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Harney Hammers Home 5 Goals in No.5 Mahopac's 11-5 Quarterfinal Win over No.4 Somers

West Point-bound Mahopac senior Mike Harney celebrates one of five goals he would net with teammate Ryan Geoghegan (44) in the fifth-seeded Indians' 11-5 Class B quarterfinal victory over No.4 host Somers last Thursday. Mahopac was set to visit top-seeded Rye last night in the Final 4... see Boys Lax Notebook



BILL KENNEDY PHOTO

Upset City!

No.6 Yorktown Stuns No.3 Mahopac, 12-10

Yorktown junior A Alex Scialdone, who had a first-half hat trick in the sixth-seeded Huskers' 12-10 upset of No.3 host Mahopac, is chased by Indian sophomore Juliana Mangione in Friday's Class B girls' lax quarterfinals where Yorktown advanced to the Final 4 and a saddened group of Mahopac seniors had their high school careers come to a stunning end.

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Harney Scores 5G in Mahopac's Class B Playoff Win over Somers

Indians to Face Rye in Semis, Yorktown to Battle John Jay

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We specifically told you in this space last week that the outcome of No.4 **SOMERS** vs. No.5 **MAHOPAC** was going to come down to the grunts in the trenches, and there was no bigger grunt on the field than Mahopac senior FOGO Chris Evans, who completely destroyed any and all comers at the X in Coach Jon Bota's Indians' 11-5 Class B quarterfinal win over the shellshocked Tuskers last Thursday.

Evans has been improving since the season began, starting to look more and more like his brother, Andrew, another dominant FOGO at Mahopac. Evans took every draw for Mahopac and won 15 of 20, helping the Indians (12-5) get off to a 5-0 lead before the Tuskers (11-6), who beat the Indians 10-7 in the regular season, knew what hit them.

"I was locked in," Evans said. "The coaches had us motivated today and I just took care of business. Anything's possible if we play like we did today."

Evans and Mahopac wing Chris Morris had everything to do with setting up West Point-bound senior A Mike Harney (5G), junior Gavin Viglucchi (3G) and junior Jake Degnan (2A), who spotted the Indians a 5-0 lead after the first and 7-2 at halftime.

"We really wanted to come out here early and put it to Somers," Harney admitted. "We executed perfectly. We're a different team now than we were the first time we saw them. We didn't want the ground balls, didn't want to be checked last time. All that changed, and now we're playing Mahopac lacrosse. We're going to Nugent (at Rye) and



Mahopac A Mike Harney eyes up one of five goals he would crank in Indians' 11-5 quarterfinal win over host Somers Thursday.

we're going to put it on them, too."

Coach Bota, a key member of Mahopac's last title winner back in 2011, has his team peaking at the right time, which is key with the Indians set to take on No.1 Rye in last night's semi.

"They found ways to battle back in transition, finding ways to score on the break," Bota said. "In regards to Evans, it's mainly what he does now after winning the faceoffs that's the difference. His decision making is much better now. He's handling those pressure situations much better now."

Mahopac G Tommy Jacobellis (9 saves) stood tall between the pipes and All-Section senior D Sean Massett was a hound on GBs, causing a handful of turnovers while sparking transition.

"The defense followed Massett's lead and was stout, putting up a shutout in that first quarter," Bota said. "Most of their goals were let up in transition. This was a big win for the team. We executed the game plan with poise and conviction. Evans dominated heavily, winning ground ball after ground

ball, finding teammates with two poles on his back. His play has helped escalate our offenses and defense, allowing them to operate much more efficiently. I was very impressed by his decisions after winning the faceoff. Harney was a master, controlling the game and sticking five big goals.

"Gavin Viglucchi, Danny Koch, Luke Kelleher and Ryan Geohagen were unselfish on the offensive side, poised with their decisions. Chris Morris and Steve Perrone held it down while at short-stick D-mid with two-way play. Jack Elliot has been playing big for us at the LSM position, which allows us to apply pressure. Tommy Jacobellis has been heating up as the season went on standing tall for this team. Shout out to the bench mob who has been a large part of today's win."

The Indians' defense was disrupting much of Somers' opportunities, limiting the few looks they had.

"Hats off to our entire face off unit, Evans especially, and Chris Morris on the wings, he's got some balls" Mahopac senior D Sean Massett said. "We knew we had to possess to



Mahopac All-Section senior D Sean Massett leaves Tuskers in dust in Indians' 11-5 quarterfinal playoff win over Somers.

get things going, and Evans got us going. Somers is young and they have a great offense already so I can only imagine them in a couple of years."

Freshman Miguel Iglesias had two goals and one assist for the youthful Tuskers, who might have been in slightly over their heads in such a pressurized playoff moment but they will be served well by it during what should be a bright future. The Mahopac defense did a solid job on Tusker All-Section senior M T.J. Olifiers, the last of the Oli Bros. to cruise on through Tusker Town.

"We knew Mahopac was going to be coming into the game with a chip on their shoulder and they played well," Olifiers admitted. "They won a majority of the face-offs and capitalized fast on offense at the beginning of the game to make a big gap for us to overcome. I'm happy we fought till the end and left everything out on that field till the last whistle."

No.2 **YORKTOWN** had its way with No.7 Greeley, 16-7, behind three different

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Mahopac FOGO Chris Evans (1) wins one of 15 draws out of 20 he would win in Indians' 11-5 playoff win over host Somers.



Mahopac G Tommy Jacobellis (35) and the Indian D stood tall in playoff win over Somers Thursday.



Mahopac G Tommy Jacobellis is swarmed by teammates, including happy Jack Elliot and Tommy Poniros after 11-5 playoff win over Somers Thursday.

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Mahopac junior A Jake Degnan (R) is quick to congratulate teammate Gavin Viglucci after a Vig goal in Indians' 11-5 playoff win over Somers.



Mahopac junior Gavin Viglucci cranks one of three goals he would score in 11-5 Section 1 Class B playoff win over host Somers.



Somers D Michael Keane puts the pole on the neckline of Mahopac A Jake Degnan in Tuskers' 11-5 playoff loss to visiting Indians.

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hat tricks from sophomore Drew Weissman (1A), who now has 30 points on the year, Harry Griff (38G, 33A on the season) and Ryan Vogel (1A). Jake Baker was cooking, too, bagging two goals for the Huskers (9-8). The entire offense was sizzling behind FOGO Jason Fastiggi, who has won 64% of his 318 draws this season. He stole 24 faceoffs against Greeley to help set up last night's semifinal round against No.3 John Jay CR, ranked No.9 in NYS. State-ranked (No.7) Yorktown, the 40-time Section 1 champs who have not been crowned since 2017, will need more of that type of scoring balance as the top poles in Class B look to lock off Griff, the All-American attack.

No.8 **LAKELAND/PANAS** dropped an 18-4 hammer on visiting No.9 Clarkstown South in the opening round of the tournament, but was eliminated in Thursday's quarterfinal round by defending champion Rye, 12-3.

Against South, senior A Nick Graap crushed five goals and an assist for the Rebels (7-11), who led 11-1 at the half. Nic Connetta (3G, 2A) and Joe Alleva (4G) were major contributors, but the well ran dry against the state-ranked (No.3) Garnets.

Graap finished his career with a pair of goals and Aleva added a third for a Rebel squad that had its fair share of adversity this

season due to injury.

CLASS C

No.7 **HEN HUD** is Final 4-bound after Coach Troy Lepore's Sailors (11-6) upset No.2 Tappan Zee, 9-7 behind a five-point night from Dean 'The Dream' Hiltzley. Tied at 2-2, Hiltzley's Sailors went on 5-0 tear that had them up 7-2 headed into the second half. TZ Coach Andrew McIntosh, of Putnam Valley and Oneonta fame, saw his state-ranked (No.17) Dutchmen roar back with four unanswered in the third, before Sailor senior Rocco Capicotti scored the game-clinching goal to make it 8-6. Cap and Tyler Robinson had three points apiece while Thomas Popolizio added one goal and two assists and Scott Lupi scored once for the Sailors, who advanced to last night's semis against No.6 Pelham, ranked No.13 in NYS. A win would put the Sailors in the finals for the first time since 2012 and the second time since 2005 when Coach Lepore's Sailors stumbled in the finals.

One can only imagine the scene at Fulgum's Bar in Montrose should the Sailor laxmen keep the good times rolling, just as the girls' lax and softball teams have. Hen Hud is having a banner spring and Fulgum's could be a hot spot across the street from campus should the Sailors continue this bountiful three-sport campaign that has the Sailors knocking on

championship doors.

"Big W for sure," Lepore said. "It felt

good to get one over them when it meant the most. It was a good, fun high school lacrosse game. We love playing and competing against Coach Mac, Murray and their team. Big one against Pelham in the next one on Monday."

Hiltzley slayed Eastchester in the opening round, scoring six times in a 15-4 rout of the 10th-seeded Eagles, the Sailors first postseason win since 2018. Capicotti went for three of Hen Hud's first six and Popolizio added a goal and dished three assists. Ryan Clark and Lupi each scored twice.

"Capicotti got us on the board with a big GB and individual effort for the goal and followed it up with an assist to Hiltzley, and Capicotti scored three of our first six. Cole Pritchard kept the ball away from Eastchester with a great day at the faceoff X. Feels good but we have bigger goals we hope to accomplish."

No.4 **PUTNAM VALLEY** had No.5 **BYRAM HILLS** reeling, but Michael Oronzio's fourth goal of the game with 20 seconds left preserved a 10-9 triumph for the visiting Bobcats (11-5).

PV was up 9-8 3:01 to go when the Tigers (12-6) got a 2-minute unreleasable penalty, followed by an offsides and a slashing penalty, which led to two Byram goals.

With nine seconds left, Tiger Ryan Denike made a great look to Andrew

Dzubak on the Bobcat doorstep but G Forcino made a great save or the game would have gone to OT.

"We were down 8-5 late in the third and rallied," PV Coach Tim Weir said. "I love this team. They never quit and had a great attitude."

Chris DeGiorgio and Hayden Gumbrecht each had three goals for the Tigers, who tripped up Nyack, 13-8, in the opening round where Dzubak drilled six goals for the Tigers, who snapped a 5-5 halftime tie with six unanswered goals in the third. Denike had two goals and three assists while Gumbrecht added a hat trick. M Davin Portues added three points and won all but three of 22 faceoffs. Defenders Logan Porteus, a junior, and senior captain Anthony Esposito were part of 10 takeaways.

Andrew Tyndall and Jason Weller scored for No.11 **BREWSTER** in the Bears (6-11) 12-2 opening-round loss to No.6 Pelham.

CLASS D

No.8 **CROTON** made short work of No.9 **WESTLAKE** in a 21-11 opening-round rout of the Wildcats. Carter Schmidt did the damage for the Tigers (7-11), scoring a career-high nine goals while dishing two assists. Noah Bovone added six goals (two while man-down) and three assists while M Sean Grimes was 16 for 22 on faceoffs. Tyler Howard netted six goals for the Wildcats,

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Somers freshman Miguel Iglesias takes a run at Mahopac senior Steven Perrone in Tuskers' 11-5 Class B quarterfinal playoff loss to Indians Thursday.



Somers G Hunter Sullivan deals with the agony of playoff elimination after Tuskers lost 11-5 to visiting Mahopac in Class B quarters.



Somers soph Will Sullivan takes a run at Mahopac senior Sean Massett in Tuskers' 11-5 Class B quarterfinal playoff loss to Indians.

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No.8 Hen Hud's Espinoza Nips No.1 Yorktown in Class A Quarters, 1-0

No.2 Class AA Carmel Moves on, No.2 Mahopac Ousted in Class A

By Tony Pinciario

Alana Espinoza was in no rush as she took the circle for eighth-seeded **HEN HUD** in the Section 1 Class A quarterfinal game against top-seeded and undefeated **YORKTOWN**, the 2021 runner-up to Lakeland.

The Hen Hud senior, who lost Yorktown, 3-1, during the regular season, was focused on pitching her team to victory.

"I was definitely nervous going into both games, playing against one of the best teams in Section 1," Espinoza said. "But, I didn't rush my pitching and instead of letting nerves take over, my determination did instead."

Espinoza responded with one of the finest pitching performances of the season, throwing a three-hitter with eight strikeouts in a 1-0 upset of the state-ranked (No.3) Huskers.

It was the second consecutive shutout for Espinoza, who blanked state-ranked (No.17) and No.9 seed Nanuet, 5-0, in a first-round game.

Hen Hud, now 15-6 this season, travels to No.5 Harrison, today, 4:30 in a semifinal. Harrison eliminated No.4 Pearl River. The other semifinal has No.7 Tappan Zee, who upset No.2 Mahopac, playing at No.3 Ursuline. The semifinal winners play for the title, Saturday, 1 p.m., at North Rockland.

Espinoza's outing was outstanding considering she held a potent Yorktown offense scoreless. To boot, Espinoza did not get intimidated facing Yorktown's Maya Servedio, one of the state's foremost pitchers this season. Espinoza knew she would have to be at her best and focus on every pitch.

"When battling another pitcher in a close game, sometimes my mind can go all over

the place," said Espinoza, who singled and scored. "It's definitely scary, but having an amazing team to back me up helps ease my mind and let me relax in stressful situations."

Despite the regular-season loss to Yorktown, Espinoza chose not to overthink her approach and pitch choice in the quarterfinal. Instead, she kept it simple.

"I wasn't too heavy on any particular pitch," Espinoza said. "I know Yorktown is an amazing hitting team 1 through 10, so I tried to mix it up to catch them off balance and use the corners of the plate to my advantage."

Hen Hud Coach Will Mauro had one goal in mind going into the game.

"We wanted to keep Servedio and Selvaggi from beating us at the plate and Alana was able to do that," Mauro said. "After the third and fourth innings I suggested we start looking for Alana's changeup early in the count."

While Espinoza was silencing Yorktown's offense, Hen Hud was making contact against Servedio.

"We started to put bats on the ball against Maya and I think it helped us," Mauro said. "Maya is excellent and you need a break against her. We got a baserunner and a wild pitch, which really set up that inning. Alana has good speed and instincts as a baserunner. Lexi Schaffer did a great job putting the ball in play and we scratched out a run."

While others may consider this a huge upset, Mauro felt his team was ready for the challenge because it played a difficult regular-season schedule.

Espinoza and her teammates enjoyed the moment, but understand the focus shifts to Harrison.

"We're all still smiling after the win, but going into



Mahopac 1B Caitlyn Wolf soars for putout in Indians' 8-1 Section 1 Class A opening round playoff win over John Jay CR Thursday.

the semis we are ready to stay locked in," Espinoza said. "We haven't made it this far in quite some time and I really think this is our chance to prove ourselves. Winning against such an amazing team like Yorktown is an unforgettable feeling, but we need to stay focused on what's in front of us."

Espinoza also tossed a three-hitter, against Nanuet in the first round, and struck out 12. Sydney Muranaka hit a solo home run.

CARMEL was anxious to return to the softball diamond. The Rams concluded the regular season, received the No.2 seed in the Section 1 Class AA Softball Championships and with it, a bye.

Carmel was scheduled to play

its quarterfinal game, Saturday, but rain forced the Mamaroneck-Port Chester game to be halted twice. As a result, the first-round game was concluded Saturday, which forced the Mamaroneck-Carmel quarterfinal to Sunday.

Instead of a relaxing Sunday, Carmel hosted Mamaroneck, Sunday at 10:30 a.m., and came away with a 5-2 win. Ram P Alyssa Zangrilli scattered seven hits and struck out 12. Sasha Ramdat had three hits, Sadie Zion added two hits and two RBI and Hailey Basso and Mandy Fernandez each had two hits.

Carmel, now 13-2 this season, will host No 3 North Rockland in a semifinal, today, 4:30 p.m. The winner advances to the championship game, Saturday, 10 a.m., at

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Hen Hud Coach Will Mauro tells his team there's more to do after upsetting top-seeded Yorktown Saturday in Class A quarters.



Mahopac C Gianna Lafaro eases into 3B during her 5-RBI day in Indians' 8-1 playoff win over host John Jay CR Thursday.



Mahopac sophomore P Ava Lichtenberger fires pitch during 1-hit, 13-K effort in 8-1 Class A opening round playoff win over JJCR.

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Yorktown slugger Olivia Salveggi's Huskers came up short in 1-0 quarterfinal playoff loss to Hen Hud Saturday.

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North Rockland.

"I was happy that we played even though Sunday is typically a rest day," Zangrilli said. "I was getting anxious to play after a week without games."

Even though Carmel did not play for a week, Zangrilli said the Rams used the bye to its advantage.

"It was a good thing because it gave us more time to practice and prepare," Zangrilli said.

Based on Carmel earning the second seed, the Rams get an additional home game, which is an advantage.

"Playing at home is always an advantage because we get to follow our routines without the stress of taking a bus to get



Mahopac's Camdyn Wilson turns corner on 2B in Indians' 8-1 win over host John Jay CR Thursday.

there," Zangrilli said. "Also, having the support of family and friends who come to watch us is very much appreciated."

YORKTOWN had one of the finest regular seasons in program history after finishing 17-0. The Cornhuskers earned the top seed, breezed to a first-round victory and faced No. 8 Hen Hud in a quarterfinal game. Yorktown beat Hen Hud, during the regular season, but the Sailors exacted revenge, upsetting the Cornhuskers, 1-0.

"The deciding factor in the game was our inability to string hits together," said Yorktown pitcher Maya Servedio. "We had some big hits, but sadly not with runners in scoring position. Alana (Espinoza) pitched a great game. You have to tip your cap in those situations."

Servedio was a major reason Yorktown had an outstanding season. The Colgate-bound senior was one of the most dominant pitchers in NYS, finishing the season with

well over 200 strikeouts and surpassing 400 for her two-year varsity career.

While Servedio was racking up strikeouts and limiting teams to one run, if any, her teammates were among the section leaders in runs scored.

"This season was extremely special," said Servedio, who will major in Economics at Colgate. "This was my first opportunity to play a full high school season that wasn't shortened by COVID. To go 18-1 in the season was truly incredible and I'm beyond proud of my entire team for all that we accomplished."

What made this season especially memorable for Servedio was the life-long friendships the seniors will always have.

"It meant so much to accomplish what we have with girls I've been playing with since I was six years old," Servedio said. "They are the best people I know and I'm going to miss them all so much when we go our separate ways."

Even though the seniors are graduating, Servedio will return from Colgate at the conclusion of her freshman year just in time to watch Yorktown in sectionals.

"I'm very excited to see what the younger girls on the team this year will accomplish next year," Servedio said. "I know Sammy (Coach Fernandez) will be instrumental in their growth and I can't wait to watch them work hard and compete for a sectional title next year."

MAHOPAC was the reigning Class AA champion going into the postseason, but the drop down to Class A was anything but kind to the youthful, second-seeded Indians when they allowed eight runs in the top of the sixth during a 9-2, season-ending quarterfinal loss to No.9 Tappan Zee. Sophomore P Ava Lichtenberger whiffed eight batters and Mia Lanter hit a solo home run while Gianna Lafaro had an RBI for the Indians (14-6), who smacked John Jay CR, 8-1, to advance to the quarters after Lichtenberger whiffed 13 Wolves and had three hits, including a triple. Lafaro cranked three hits, including two doubles, and drove home five. Ally Wanner (2 hits, 2B, RBI), Gabby Marino (2 hits,



Yorktown senior All-NYS P Maya Servedio suffered stunning 1-0 loss to Hen Hud in Section 1 Class A quarters Saturday.

RBI), Olivia Whitmarsh (RBI) and Camdyn Wilson (3B, 2 hits) sparked the offense.

Ray Gallagher contributed to this story



Mahopac SS Camdyn Wilson attempts to turn two in Indians' 8-1 Section 1 Class A playoff win over John Jay CR Thursday.



Carmel captains Alyssa Zangrilli and Mandy Fernandez have No.2 Rams moving on in Class AA tourney after 5-2 win over Mamaroneck Sunday.

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No.12 Somers Advances to Class A Semis for 1st Time Since 2011

No.1 Panas Ousted as Baseball Gods are Unforgiving to Most Locals

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We told you last week in this space that the Baseball Gods are unforgiving, and top-seeded **WALTER PANAS** was quick to find out when Coach Anthony Fata's Panthers (19-3) suffered a 4-2 Section 1 Class A quarterfinal loss to No.9 Nanuet.

While that might have been the toughest pill to swallow, Panas wasn't the only high seed to drop from championship

consideration last Wednesday. No.4 Class AA **CARMEL** was wiped out 7-0 by visiting No.12 **WHITE PLAINS**, and fourth-seeded CLASS A **BYRAM HILLS** was skunked at home by surging No.12 **SOMERS**, 11-2.

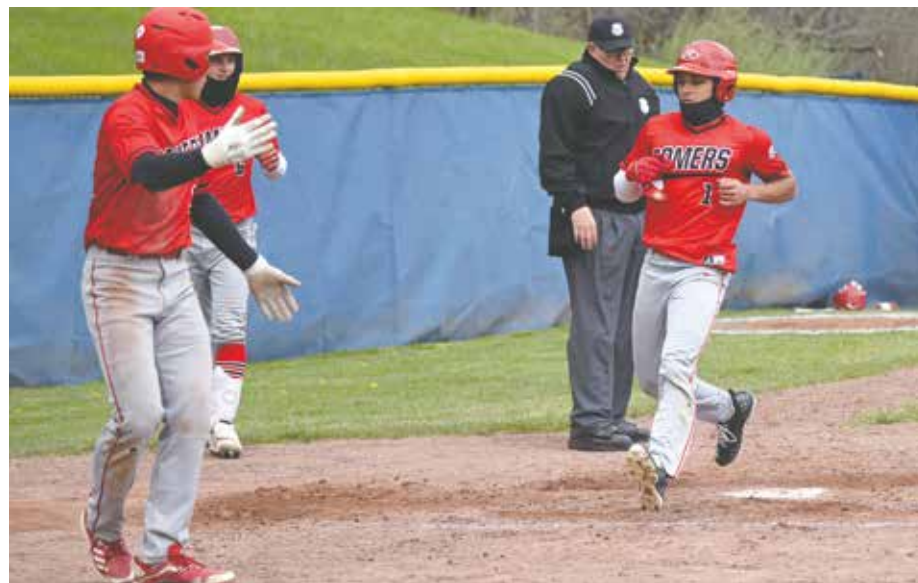
And the Tuskers, as of press time Monday morning, were the lone team from the Northern Westchester/Putnam region standing, as they steamrolled into the Class A semis with an 8-1 win over No.9 host Nanuet in the four-team double elimination semifinals.

Yes, baseball can be brutally cruel, and that is why many consider it the toughest of all championships to win.

CLASS A

The brackets weren't just busted; one side of it was completely shredded when Panas and Byram Hills were sent packing. Somers has had a most impressive run, going 10-3 over the last 13 games. Coach Anthony Nappi's Tuskers (12-9) have seen great efforts from ace Stefan Swee all season long, but he may have pitched his finest game to date against a sensational Byram Hills program. Swee went the distance, allowing no earned runs while scattering seven hits. He whiffed three, walked one and pitched to contact behind a tight defense.

"Swee was great and our defense has been the difference," Coach Nappi said. "Beginning of the year we would have one inning where a mistake or two cost us, and we've done a much better job limiting the damage if a mistake happens. We've always felt like we were close to making a run and right now we're believing in ourselves and



Ravi Dass and the 12th-seeded Somers Tuskers are scoring runs at a winning clip.

staying focused on the task at hand."

Tusker junior OF Ravi Dass set a mean table, and both he and senior SS Matt Kapica both went 4 for 5. Kapica (2 runs, 2 RBI), Dass (3 runs) and senior John Roublick (3 for 4, 4 RBI, 2 runs) came up huge.

Somers freshman RHP Andrew Kapica maneuvered through five tough innings without an earned run allowed in the win over Nanuet, striking out five.

"He battled through," Nappi said. "Andrew didn't have his best stuff, but I'm so proud of him and this team to be where we are right now."

His older brother, Matt, a shortstop by trade, did have his best stuff in the seventh. Matt Kapica struck out the side to finish the game and advance Somers to its first semifinal since 2011. A win last night over

Nanuet would set the Tuskers up for the Rye/Eastchester

survivor and would put the Tuskers in their first championship since 2009, the end of their three-peat dynasty when the great Dan Zlotnick fired a no-hitter against Lakeland

for the Class A crown.

Tusker Brandon Iorizzo (2 hits, 2 walks, 2 RBI) and John Roublick (3 hits, 3 runs) sparked the Somers offense.

Previously, Somers knocked off No.5 Pearl River, 4-2, behind a solid outing from P George Creighton. The junior hurler went six strong innings, allowing two runs while fanning eight to earn the W. Andrew Kapica picked up the save. After inheriting three runners in the bottom of the seventh, the younger Kapica induced a double play and a strikeout to end what was a major threat.

Junior C Evan Carway cracked a key two-run dinger for the Tuskers while Dass had two hits and a walk to score a run. Junior DH Eddie Baranowski had two hits and drove home a run.

"I'm just so proud of this team," Nappi said. "We had a ton of adversity to start the year and we were left for dead after a 3-6 start. We fought to get where we are now."

No.11 **YORKTOWN** took out No.6 Harrison, 1-0, in eight innings when ace Matt Alduino fired a two-hitter with 13 whiffs for the best win of his career. The Husker defense gunned down two Harrison runners at home plate on back-to-back plays to end the game; Jon Munoz to Nick Jacoby to Brad Garrity for one, and Cole Haddock to Garrity for the other game-saving plays.

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Somers freshman P Andrew Kapica earned Class A playoff win over Nanuet Saturday.



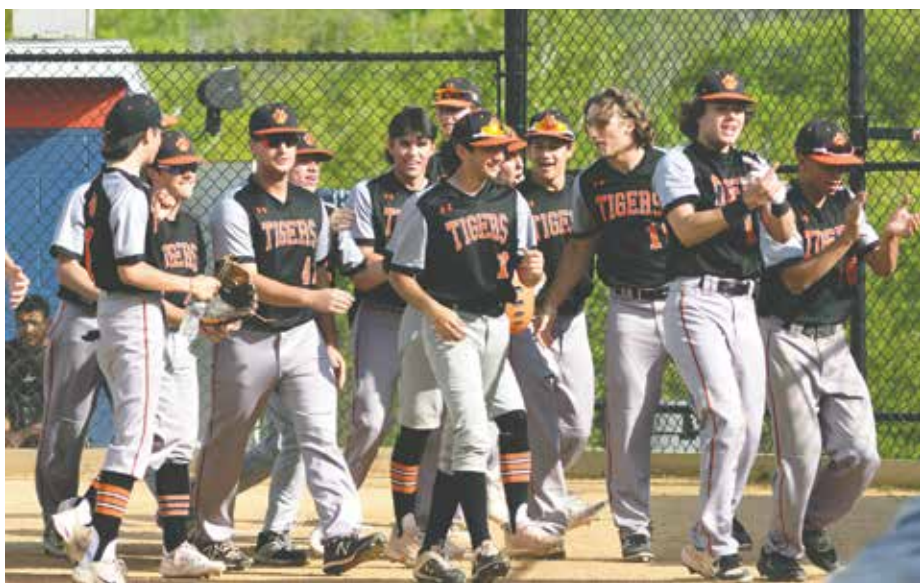
White Plains; Nicky Vendola tracks flight of his home run in Tigers' 7-0 Class AA playoff win over host Carmel Wednesday.



White Plains' Nicky Vendola crushed dinger and gets low-five from Coach Steven Fugarino in Tigers' 7-0 Class A playoff win over host Carmel.



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White Plains players revel in moment of their 7-0 win over defending Class AA champ Carmel en route to Class AA semis last night.

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Derek Patrissi knocked in the game's only run.

The Huskers were then foiled in the quarterfinals, losing 5-4 to No.3 Eastchester where Stephen Haglund tripled and drove home two runs for the Huskers.

The Eagles also ended **LAKELAND's** season with a 10-0 win over the 14th-seeded Hornets (10-12).

PANAS won its opener, 6-3 over No.17 Pelham when ace P Jackson DiLorenzo went the distance and went yard. Aidan Cohall, Sam Stafura, Tony Humphrey and Travis Carlucci each added an RBI, but the bats went cold against Nanuet sophomore P Aidan Kemp, who went the distance and limited Panas to three hits.

"The kid from Nanuet was crafty and really kept us off balance," Panas Coach Anthony Fata admitted. "He spotted his fastball well and off-speed stuff was pretty good. We'll learn from this. I have confidence

in this group coming back. We're going to miss Aidan and Gavin (Carlucci), they were a big part of our success this season and gonna be hard to replace."

No.15 **HEN HUD** suffered a season-ending 13-3 loss to No.2 Rye in the opening round. The youthful Sailors (11-11) exceeded some expectations this year and return a bunch of talented sophomore hurlers for 2023.

CLASS AA

No.12 **WHITE PLAINS** P Sammy Mendez spun a gem in a 7-0 quarterfinal shutout of host **CARMEL**, firing a tidy six-hitter with four K's against the defending Class AA champion Rams (13-9), who simply could not string together enough hits for any sort of rally. Nicky Vendola crushed one over the LF fence and Ryan Conrad went 3 for 4 for the Tigers, who also knocked off No.5 **OSSINING** in the opening round.

Adam Torres, Jesse Alfala and Vendola all



White Plains 1B Biondi stretches but can't make put-out on Carmel's Nevin Scarperotti in Tigers' 7-0 win over Rams.

had RBI hits during a four-run sixth to blow the Carmel game open.

Sean DeBernardo pitched a complete game in the 8-5 win over the Pride, allowing five hits for the win. The red-hot Vendola and Daniel Cocciardi each mashed dingers for White Plains, which is still rolling along in the double-elimination semis with no wiggle room remaining.

Carmel walloped Port Chester, 13-4, in the opening round thanks to nine runs in the second. Michael Youngman had two hits and three RBI to pace the Rams. Carmel's Nevin Scaperotti added three hits, two RBI and two runs while PJ McGrory had two hits, two RBI and two runs. Carmel senior SS Kevin Dall doubled, had two hits, an RBI and two runs while fellow senior Brendan Murphy singled home a run and scored.

CLASS B

No.13 **PUTNAM VALLEY** busted up a bracket in its 8-7 opening-round win over No. 4 **VALHALLA** behind the pitching efforts of Sean and Arthur Holzman and Ryan Moriarty, who kept the Tigers (7-13) in it until Rick Meister's run-scoring triple won the game. The Tigers could not sustain that momentum and were knocked off in the quarterfinals by Rye Neck, 11-1.



White Plains Coach Steven Fugarino rallies troops during 7-0 Class AA playoff win over defending champion Carmel.



White Plains P Sammy Mendez pitched a six-hit shutout and struck four in 7-0 shutout win over defending champion Carmel Wednesday.



Carmel 1B Brendan Murphy follows through on swing in Rams' 7-0 Class AA playoff loss to visiting White Plains Wednesday.



White Plains' Sean DeBernardo scores games first run on Carmel C PJ McGrory in Tigers' 7-0 Class AA playoff win over defending champion Rams.

Hen Hud, Yorktown, Somers Move on in Sectionals; Mahopac Ousted

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Hen Hud senior Colleen Ryan had a goal and four assists in Sailors' Class C playoff win over Nyack Thursday.



Yorktown senior Isabella Torres (1G) takes a run at Mahopac sophomore Adrianna Pranzo in Huskers' 12-10 playoff upset of Mahopac Friday.



Yorktown junior M Gianna Altimari had an eight-point game with six goals and two assists in Huskers 12-10 quarterfinal playoff win over Mahopac.



Sailors -- Caroline Clark, Kayla McCarthy and Gianna Gagliardi -- celebrate Clark's goal in Section 1 Class C playoff win over Nyack Friday.



Sailors celebrate their Section 1 Class C playoff win over Nyack Friday.



Hen Hud's Katie Bell had three goals and two assists for the fifth-seeded Sailors in 14-10 playoff win over Nyack.

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NWE/Putnam Girls Lax Notebook



Hen Hud's Paige Montgomery fires one of three goals she would score in 14-10 playoff win over Nyack Friday.



Mahopac senior Audrey Colucci scored five times for the Indians but it wasn't enough to stop Yorktown senior Caitlin Regan in 12-10 Indian playoff loss to Huskers.

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who trailed 10-6 at the half.

Croton was eventually eliminated by top-seeded **BRIARCLIFF**, 15-2, when snipers Brandon Rispoli (4G, 1A) and Jack Ricciardi (2G, 5A) went off for the state-ranked (No.6) Bears, who are on a collision course with No.5 Bronxville, which took care of business in a 17-1 drubbing of **HALDANE**.

The Briarcliff vs. Bronxville game could be the best game of the sectional tournaments, including all classes.

The seventh-seeded Blue Devils reached the quarters after a 13-4 win over No.10 Dobbs Ferry behind an eight-point effort from Evan Giachinta (3G, 5A), just a ridiculous athlete.



Somers' Molly Fink had three goals, two assists and two draw controls in Tuskers' 19-12 Class B playoff win over Rye.



Somers' Sydney Ingraham had two goals, three assists, two ground balls and six draw controls in Tuskers' 19-12 quarterfinal win over Rye.



Yorktown junior M Gianna Altinari gives chase to Mahopac senior M Ava Jennings in Huskers 12-10 quarterfinal playoff win over Indians.

SPORTS SCENE



Freshman Zoe Stonecipher eyes the cage during Fox Lane's 11-10 playoff win over visiting Scarsdale on Thursday. She led the Foxes with five goals.



Byram Hills pitcher Bobby Chicoine fires to the plate in last Tuesday's 4-3 playoff victory over visiting Clarkstown North.



Briarcliff middle schooler Charlie Martin, already playing second singles for the high school varsity, stretches to hit a backhand on the run in Friday's opening round of the sectional team tournament.



Fox Lane's Emma Greene fires a shot toward the cage in the first half of Thursday's playoff win against Scarsdale.



Briarcliff's Eli Snider gets set to slice a backhand return during Friday's first-singles match vs. Leffell in the opening round of the sectional team tourney.



Fox Lane senior Eugenia Kaltsas heads toward the cage with the ball in the Class A quarterfinals last Thursday afternoon.



Westlake senior Kyla Anderson is pressured as she moves the ball across midfield in Thursday's 12-9 home playoff loss to Albertus Magnus.

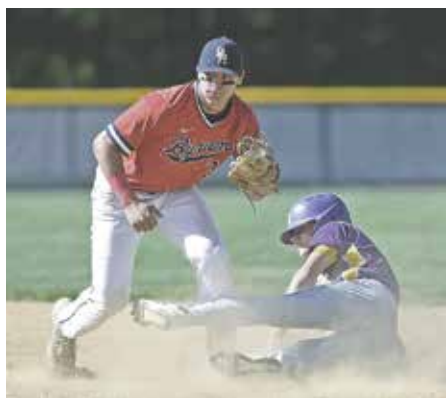


Fox Lane senior Nicole Castaldo steps to her right before sending a shot on goal in the Foxes' 11-10 win in the Class A sectional quarterfinals on Thursday afternoon.



Byram Hills' Anastasia Byrnes moves toward the cage in the first half of Friday's quarterfinal playoff game vs. Harrison. She had six goals in the Bobcats' 13-8 victory.

Sports



Byram Hills shortstop Jared Cohen looks to the umpire for an out call after applying the tag at second base on a steal attempt in the playoff win over Clarkstown North.



Will Najarian of Briarcliff follows through on a serve in the third-singles match Friday afternoon vs. visiting Leffell in the Section 1 team tournament.



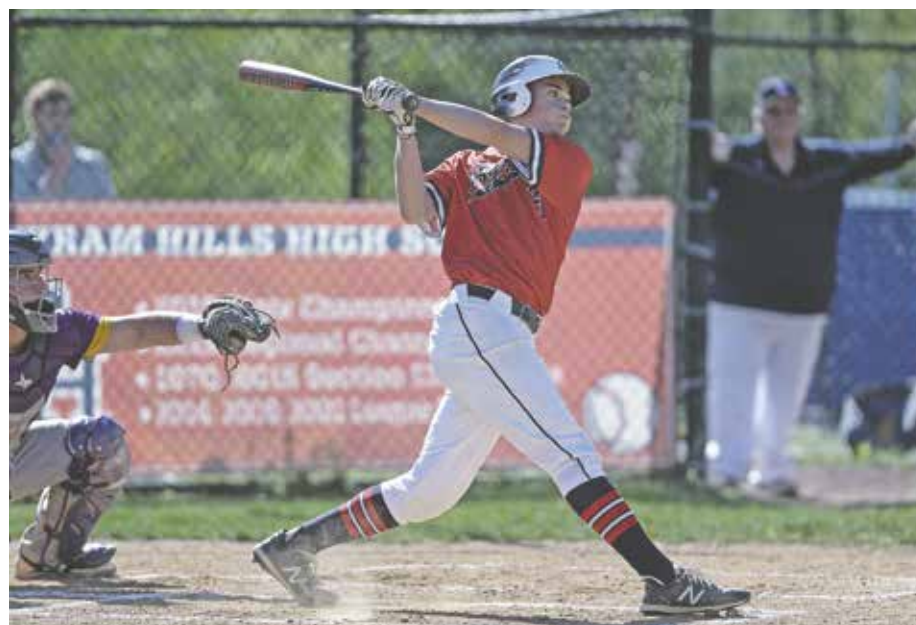
Westlake senior midfielder Eliana Barnett sends an 8-meter shot toward the cage in Thursday's home playoff loss to Albertus Magnus. She finished with three goals for the Wildcats.



Irene Byrnes of Byram Hills controls the ball in the Bobcats' Class C playoff win over visiting Harrison. She finished with four goals, reaching the 100 plateau for her varsity career.



Francesca DeMartino of Westlake takes the ball behind the cage as she searches for a scoring opportunity in the Class D playoff game vs. Magnus.



Jack Blackmar of Byram Hills takes a big swing in the Bobcats' 4-3 opening-round playoff win vs. Clarkstown North last week.



Chloe Siegle of Byram Hills gets set to send a shot on goal in the Bobcats' 13-8 home playoff win over Harrison on Friday afternoon.



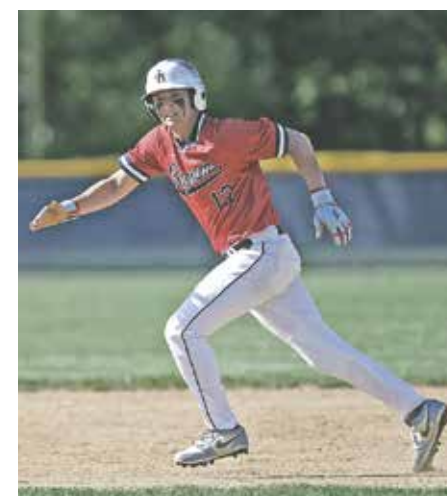
Sophia Buetti of Fox Lane passes the ball during the first half of the playoff victory vs. Scarsdale.



Arielle Molina of Byram Hills gets set to pass the ball in the first half of the Bobcats' home playoff win over Harrison.



Gianna Eglauf surveys the field from along the sideline in second-seeded Westlake's playoff loss to Magnus.



Byram Hills' Jordan Baskind is on the move between second and third base in last Tuesday's Bobcat playoff win.

Sports



Westlake freshman Shaina Picucci advances the ball up the field in the Wildcats' season-ending playoff loss on Thursday.



Fox Lane's Michael Lombardi fires a pitch to the plate in the first inning of Wednesday afternoon's quarterfinal playoff game at Ketcham.



Fox Lane's Logan Matson runs to third base in the first inning of Wednesday's playoff game at RCK.



Michael Zinzi of Fox Lane looks to set up a teammate from behind the cage in last week's opening-round playoff game vs. New Rochelle.



Pleasantville junior Cadence DeLuca tries to run past North Salem's Cassandra Pelosi in the second half of Thursday's Panther playoff win.



Gianna Doto of Pleasantville tries to dodge her way to the cage late in Thursday's home playoff victory vs. North Salem.



Fox Lane players, left to right, Jack Fabry, Jack Cicchelli, Declan Connors and Will Shepherd celebrate after a Fox goal in the first half of the 13-7 playoff win over New Rochelle.



Fox Lane junior attackman Jack Cicchelli cranks a shot on goal in the Foxes' Class A playoff victory over visiting New Rochelle.

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



Fox Lane's Will Shepherd makes his move to the cage in the third quarter of the 13-7 opening-round playoff victory over New Rochelle. He led the Foxes with six goals.



Fox Lane's Aidan Giannelli takes a big cut as he bats in last week's quarterfinal-round playoff game at Ketcham.

Sports



Gavin Javorsky of Byram Hills passes the ball in last Tuesday's Class C playoff game vs. Ardsley. He scored seven goals as the Bobcats won 20-6.



Pleasantville senior Abby McAllister races across midfield in the second half of the Panthers' quarterfinal playoff win over North Salem. She wound up with seven goals and two assists.



Jack Covino of Fox Lane hits the ball to the left side of the infield vs. host RCK in last Wednesday's Class AA sectional playoff game.



Matt Antolino of Fox Lane takes a lead off first base in the Foxes' playoff loss to Roy C. Ketcham.



Byram Hills' Sean Siegel is about to score one of his three goals in the fifth-seeded Bobcats' opening-round playoff victory over Ardsley last week.



Heather Vamossy of Pleasantville races up the field on a Panther clear in the win over the North Salem Tigers.



Zach Pero of Byram Hills takes the ball up the field in the first half of last Tuesday's home playoff win over the Ardsley Panthers.



Pleasantville's Erin Drillock searches for an open teammate in Thursday afternoon's 17-9 home playoff win over North Salem.

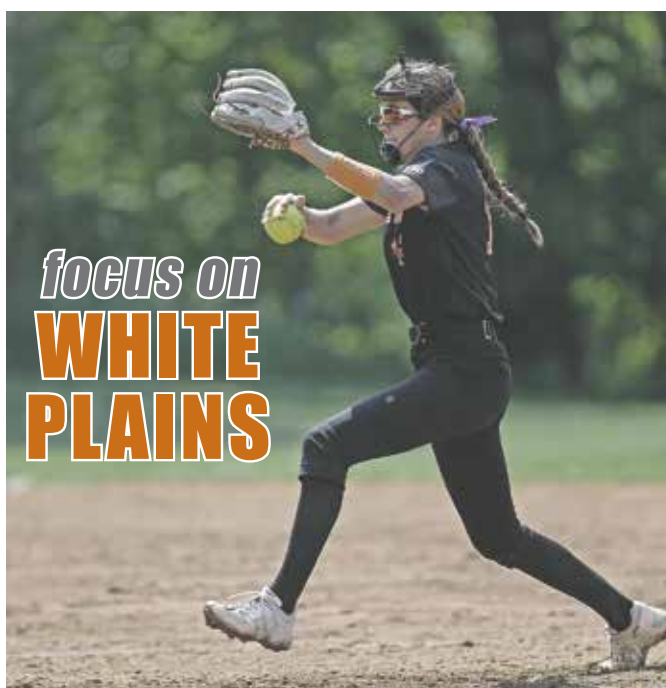
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Sports



Callum Markowitz lines up a backhand return during his marathon semifinal match last Tuesday evening at the Section One Tennis Championships on the courts at Harrison High School.



Serena Gillen delivers a pitch in Saturday morning's quarterfinal playoff game at Roy C. Ketcham. She held the Indians to just three hits as the Tigers won 1-0.



White Plains goalie Nick Spista directs the Tigers' defense in the second half of last Tuesday's home playoff game.



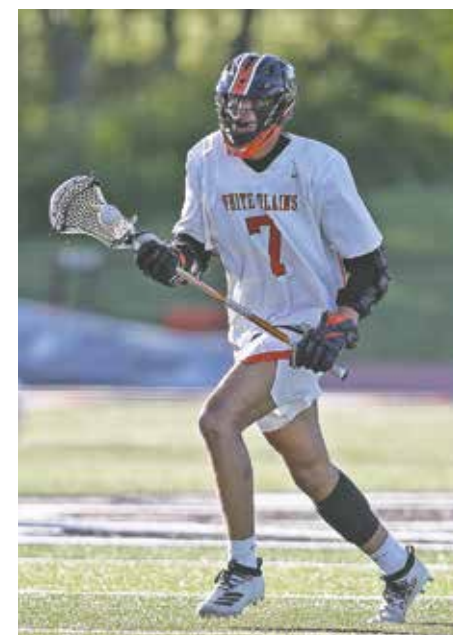
Isabella Cummings sends a pitch to right field during Saturday's 1-0 playoff victory over the Ketcham Indians.



White Plains pitcher Matt Borella delivers to the plate in Saturday's Class AA semifinal game at Arlington.



White Plains catcher Leon Marrano walks back behind the plate after a mound visit vs. Arlington.



Danny Lasalle finds room to run as he moves upfield in the fourth quarter vs. Wappingers.



Daniel Cocciardi takes a lead off first base in the sixth inning of Saturday's 6-1 semifinal loss.



Nick Armogida passes the ball in the fourth quarter of last week's 6-5 playoff loss in overtime.



Shortstop Alexa Galligani retreats for a short fly ball to left field in the 1-0 playoff victory over host RCK.

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Jay Biondi races to third base in the fifth inning of Saturday's semifinal game.



Tiger shortstop Nick Vendola swings for the fences during Saturday's 6-1 sectional semifinal loss to Arlington.



Jack Herman brings the ball past midfield in last Tuesday's overtime playoff loss to Wappingers.



The Tigers' Ryan Ortiz looks for an open teammate vs. the visiting Wappingers Warriors.



White Plains third baseman Peri Kahn throws across the diamond for an out vs. Ketcham on Saturday in the Class AA quarterfinals.

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The Tigers' Ava Galligani keeps her eyes on the plate as she runs the bases in Saturday's quarterfinal playoff win.

Wildcats Advance to Class B Semifinals

A Westlake baseball team that dropped six of its final nine regular-season games suddenly has found itself in position to play for the Class B section championship. The Wildcats went on the road last week and earned playoff victories over second-seeded North Salem and third-seeded Albertus Magnus. Tommy Giaccone belted a three-run homer to highlight the five-run seventh inning that lifted Westlake to a 6-1 win over the Tigers. On Saturday, Giaccone went 3-for-3, including a double and triple, as the Wildcats defeated the Falcons 9-5 in a semifinal game.

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**Ryan Challice Scores Seven Goals
as Pleasantville Routs Blind Brook
in the Class D Quarterfinals Friday**