cristiano led off with a line-drive double to right-center field and Hurwitz followed with a single to center. But with runners on the corners, the Sailors' Espinoza escaped unscathed as Bodine popped out, Schnell flied to center and Gabby Naar grounded out to short.

Hen Hud added two more runs in its half of the fourth, then Espinoza retired the Foxes easily in the top of the fifth. The Sailors sent 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the inning, taking advantage of four walks and scoring five more times.

By the time the Foxes came to bat in the sixth, they were trailing 14-0. They put two runners aboard with just one out, but



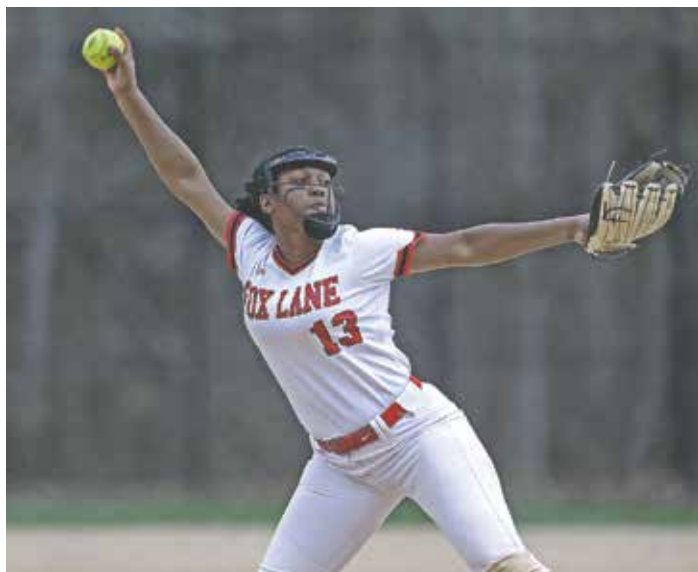
Fox Lane shortstop Quoya Schnell gets set to throw to home plate after tagging out Hen Hud's Isabella Busceto on a double-steal attempt.

Espinoza got a strikeout and then a pop-up to first base, ending the inning. The Sailors soon provided a mercy-rule ending to the contest with the triple by Muranaka and single from Pasquale.

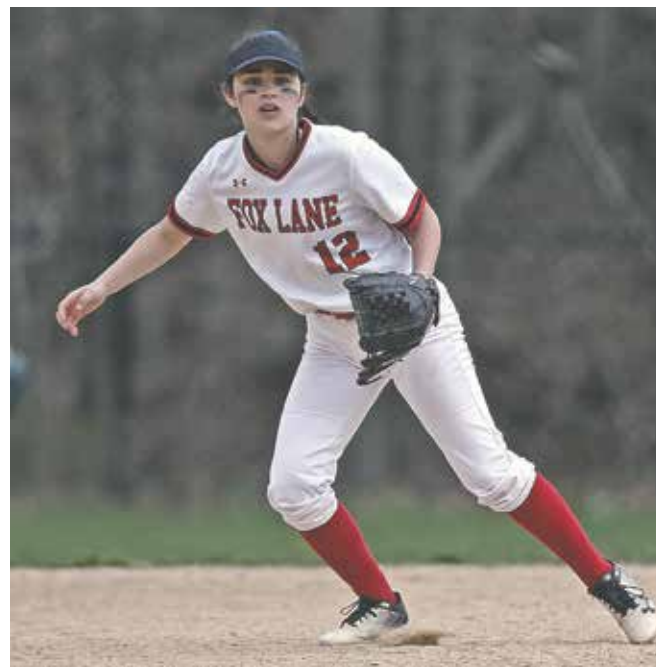
"We've just got to work on making plays," said Licata, who is now looking forward to winnable games against Arlington B and Ossining this coming week. "They just need to trust themselves. I think we're so worried about going from base to base instead of trusting that they could, if they get a good jump, advance to second base."

Despite being blanked by the Sailors, Licata remains pleased with what her hitters have displayed so far, while also hoping their softball instincts improve down the road.

"They're hitting the ball really well," she said. "I'm really proud of them for that. But, yeah, mostly focusing on our base running and just working together, learning from each other. Really focusing and paying attention to the game and seeing what they can improve on."



The Foxes' Jordynn Killion pitches in the title game of Hen Hud's annual softball tournament on Saturday afternoon.



Second baseman Lyla Loria stays ready for a pickoff throw during Fox Lane's loss to Hen Hud in the tournament final.



Victoria Bodine of Fox Lane hits a line drive to first base leading off the second inning in Saturday's tournament final at Sprout Brook Park.

Sports

Bobcats Find More Disappointment at Hendrick Hudson



Benny Rakower of Byram Hills races up the middle of the field with the ball in Saturday's Class C clash with the host Hen Hud Sailors.



The Bobcats' Michael Oronzio is about to score one of his four goals in Saturday's 10-9 loss at Hendrick Hudson.



It was a frustrating finish for junior Gavin Javorsky and his Bobcat teammates as they dropped a 10-9 decision at Hen Hud on Saturday afternoon.

For the second time in less than a week, the Byram Hills boys' lacrosse team found itself on the losing end of a nail-biting finish early Saturday afternoon.

Despite four goals from Michael Oronzio and two apiece by Benny Rakower and Reid DuToit, the Bobcats fell to host Hendrick Hudson 10-9. Sailor junior Dean Hiltsey's fifth goal of the day with just over four minutes remaining turned out to be the difference as Byram Hills closed its week with another frustrating defeat after losing to Arlington in the final seconds just five days earlier.

The Bobcats, now 5-3 this season, had jumped out to a 2-0 advantage over Hen Hud nearly two and a half minutes into the game with Oronzio finding the back of the net twice within a span of 36 seconds. The Sailors finally managed to get on the board on a goal from Scott Lupi with 5:24 remaining in the opening quarter. By the time the period was over, they had added goals from Rocco Capicotti and Hiltsey to grab a 3-2 edge.

Byram Hills nearly tied the game with four minutes left in the half as a missile from Gavin Javorsky caromed off the pipes. But

just over a minute later, Javorsky sent a cross-field pass to his left to Rakower, who beat goalie Rowan Caffrey with a shot to the near side. In the final 30 seconds of the half, Hen Hud came out of a timeout and Hiltsey restored the Sailors' one-goal lead by dashing in from behind the cage and scoring from an extreme angle on the right side an instant before he tumbled to the turf.

Just as they did to open the game, the Bobcats began the second half with a couple of quick goals, starting with Oronzio's third of the game 47 seconds into the third quarter. Just over two minutes into the period, Sean Siegel spun free in front for a shot that was deflected by Caffrey. The rebound went high in the air, where it was scooped up by Siegel and deposited into the cage to give Byram a 5-4 lead.

With 6:45 to go in the third quarter, the

Bobcats opened up a two-goal advantage as Oronzio took a pass from Rakower, moved forward a few steps and then rifled a shot past Caffrey. Unfortunately for the Bobcats, their run of three straight goals soon ended as Hen Hud won the ensuing face-off and Ryan Clark sent a shot between the legs of goalie Jack Quinn.

A pair of goals by Hiltsey just 16 seconds apart gave Hen Hud a lead it never lost again. With 3:24 left in the quarter, Capicotti, who finished with three goals, scored from the left doorstep, the Sailors' second man-up goal of the period. But the Bobcats stopped the four-goal Sailor run with 49.6 seconds left as Javorsky found DuToit open just right of the crease, and they began the fourth quarter trailing 8-7.

Another Capicotti goal in the first minute of the final period with the Sailors having a

two-man advantage was quickly matched 55 seconds later by Rakower, who somehow managed to find the back of the net even though he was shoved to the turf from behind and landed on the goalie in the crease.

The Bobcats had several chances to tie again, but two blistering shots by Javorsky and one from Oronzio went wide. Then with 4:14 left, Hiltsey's final goal gave Hen Hud a two-goal cushion. Rakower, who had four goals in Byram's 8-6 home win over Fox Lane under the lights on Thursday evening, threaded a pass to DuToit on the right doorstep for a goal with 2:42 left, cutting the Sailors' lead back to one.

A Hen Hud turnover with 45 seconds to go gave the Bobcats one last chance to get even, but Javorsky misfired on a long shot with 23 seconds remaining and then his rocket toward the cage from the left side with nine seconds on the clock was somehow fielded by Caffrey, who then sent the ball all the way down the field as time expired on the Byram bid to force overtime.

-Andy Jacobs



The Bobcats' Sean Siegel passes the ball up the field during Saturday's game at Hen Hud that wasn't decided until the final 10 seconds.

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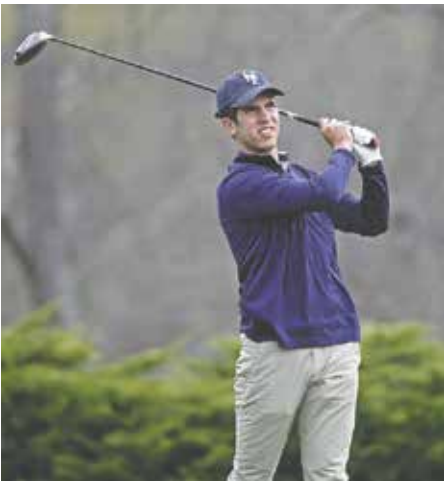


Byram Hills' Zach Pero leads a Bobcat transition to offense in the final moments of Saturday's 10-9 loss to Hen Hud.



Erik Cipriano of Byram Hills controls the ball behind the cage during the third quarter of Saturday's game.

Sports



Horace Greeley's Matt Eichenburgh watches his tee shot on the first hole in Thursday's home match vs. Fox Lane at Mt. Kisco Country Club.



Briarcliff's Eli Snider reaches to hit a backhand volley in his match at first singles vs. host Pleasantville last Thursday afternoon.



Greeley midfielder Ava Corini takes the ball around the back of the cage in the Quakers' 15-0 home win over Putnam Valley.



Taylor Rice of Greeley fires an 8-meter shot at the cage early in the second half of the Quakers' rout of Putnam Valley last Wednesday.



Briarcliff's Will Najarian rises in the air to launch a serve in his match at third singles last week vs. host Pleasantville.



Alex Mancini of Greeley uses an iron off the first tee in last week's home match against Fox Lane.



Jake Hoffman of Fox Lane follows through on his drive on the second hole of Thursday's match vs. Horace Greeley.



Pleasantville's Oliver Giebelhaus gets set to hit a backhand return in his match at first singles against visiting Briarcliff.



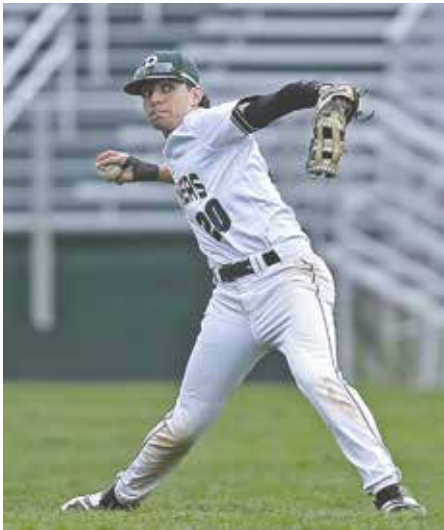
Fox Lane's Kyle Hester hits an approach shot to the green on the first hole during last Thursday's match at Mt. Kisco Country Club against Greeley.



Daniel Ward of Pleasantville hits a forehand volley during third singles in Thursday's home match vs. Briarcliff.



Brielle Renzulli and her Greeley teammates continued to roll last Wednesday by crushing Putnam Valley.



Pleasantville center fielder Aidan Finnegan fires the ball to the plate trying to cut down a North Salem runner in the Panthers' 7-1 loss last Thursday.



Fox Lane second baseman Megan Rukel ranges to her right in pursuit of a ground ball up the middle in the Foxes' loss to Hen Hud at Saturday's championship game of the Sailors' Blue White Softball Tournament.



Pleasantville's Will Lent runs to third base in Thursday's home game vs. North Salem at Parkway Field.



Sydney Hurwitz of Fox Lane pitches in Saturday afternoon's championship game of the Hen Hud Blue White Softball Tournament.



Fox Lane shortstop Quoya Schnell tries to make a diving grab of a line drive during Saturday's title game of the Hen Hud softball tournament.



Fox Lane starting pitcher Mark Schwartz delivers to the plate early in Friday afternoon's home game vs. Scarsdale.



Luke Feingold of Fox Lane launches a pitch toward right field in the Foxes' victory over Scarsdale on Friday.



Horace Greeley's Molly Byrne controls the ball late in the first half of the Quakers' 15-0 home victory over Putnam Valley last Wednesday afternoon.



Anastasia Byrnes of Byram Hills moves toward the cage in the first half vs. host Pleasantville last week.



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Jacob Carozza of Pleasantville fires a pitch in the Panthers' 7-1 loss to visiting North Salem on Thursday afternoon.



Erin Drillock of Pleasantville sets her sights on the back of the net as she gets set for a free-position opportunity vs. Byram Hills.



Pleasantville's Gianna Doto passes the ball across midfield in the first half of last Wednesday's 17-11 home win over Byram Hills.

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Greeley's Fiona Brown takes the ball past Putnam Valley's Faith Carravone (left) and Shayla Lussier in last Wednesday's game won by the host Quakers.



Byram Hills eighth-grader Scarlett Pfistner tries to run past Pleasantville's Heather Vamossy in last week's game won by the host Panthers.



Byram Hills' Chloe Siegle charges up the field with the ball during last Wednesday's game at Pleasantville High School.



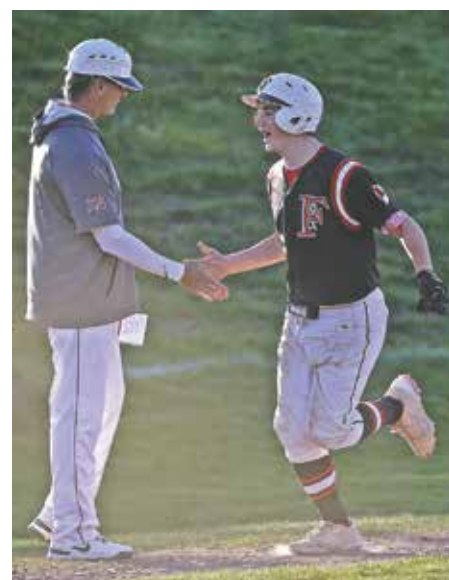
Abby McAllister of Pleasantville is chased by Chloe Siegle of Byram Hills in the Panthers' 17-11 home win last Wednesday afternoon.



Horace Greeley goalie Tatum Walsh searches for an open teammate to make an outlet pass to in last Wednesday's rout of visiting Putnam Valley.



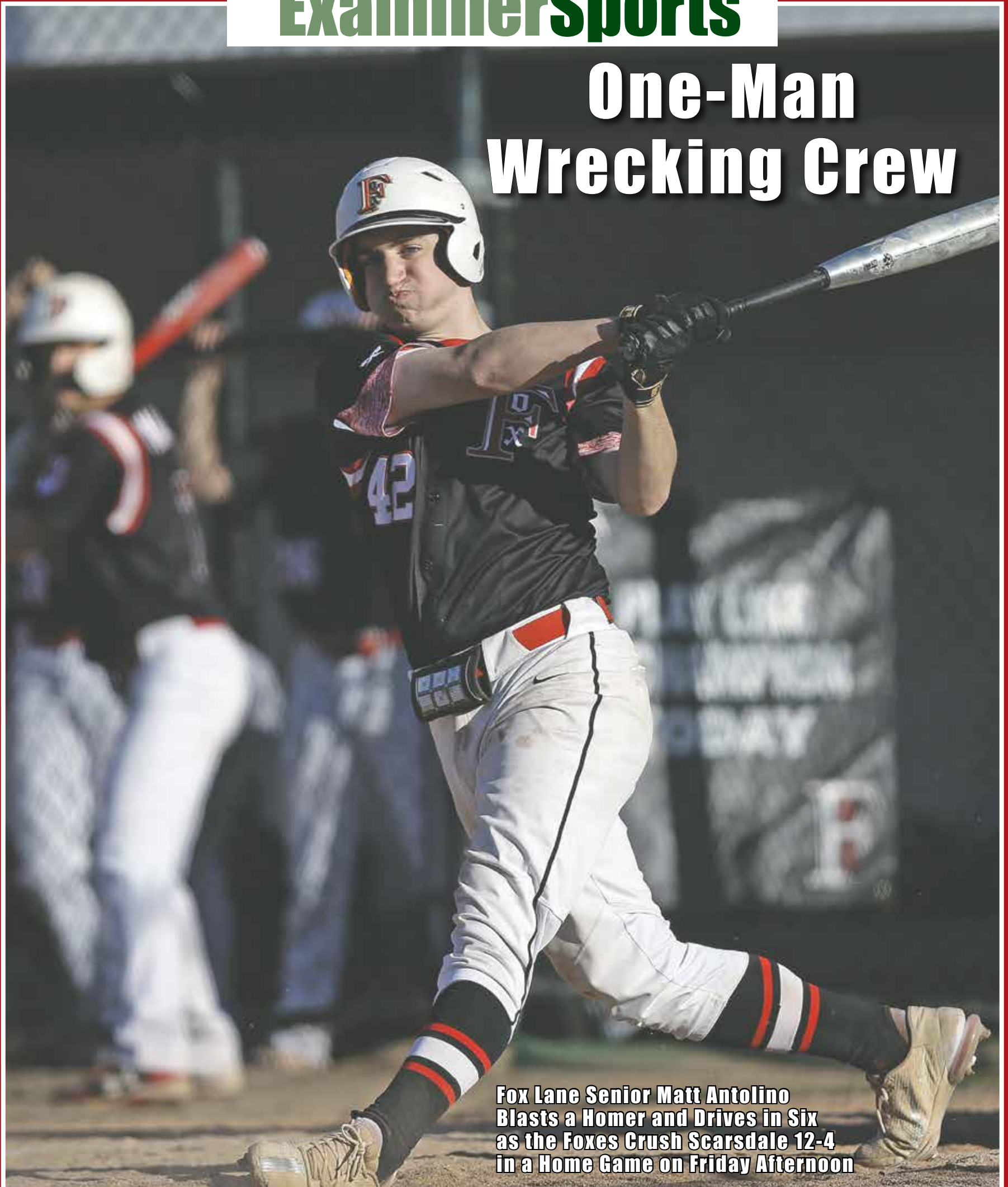
Fox Lane's Luke Torre heads down the third-base line to score a run in the Foxes' 12-4 home win over Scarsdale.



Matt Antolino of Fox Lane is greeted by head coach Matt Hillis near third base after belting a three-run homer in the fifth inning of Friday's 12-4 win over Scarsdale.

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**Fox Lane Senior Matt Antolino
Blasts a Homer and Drives in Six
as the Foxes Crush Scarsdale 12-4
in a Home Game on Friday Afternoon**