

# Examiner Sports

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## **Bomb-Sniffin' Dawgs!**



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**Class A Walter Panas,  
AA White Plains  
Each Go Deep,  
Unbeaten Panthers  
Do So Twice, Prevail 7-4**



Class A host Walter Panas and Class AA White Plains got after it Saturday afternoon at the newly refurbished digs at Panther Nation where Panas slugger Aidan Cohall (3) drove home four runs and went yard twice to outlast White Plains C Leon Marrano (7) who clubbed the happy Tigers (inset) back into contention with a two-run bomb of his own, but it wasn't enough as the celebratory Panthers (inset) prevailed 7-4 and improved to 3-0 on the young season... see Baseball Notebook



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## NWE/Putnam Baseball Notebook

### Anything Can Happen in Baseball, but Class A Panas is Good Bet

#### Reigning Class AA Champ Carmel Set to Turn over New Leaf

By Ray Gallagher  
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**WALTER PANAS** has never hoisted a Section 1 baseball title plaque. Coach Anthony Fata's Panthers came awfully close back in 2004 when losing to Eastchester in the Class A finals, and a premature exit in 2021 prompted yet another oh-so-close conclusion. If Panas fails to win a sectional title in 2022, it will only further the notion that baseball is the most unpredictable sport in modern history, because the Panthers are loaded this spring.

Fata's club is stacked as March turns to April and only a spell of bad health – and or baseball's capricious nature – could prevent a deep run in the sectional tournament, given the armor the Panthers have at their disposal.

With five D-I players on the current roster, and a host of others along the next level, Panas is on the tip of every Section 1 coach's tongue when asked about the prospects of chasing down the Class A crown.

A millions knives were sharpened leading up to the spring of 2022, but Panas has the edge going in. There are numerous prospects



Panas should have plenty of moments like this in spring of 2021 as they embark upon first section title in school history.

on the roster – including Clemson-bound junior SS Samuel Stafura, East Carolina-bound junior P/3B Jackson DiLorenzo, St. John's-bound senior P/OF Aidan Cohall and Stetson-bound junior C Dan Witters. Panas is bound to win enough games to secure a

very high seed in the postseason. To boot, the quartet will be joined by B.C. commit Tony Humphrey, who left Iona Prep to join the Panthers.

But that doesn't matter much in the playoffs when anything can happen and anyone one can upset the apple cart when the aces unfold and a flush hits the crapper.

DiLorenzo, who also anchors the hot

corner on "off days", is the ace of the staff, a 90+-MPH chucker who shoved to the tune of a 4-0 record and a 1.34 ERA last season. Explosive and poised, the easy-going 6' 210-pound RHP is stoked for the 2022 campaign.

Fata, now in his 22nd year as the Panas

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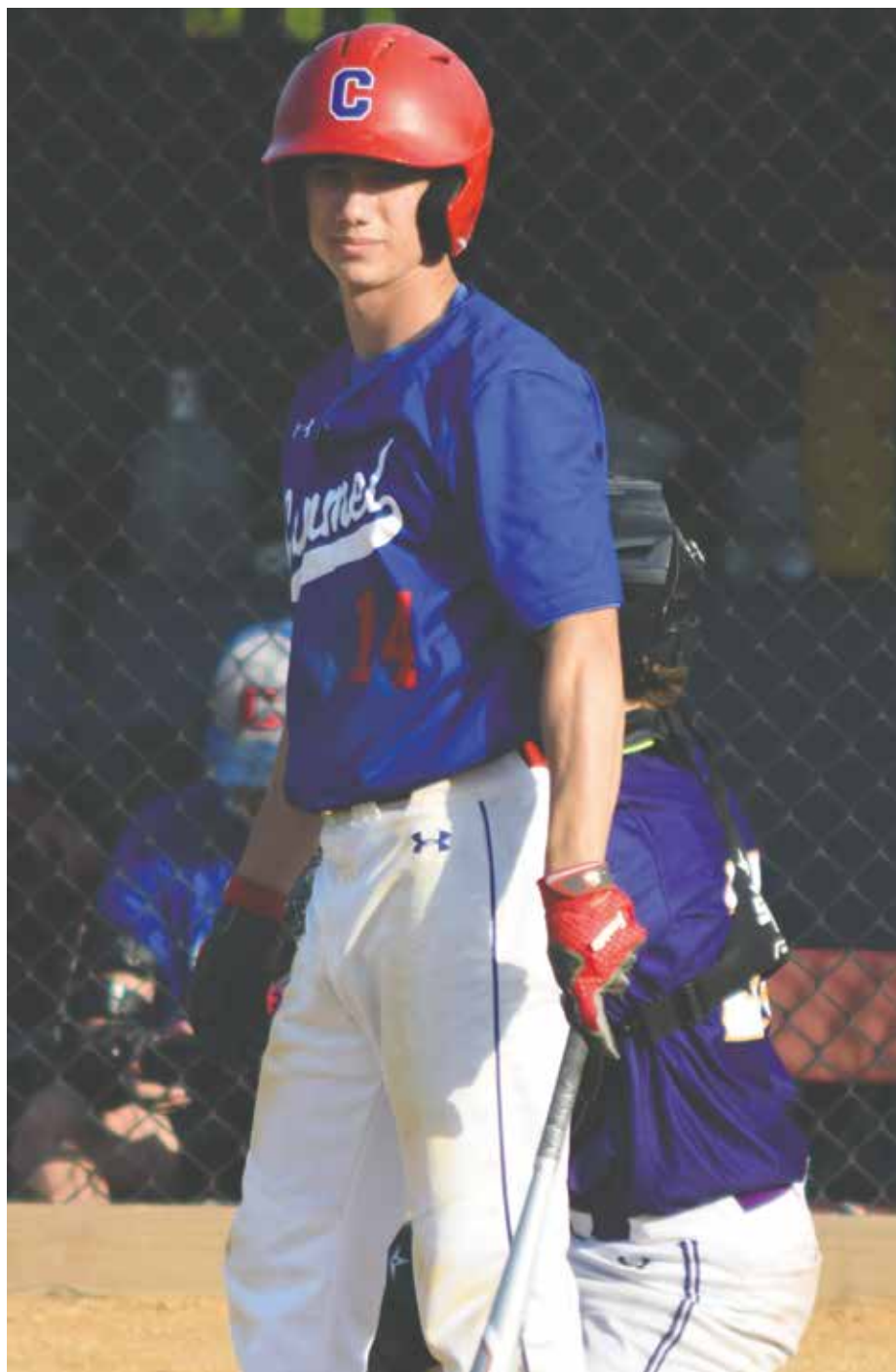


Panas senior P Gavin Carlucci fires pitch in Panthers' 7-4 win over visiting White Plains Saturday.



Panas SS Sam Stafura slides in safely to 3B in Panthers' 7-4 win over White Plains Saturday.





Carmel SS-P Kevin Dall needs a big year if Rams are going to repeat as Section 1 Class AA champs.



Panas P/3B Jackson DiLorenzo is a prolific and versatile force across the board.

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head coach, will call DiLo's number as often as possible as potentially the No.1 pitcher in Class A this season; right there with Byram Hills ace Bobby Chicoine.

"I'm absolutely pumped up, we got a lot of work to do, but we are for sure ready for whatever it takes. I know my boys and I are glad to hear that people look at us as the team to beat but we haven't proven anything yet. Quite honestly we are just getting started. We want to show out the rest of the season."

DiLo did so in the season opener against **YORKTOWN**, firing five scoreless innings with five whiffs.

"He had his stuff against Yorktown, and we waited for this game for a very long time," batterymate Witters said. "He's gotta be my favorite guy I've ever caught. We all worked our tail off this winter and made some great strides. I'm so happy to be a part of this team."

Cohall cracked two doubles and an RBI against a Yorktown team that also expects

to contend in Class A. DiLorenzo, Stafura and Witters each knocked in a run. The Panthers continued their onslaught Friday in an 11-1 win over Horace Greeley. Travis Carlucci (2-4, 2B, 3 RBI), Stafura (RBI), DiLorenzo (2 RBI), Humphrey (2B, RBI), Austin Pagliettini (RBI) and Gavin Carlucci (2B, RBI) all supported P Cohall (5 IP, 6 Ks, 2 hits, 1 ER), who added an RBI. Panas closed out the week with a 7-4 win over Class AA White Plains Saturday behind a pair of dingers and four RBI from Cohall, who also swiped a pair of bases. Travis Carlucci (1-3, RBI, 3 stolen bases), Witters (1-2, 2B) and Derek Hawley (1-2, RBI) all supported chucks Gavin Carlucci (4 IP, 1K, 3 hits, 3 ER, 3BB), Alex Enea (2 IP, 2 K, 1 hit, 1ER) and closer Jackson DiLorenzo (1 IP, 2Ks, no hits).

Yorktown, despite losing a quarterfinal heartbreaker to Clarkstown North, had one of their finest seasons (15-3 last year) in quite some time under first-year Coach CJ Riefenhauser and returns three starting players from a team that reached

the quarterfinals as the No.1 seed. CF Jon Munoz (Cortland), RF Stephen Haglund (Oswego) and SS Nick Jacoby (Oneonta) bolster the defense behind a rebuilt staff and Quinipiac-bound ace Matt Alduino (LHP). Provided Yorktown has a stash of others who can spin it, expect the Huskers to build on last year. Despite not scoring a run in their first two games, including Saturday's 10-0 loss to Arlington, the Huskers have already faced two of the toughest opponents Section 1 has to offer this season. The Huskers are already battle tested.

**CARMEL** returns as the reigning Class AA champs for the first time in two decades. But Rams Coach Joe Hackert has lost the bulk of the finest senior class in Carmel baseball history. Seniors, SS/P Kevin Dall and 1B Brendan Murphy, both saw significant time and experience last year, and will head up a new cast of characters. The group is relatively untested at the varsity level but has shown some fire in

the early going, including Nevin Scaperotti, Kevin Heffernon, Mike Youngman, Mark Yorio, John Melarczik, Pat Kiernan and Danny Monahan. Their Inexperience makes challenging Dutchess County powers like 2021 finalist RCK and semifinalist Arlington – league rivals – all the more difficult, not to mention the consistency of non-league **FOX LANE**. The Rams (19-3 last year) opened the campaign with a double header sweep at **MAHOPAC**, which is coming off a lean year (5-13) by the Indians' standards. And 2022 hasn't started off much better, including a 10-0 season-opening loss to Pelham, which held Mahopac to two hits and benefitted from five costly errors. Mahopac, which has dropped down to Class A this season, has some work to do.

Dall (2 hits, 2 runs) and Murphy (2 RBI) were at the heart of the Rams' attack in the 5-0 win over Mahopac, which hung tough for five innings behind ace P Chris McKeon (5

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Yorktown senior Nick Jacoby is among the top middle infielders in Class A this season.



Panas Coach Anthony Fata knows full well that his Panthers have been labeled Class A favorites by many this year.

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Hen Hud P-IF Josh Shea is poised for big year for surging Sailors.

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IP, 2 hits, 0 earned runs, 6 K's). However, Carmel's Yorio and Matt Gay combined on a five-hit shutout, fanning 10 Indians in all. Heffernan added an RBI.

Dall's footprint was all over Game 2, a 5-1 Carmel win. He had three hits (2B), an RBI and a run while Heffernan drove home a pair to support Carmel P Scaperotti ( 6.1 IP, 10 K's), who baffled the Indians, who had just three hits and have been tough to come by for Mahopac (10 hits in 3 losses). Joey Koch knocked in Mahopac's lone run of the day.

"We are extremely green and inexperienced," Hackert admitted, "and we have a tough week ahead of us with Fox Lane, Clarkstown South (2X) and Somers. Arlington is the real deal and we'll see them twice in our league."

**LAKELAND** will begin a new era under first-year Coach Justin McCarthy, but he won't have any Joey Vetrans – the two-time Player of the Year – or Evan Bertas to work with. Versatile senior IF/C Joe Torres (.365 BA) will serve as his Swiss Army knife instead, along with senior CF MJ Diaz and Ryan McArdle (All-League, P/OF).

Preceding the Bill Casey era, which included two sectional titles and an appearance in the state finals, McCarthy, a 2010 Lakeland graduate, was built for this job, but similar results will be tough to come by in 2022 after a 7-11 2021 season. Having spent four years as an assistant to Casey and having played in the system, McCarthy's team will know the nuances of baseball while serving as interchangeable parts. Keep an eye on the development of versatile young C/IF/OF Devin Diaz (class of 2026), who has some of the finest metrics in the country (yes, country, not county), and projects to be

the next big thing in the region.

**HEN HUD** (10-9) had some fine moments last year, including a win over Byram Hills and a No.4 seed in the Class A-2 playoffs. Senior captain Josh Shea (P/IF) and junior SS Michael Gagliardi. Keep eyes on sophomore OF Matt Bronner, a budding star. Hen Hud's got some underclassmen who can shine in due time, including eight sophs on the current varsity roster, five of which are listed as pitchers.

**SOMERS** is coming off a tough year (7-12), but second-year Coach Anthony Nappi is banking on several key veterans to turn things around, including speedy junior CF Ravi Davis and P/IF Stefan Swee.

**OSSINING** is another club coming off a down year (5-14) and first-round elimination at the hands of Carmel. **BREWSTER** (1-17) drew a similar fate and hopes to rebuild its competitive roots, starting with a 10-2 win over Westlake at Dutchess Stadium Saturday.

The Pride started off on the right foot with a 7-5 win over Lakeland Saturday. Brian Hoffman went 3-3 for Ossining and Mike Lebenssen cracked a clutch two-run, game-winning hit. Nolan Sniffen fanned six over seven frames for the Pride, who was sure to be tested yesterday at Panas.

In Class B, **PUTNAM VALLEY** (7-12) and **CROTON** (7-11) split a pair of games last season and both expect to build upon last year, which saw both bow out in the opening round. Both clubs return a slew of starters. Put Valley has a legit modified unit that should translate into a strong run in the not-too-distant future, so keep your eyes on that.

Class C **HALDANE** is coming off a disappointing 1-14 season and hopes to gain back its oft-competitive status.



# Carmel Clips Put Valley, 8-3; Briarcliff, Just Wow!

## Youth Movement Ahead of Schedule at Somers

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Wow! Class D **BRIARCLIFF** has already knocked off the Section 1 Class A and Class B favorites, Mamaroneck and Rye, respectively. Oh, and reigning Class A champ Scarsdale, too. If Coach Al Meola's Bears (3-0) are not ranked No.1 in NYS when the rankings come out next week, there should be an investigation. But the rankings mean jack squat, so do your job and keep the rest of us awestruck against this absolutely stacked schedule...

A third-quarter surge by Class A host **CARMEL** led to an 8-3 triumph of Class C **PUTNAM VALLEY** last Thursday when Matthew Risley, Thomas Connolly and Damian Santiago netted two goals apiece for the Rams (3-0), who also tacked on a 7-6 win over **HALDANE** Saturday. Against PV, Ram M Tristan Werlu provided the vital time of possession with 11 faceoff wins on 13 draws. Santiago, who looked explosive, added a pair of assists while showing great command of the scheme.

"I think after the first quarter we really focused on GB's," Carmel Coach Matt Caione said of the focus on ground balls. "We knew that PV had the talent to put the ball in the net, so it was going to be a game of possessions. Coming out of the half we wanted to keep the momentum going. We always talk about execution and we feel we were able to finish on plays, whether it be a goal, ride, clear, GB. Kids were locked in all game and were able to force some good things to happen. It's really a great group who loves lax."

Ryan Denike scored twice for the Tigers (1-1), spotting a pair of first-half leads, but it was all Carmel in the second half.

"We turned the ball over multiple times and made poor decisions with the ball in our sticks," PV Coach Tim Weir said. "We had basically zero time of possession. If we don't start taking care of the ball, and value the ball when we have possession, it will be a long season."

Credit Werly and the Carmel wings for much of that, as they owned the draw box.

Denike, who oftentimes doubled as a long pole, scored his second goal of the game – the game-winner – with 15 seconds left in the Tigers' 7-6 season-opening win over visiting Rye Neck last Tuesday. He also had a pair of assists. Teammate Hayden Gumbrecht's second goal of the game with 1:23 to play made it 6-6.

Carmel, who saw Risley strike for two two goals and four points, against Haldane, will face its biggest test of the young season when they face Lakeland/Panas today. Ryan Aabel and Jake Storen each scored and set up another. Ram G Jake Meissner (18 saves) was peppered throughout, particularly by Blue Devil Evan Giachinta (2G, 2A).

**HEN HUD** came awfully close to pulling off the Sailors' first big upset of the year but fell short to reigning Class A champion Scarsdale, 3-2, in overtime. Sailors G Rowan Caffrey (20 saves) kept the Sailors (0-2) afloat while senior Rocco Capicotta netted a pair of Hen Hud goals off feeds from Thomas Popolizio. Capicotta netted three Sailor goals in a disappointing 11-4 loss to host Pleasantville Saturday.

If Class D **CROTON-HARMON** is going



Put Valley LSM Chris Meenan slaps check on Carmel M Tristan Werlu, who recovered in time to win 11 of 13 faceoffs in Rams' 8-3 win over Tigers.

to have a big year, M Michael McCarthy is going to need to tickle the twine regularly, and the All-League senior did that and more in the host Tigers' 17-9 win over Dobbs Ferry. McCarthy finished with five goals and dished one assist. Teammate Lucas Valentine had a five-point day (4G, 1A). Carter Schmidt added a hat trick of his own and Edwin Dowd set up three tallies for the Tigers (1-2), who also suffered an 11-9 loss to Carmel.

start, improving to 3-0 with a 14-5 road win over Fox Lane last Thursday. The Indians showed great balance on both ends of the field and were fueled offensively by Mike Rettberg, who bagged a career-high five goals. Junior sniper Jake Degnan went off for seven points (4G, 3A) while face-off specialist Chris Evans won 15-of-18 draws and set up three goals in transition. Sophomore John Kearney feasted on the Foxes, adding two goals and two assists.

The Indians (3-1) then lost a 9-8 heartbreaker to Byram Hills Saturday. Ryan Geoghegan (3G),

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Carmel A Matthew Risley makes his move on Put Valley M Tommy Calicchio in Rams' 8-3 win over visitint Tigers last Thursday.



Carmel M Damion Santiago cranks shot on Put Valley D Logan Porteus (7) in Rams' 8-3 win over visiting Tigers.

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## Mahopac Aspires to Repeat in Class AA, Yorktown Solid in A

By Tony Pinciario

It would be easy to underestimate and overlook **MAHOPAC** for the 2022 Section 1 softball season.

After all, seven seniors graduated from the 2021 Section 1 Class AA Champions that went 19-1, highlighted by dominant pitcher Shannon Becker. The Notre Dame freshman is currently 7-2 this season with a 1.52 earned-run average.

Having to replace Becker and her classmates could be a difficult task, but senior Gabby Marino and her teammates are up for the challenge. And, they are looking forward to forging their own identity.

"We feel no pressure to be that same team," said Marino, entering her third year as the starting third baseman. "This year, we actually feel we are being completely underestimated by the rest of the section. Even though we had more than half of our team graduate, as a new team, we are proving that we can do exactly what we did last year."

Mahopac proved this in its season-opener, a 13-2 win over 2021 Section 1 Class A champion Lakeland as Marino had two hits and three RBI. Sophomore Ava Lichtenberger registered 10 strikeouts.

It's no surprise Lichtenberger excels as a pitcher considering her uncle is former Mahopac great Dave Fleming. The left-hander pitched Georgia to the 1990 NCAA title and later was a starter for the Seattle Mariners before arm injuries derailed his pro career.

Marino, Lichtenberger and senior Mia Lanter (centerfielder) headline the new-look Mahopac, which has gelled quickly.

"One thing I like about my team is that we are young and have a lot of talent," said Marino, who will attend the University of Hartford in September and major in Biology/Microbiology. "We don't compare ourselves to last season because we know we are capable of doing the same. We have great team chemistry and our new team is laced with hitters and strong fielders."

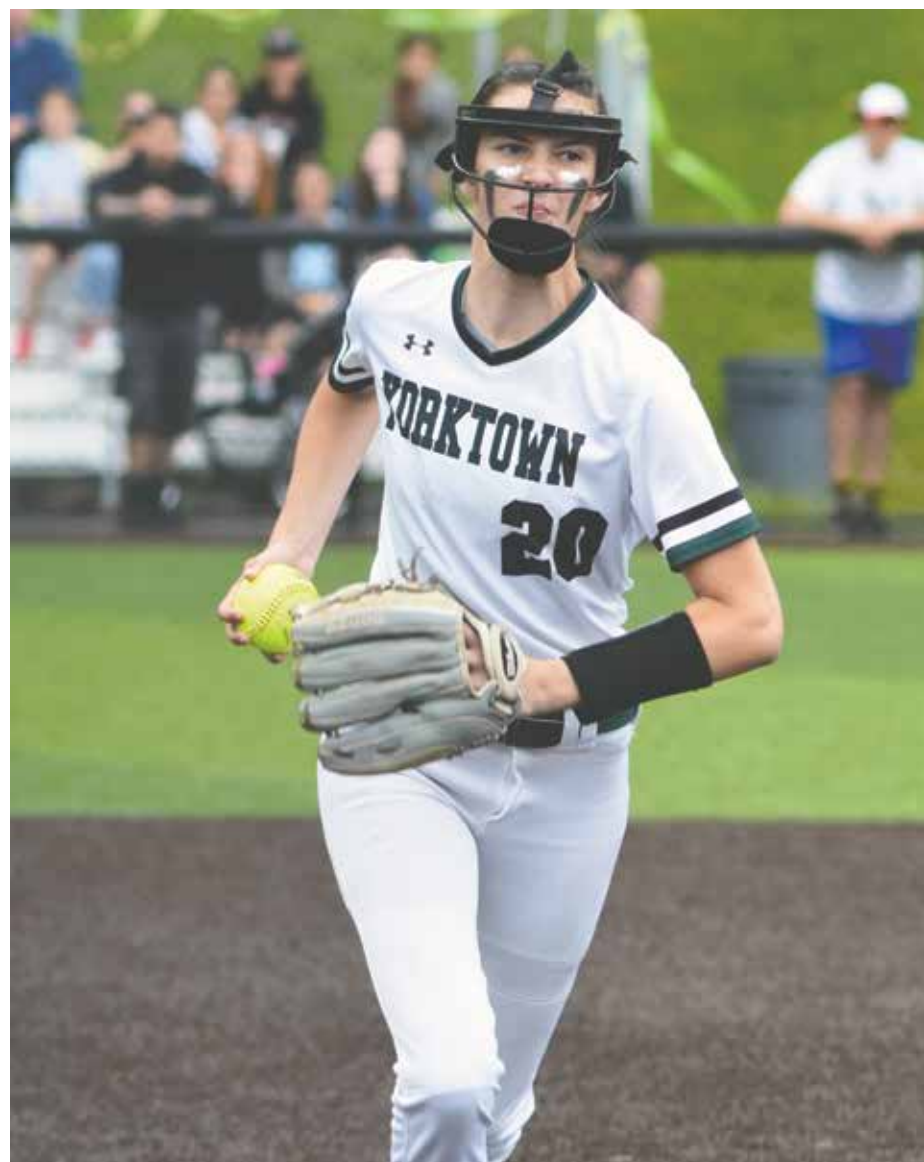
"Ava is our pitcher this year and she is awesome. She is a great fielder, hitter and pitcher and she always gets the job done."

Mahopac coach Cristina Giansante shares Marino's sentiments regarding the team.

"We have a super young team with a majority of the team being sophomores (only 2 seniors), and even a stand-out eighth-grader (Cam Wilson), but we will be just as competitive as always," said Giansante, in her sixth season. "Our lineup is stronger



Mahopac P Ava Lichtenberger is among the most exciting prospects in Section 1 this season.



Yorktown P Maya Servedio will break opponents down this spring with a nasty repertoire of pitches.

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than ever. My outlook/our goal is the same every season: play confident and win the section."

Marino and her teammates want to have a good start, which will set the tone for the remainder of the season. However, a fast start also means good, fundamental softball.

"We want to get off to a quick start, but we do not want it to be a sloppy start," Maruno said. "It's important to us to minimize the errors early on and keep a tight defense while capitalizing on each team."

Mahopac travels to Ardsley, Tuesday, and hosts Pearl River, Thursday.

### HEN HUD SAILORS

**Coach:** Will Mauro (second year)

**Top returnees:** Alana Espinoza, Sr., P (All-League and All-Section); Taeghan Dapson, Sr., CF (All-League); Sydney Muranaka, Sr., 2B (All-League); Paige Johannsen, Jr., LF (All-League); Lexi Schaffer, Jr., SS.

**Key newcomers:** Emma Johannsen, 8th-grade, RF; Emma Barbelet, 8th-grade, P.

**Team strengths:** Experienced nucleus, offense, depth and versatility.

**Coach's outlook on the season:** "We should be in the mix to play in the Class A final. If we play enough defense and get some timely hitting, we have enough pitching to make a deep run."

**Noteworthy:** Hen Hud travels to Pearl River, 4/14. Pearl River eliminated Hen Hud in the 2021 Section 1 Class A semifinals. ... Hen Hud will host its Blue/White Tournament, 4/23. Hen Hud opened the season with a pair of tough losses – 4-2 to Harrison and 3-1 to Yorktown. Eighth-grader Emma Johannsen had a memorable varsity debut with a double, home run and two runs scored. Taghan Dapson also had two hits and drove in a run. Alana Espinoza allowed four hits, struck out five and did not allow an earned run. "It was a game we could have and probably should have won," Mauro said. "It was cold and windy, but it was the same

for both teams. Harrison has a nice team and a good pitcher." Yorktown defeated Hen Hud, 3-1, in the first round of the Yorktown Tournament. The Cornhuskers scored three runs in the first inning. Emma Johannsen hit her second home run in as many games and Espinoza struck out seven. Hen Hud hosts Nanuet in its home-opener, Tuesday, 4/6, travel to Roosevelt, Thursday, and host Somers, Saturday.

### PANAS PANTHERS

**Coach:** Michael Weitman (first year)

**Last year's record:** 9-9

**Top returnees:** Jaime Cardello, C, (All League); Ali Moyer, P; Kittzie Mera, 1B; Alyssa Delgado, CF; Sara Bufi, 3B.

**Key newcomers:** Amanie DiSienna, OF; Megan Lomax, OF; Kiah Edwards, SS; Madi Duteau, 2B.

**Team strengths:** Hard-working group, willingness to accept advice on what needs to be improved on.

**Questions marks:** Replacing experience of eight graduated seniors; finding the best defensive lineup.

**Coach's outlook on the season:** "I am very happy to be back coaching at Walter Panas. I have coached a few of the girls on this team at the JV level and helped at varsity whenever I could. I know that they are hard workers and strive to do well no matter the matchup. Our outlook is looking like the season could be a bit rough at times, but if the girls can keep working hard and try to learn from their mistakes, we hope to pull off some upsets."

**Noteworthy:** Dillon coached the Panas JV for many years before moving up this year to replace Dale Chappelle, who led Panas to the 2019 Section 1 Class A title. ... Panas will be playing in the Hen Hud Blue/White Tournament.

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## PUTNAM VALLEY TIGERS

**Coach:** Rena Finsmith (10th year)

**2021 record:** 2-14

**Top returnees:** Taylor Peduto, Sr., 2B/SS (all-league); Madeline DeVito, Sr., P; Ava Derella, Sr., C; Kaleigh Robertson, Jr., SS; Kylie Recuppio, So., P.

**Key newcomers:** Mary Mikalsen, Jr., 3B, Katelyn Flanagan, 8th-grade, CF; Maggie Caputo, Sr., 1B; Victoria Spitzer.

**Team strengths:** Team comradery; versatility.

**Coach's outlook on the season:** "Last season was a big learning curve for most of the girls as it was their first year on varsity. A majority of them return to the team this season. Putnam Valley has merged with Haldane for the 2022 season which brings in Mary Mikalsen to our team. Mary's skill level and knowledge of the game will help solidify our infield. Sophomore Kylie Recuppio returns to the mound and has worked hard in the off season. She will be sharing the load with Senior Madeline DeVito, who returns from an injury and is ready to get this season started. Senior leadership from LeAnn Keeler (fresh off a state final 4 trip in basketball) and DeVito will be critical to our success as we are still a young team that will now include three eighth-graders. We are looking to improve on our record from the year before. This season, the coaching staff is looking for the girls to finish games strong. Last year, we would have lapses where our focus wasn't always there which led to bad innings. This year's goal is to finish and stay

focused from the first pitch to the last out. We are very excited to have a full season of softball and look forward to the girls having a great season ahead."

**Noteworthy:** Mikalsen has verbally committed to play at Siena. ... Putnam Valley will be home for five of its first six games, including its season-opener, Wednesday, against Pleasantville and veteran coach Gina Perino. Finsmith was a standout for Perino during her Pleasantville days.

## YORKTOWN CORNHUSKERS

**Coach:** Samantha Fernandez (fourth year)

**2021 record:** 17-4 (lost to Lakeland in the Section 1 Class A final).

**Top returnees:** Maya Servedio, Sr., P; (All-Section) Olivia Salveggi, Sr., 1B (All-League); Adrianna Albano, Jr., SS (All-League); Charlotte Constantine, Jr., CF (all-section honorable mention).

**Key newcomers:** Eva Destito, Fr., C; Julia Centofanti, So., 1B; Vittoria Milizia, Utility; Bella Gomes, 1B/C.

**Team strengths:** Team chemistry, experience playing together, depth, offense, Servedio in the circle.

**Question marks, if any:** Speed with only a few girls that can steal bases.

**Coach's outlook on the season:** "I expect a great season this year. I am excited to see my girls continue to work hard and push each other. We have a great group of girls who are all very talented. I want our girls to be able to make adjustments during games and from game-to-game, when needed. We have a tough schedule, which



Reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Mahopac hopes to pick up where it left off this spring.

is great, it will challenge us and make us better."

**Noteworthy:** Yorktown opened the season with a pair of 3-1 wins, over Nanuet

and Hen Hud. Servedio struck out 16 against Nanuet and is closing in on 200 career strikeouts.

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Danny Koch (2G), Gavin Viglucci (2G) and Degnan (1G) found the net and G Tom Jacobellis made nine saves before the Bobcats took advantage of an Indian penalty and slipped one past with 15 seconds left.

"Byram slowed it down and held the ball, took off a lot of time before attempting the goal," Mahopac Coach Jon Bota said. "Tommy stood tall for us in goal as we made a three-goal comeback to tie it up, but a turnover on offense led to a foul on D. We were man-down for the last two minutes. Tough battle all the way."

Saddle up, though, things are about to get a whole lot tougher today when the Indians take on Class A heavyweight **YORKTOWN** in the season opener for the vaunted Huskers.

**SOMERS** crushed it on opening day last Thursday, taking out Tappan Zee 15-7 behind a seven-point effort from 6'4", 190-pound sophomore A Mac Sullivan (4G,

3A). Senior T.J. Olifiers and sophomore Nick Newman each notched a hat trick for the Tuskers (2-0), who saw impressive freshman Miguel Iglesias score a pair of goals. Iglesias, a speedy middle, is said to be the real deal. Just ask Wappingers, who saw the young rook go off for a hat trick and five points overall in Saturday's 10-3 Tusker win. Sullivan added three goals and one assist. The Tuskers have an impressive group of underclassmen, who could make

life tough on opposing defenders for years to come. The movement to recoup the Somers heyday is right on schedule.

"Six years ago we revamped our entire youth lacrosse program," Somers Coach Vin DeGregorio said. "We created a board with a common goal. In the last two years, the talent and the numbers have been increasing by the time they get to high school. I'm excited to say the least."

It's been a few years since Somers won

it all with then-Coach Lew Janavey steering the ship and All-American M JoJo Marasco setting the new standard; 2009, in fact, with 2010 serving as the Tuskers' last appearance in the sectional finals (a 9-6 loss to John Jay CR). I remember the glory years at Somers: Six sectional titles from 2000-09. We'll settle for one more before Sullivan and Iglesias are done #ChallengeAccepted, we hope!



Carmel's Jake Storen eyes up the cage in Rams' 8-3 win over visiting Putnam Valley Thursday.



Putnam Valley M/A/D Ryan Denike makes a move en route to pair of goals in 8-3 loss to host Carmel Thursday.





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Pleasantville freshman Montana Peppard delivers a pitch in Saturday afternoon's home softball win over Edgemont.



Pleasantville sophomore Abigail Saraceno awaits a pitch in the 18-15 Panther home win on Saturday.



Briarcliff's Jack Manganello delivers a pitch during Friday night's 14-1 rout of Edgemont.



Pleasantville's Mike Hundzynski moves the ball across the field in Saturday's lopsided win, the Panthers' third straight this season.



Pleasantville's Daniel Picart tries to dodge his way past Hen Hud's Ryan Ho in Saturday's 11-4 Panther victory. He wound up with three goals and an assist.



Anastasia Byrnes of Byram Hills moves past the Briarcliff defense for a shot in the first half of the Bobcats' 17-11 victory late Saturday afternoon. She finished with six goals.



Sophomore midfielder Adrianna Scanga of Briarcliff takes the ball up the field in Saturday's game at Byram Hills.



Ben Raphael slides safely into third base in Briarcliff's 14-1 victory over Edgemont at Dutchess Stadium.



Westlake catcher Josh Gelman fouls a pitch down the left-field line in Saturday night's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Chloe Siegle of Byram Hills takes aim at the cage in front of Briarcliff's Adrianna Scanga.



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Byram Hills midfielder Scarlett Pfister races toward the cage in the 17-11 win over visiting Briarcliff.



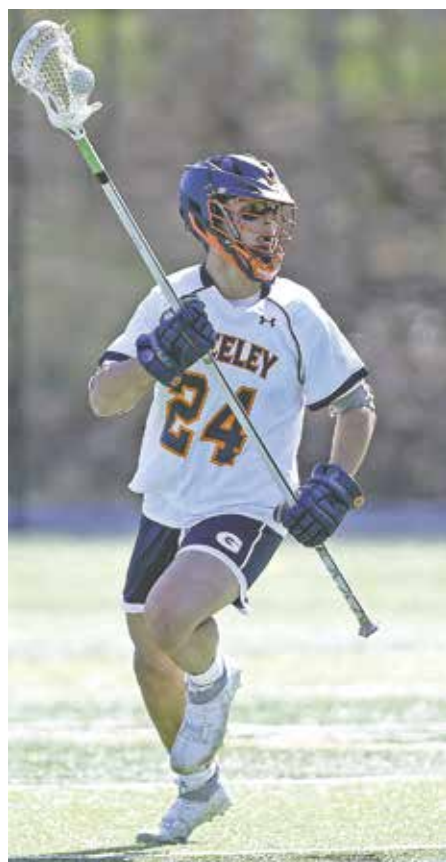
Horace Greeley's Jameson Blakeslee (left) and Boden Bounds go airborne to celebrate a first-half Quaker goal in Saturday's home loss to Arlington.



Madelyn Saraceno pitches in relief during Pleasantville's victory over Edgemont.



Nick Reich of Pleasantville chases after a ground ball in the first half of Saturday's 11-4 win over the Hendrick Hudson Sailors.



Senior defenseman Vince Santelia of Greeley takes the ball across midfield in the Quakers' loss to Arlington.



Briarcliff freshman left fielder Lucas Goluvcsenko swings the bat in the Bears' 11-run first inning Friday night at Dutchess Stadium.



Pleasantville's Erik Coleman (center) is greeted by teammates after scoring a first-half goal against Hendrick Hudson.



Westlake's JJ Jackette fires to the plate in the first inning of Saturday night's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Pleasantville shortstop Lena Freberg fires to first trying to complete a double play in Saturday's home game.



Izzy Wish of Pleasantville drives a pitch to center field in the Panthers' home-opening 18-15 victory over Edgemont.



Westlake sophomore second baseman TJ Merli runs to third base during Saturday's loss to Brewster.





Westlake shortstop Justin Silva fields a late throw as Brewster's Shane McLaughlin steals second base in the first inning of the Bears' 10-2 win at Dutchess Stadium.



Greeley senior midfielder Ben Cohen controls the ball behind the cage in Saturday afternoon's 14-5 loss to the Arlington Admirals.



Greeley junior Eli Brail tries to get to the cage in the first half of Saturday afternoon's home game against Arlington.



Briarcliff senior Tom Poggi scampers to third base in the Bears' easy win over Edgemont.



Greeley sophomore Toby Moskow passes the ball up the field against visiting Arlington.



Erin Wertzman of Pleasantville rounds third base on the way to scoring a run in the Panthers' 11-run first inning vs. visiting Edgemont.



Riley Hite of Briarcliff controls the ball behind the cage in the Bears' road game this past weekend.



Briarcliff eighth-grade goalie Dani Siegel tries to thwart a Byram Hills scoring chance in the first half of Saturday's game won by the host Bobcats.



Briarcliff junior midfielder Ava Swidler gets set to fire a shot in Saturday's game against host Byram Hills.



Ryan Challice of Pleasantville surveys the field as he holds the ball in the win over visiting Hen Hud. He finished with three goals and an assist.



# Sports



Pace senior midfielder Jaimie Bell passes the ball during the 19-9 home win over Southern New Hampshire.



Mackenzie Garrick of Pace delivers a pitch during the second game of Saturday's twin bill vs. Stonehill.



Pace second baseman Anthony Labita tags out Adelphi's Kyle Olson on a steal attempt during the visiting Panthers' sweep of Saturday's doubleheader.



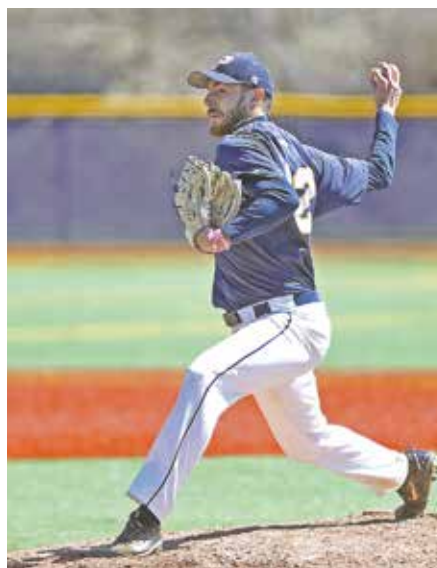
Brianna Shea hits a pitch to right field in Pace's 4-3 loss in the second game of a doubleheader vs. Stonehill. She had a double, a triple and drove in all three Setter runs.



Nikki Motts tries to move across the field in Saturday's win over Southern New Hampshire that improved the Setters' record to 6-3 this season.



The Setters' Alexandra Tejeda takes a lead off third base in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader split against Stonehill.



Setter junior Christian Aich struck out six Adelphi batters in five innings during Saturday's opening game of a twin bill.



Kayla Conway charges toward the cage in the first half of Saturday's 19-9 home win over Southern New Hampshire. She finished with five goals and two assists.



Matt Rinaldi runs to third base in the first game of the Setters' doubleheader vs. visiting Adelphi on Saturday.



## JOLTIN' JAYDEN

**Slugging Catcher Jayden Amador  
Helps Briarcliff Crush Edgemont  
at Dutchess Stadium Friday Night**