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Weekend Warriors!



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**Yorktown Sweeps,
Snags Boys,
Girls Soccer Titles;
Huskers Upend
Fox Lane on Grid**

Yorktown High had a heck of a weekend, taking home top honors in the Yorktown boys' and girls' soccer tournaments last Saturday when the girls' team crushed RCK, 4-1, before the boys nipped Byram Hills in overtime, 1-0, one day after the Huskers sent Fox Lane packing with a 20-7 defeat on the Charlie Murphy gridiron. Yorktown celebrated the first goal of sophomore Peyton Case's (R) varsity career, and also saw Lucas Buono (8) control the midfield over Byram Hills' feisty Aiden Heffner (No.24), the day after versatile Husker senior Justin Meyreles (8) rushed for 229 yards and a score on the grid... see **Soccer/Grid Notebooks**

Reigning NYS Champ Carmel Comes out Swinging, Clobbers New Ro'

By Ray Gallagher

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When the reigning NYS Class AA champion absolutely destroys the Section 1 grid program that had denied it championship success for the better part of two decades, one would get the feeling that the state champs are on the right track to at least contend for sectional prominence in 2022.

CARMEL came out Friday night at New Rochelle and showed out in a 41-14 season-opening triumph of the very same Huguenots that had won 14 sectional titles since 2000 while amassing a state-wide juggernaut operation.

Ram sophomore Tristen Werlau led the way. Filling in for injured senior Thomas Keating (meniscus issue, returns Week 4), Werlau ran with opportunity, carrying 22 carries for 131 yards and a pair of TDs. Trusty senior RB Nick Rosaforte rushed for three more scores and the rout was on, the kind of whipping New Rochelle has rarely seen at home. Carmel WR Damian Santiago finished with two long first-half grabs for 77 yards and added a sack on D.

"It was a very physical game," Carmel Coach Todd Cayea said after the Rams won their 17th- straight game. "Tristian played very well in his first varsity game. He ran hard and had a lot of extra yards after contact. He has a very bright future ahead of him. We're excited to see what the future holds. We had several players touch the ball, which is what will make us a good offense. Our defense played well against the run, holding New Ro to one yard. We need to continue



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Yorktown QB Justin Meyreles (29 totes, 229 yards rushing, TD) triggers Husker attack in 24-9 win over Fox Lane Friday.

to work on our coverage. We cut a couple of kids loose, which led to explosive plays and we have to finish better with our pass rush. We are a work in progress."

The state champs will visit the Yonkers Force in Week 2.

WHITE PLAINS QB Sammy Mendez

threw for 180 and three TDs, and Isiah Graham had three TDS as well, but the Tigers (0-1) defense could not prevent a 39-30 come-from-behind win by visiting Scarsdale.

"We have nine offensive players who played in their first varsity game and seven

defensive players who made their first varsity game debut," White Plains Coach Mike Lindberg said. "Our coaches will need to continue to help these players grow and learn. As a team, when we watch film, we need to continue to learn from mistakes and not make them again."

CLASS A

It was anything but pretty. In fact, the first half of **SOMERS'** 20-7- win over visiting John Jay last Friday was a tad ugly, the Tuskers trailing 7-6 at the break. Penalties, miscues and dysfunction was the norm in Week 1; not just at Somers, where the defending Section 1 Class A champs and NYS runner-up Tuskers were out of synch. **BREWSTER** opened some eyes at home where the weary Bears let a 17-0 lead slip away in a 34-30 loss against 2021 runner-up Rye in what woulda, coulda, shoulda been an early-season upset.

Somers trailed 7-6 at the half but dug deep in the third quarter to prevail when RB Luke Savino scored from a yard out and converted the two-point PAT for a 14-7 lead at the 3:04 mark. An Andrew Violante INT followed early in the fourth and Tusker RB Ravi Dass, who had his lip split open earlier, punched to paydirt at 11:54 of the fourth for the final margin. Fitzsimons also found Luke Kennedy for a first-half TD pass for a 6-0 lead. John Jay (0-2) took a 7-6 lead in the first quarter when QB Craig Galea struck for a 29-yard TD pass to Mike Medicino. After a sluggish start, it was all Somers in the second half.

"We definitely came out flat and rusty and we played at a standard that was below

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Tuskers Luke Kennedy (6) and Ravi Dass celebrate a Kennedy TD in Somers' 20-7 win over John Jay Friday.



Somers senior RB Luke Savino gains the edge in Tuskers' 20-7 win over visiting John Jay CR Friday night.

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Somers RB Ravi Dass Jr. picks up block from OL Jake Polito in Tuskers' 20-7 win over John Jay CR Friday.



Somers DB Miguel Iglesias breaks up pass in Tuskers' win over JJCR.

Somers football," All-NYS OL/DL Jake Polito admitted. "I'm proud of the boys because we did rally at halftime and ended up playing a good second half to seal up the game. All things considered, we gotta strap up for a tough week of practice and step it up."

In **YORKTOWN's** 24-9 win over visiting **FOX LANE**, Husker RB/QB Justin Meyreles was uncontainable. The senior went off on the Foxes, rushing for 229 rushing yards and a score on 29 carries while QB Kaden Gonzalez hit on 12 of 17 passes for 234 yards and a scoring strike to Chris

Constantine. Ryan Cane added an 89-yard catch. Jack Ferone (12 tackles), Ryan Vogel (7 tackles, Pick 6) and Conor Duncan (8 tackles) led the Husker D.

"We're just grinding," Yorktown Coach Pantelis Ypsilantis said. "Every week is a playoff week in Class A. I am happy the kids play hard and don't get shook. They are very resilient and coachable."

Host **BREWSTER** allowed A.J. Miller to score the go-ahead touchdown from four yards out with 17 seconds left to give Rye

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Somers QB Matt Fitzsimons fires pass in Tuskers' 20-7 win over visiting John Jay Friday.



All-NYS Somers senior Jake Polito did a little bit of everything in Tuskers' 20-7 win over John Jay CR.

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Westlake junior wide receiver Nicholas Castellano runs along the right sideline for a third-quarter touchdown after catching a pass from QB Michael Pagan.



Westlake DB Chris Kalle, a promising player, makes a big open-field tackle in Saturday's loss to Tuckahoe.



Hen Hud's Nicolo Basalyga returns a kick in the Sailors' season-opening loss to visiting Byram Hills Saturday.



Byram Hills junior quarterback Jon Accurso, who threw two first-quarter TD passes, searches for an open receiver in Friday night's victory over the Sailors.



Byram Hills senior RB Gavin Javorsky finds room to run in Friday's win over Hen Hud that improved the Bobcats' record to 2-0 this season.

(2-0) its first and final lead. Rye was still down by 10 (30-20) when Bear RB Massimo Parrello scored for Brewster (0-1) with 10:46 to go in the fourth quarter.

"We ran out of gas," Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihille admitted. "It was a great game."

Brewster jumped out to a 17-0 halftime lead when QB Mas Parrello threw for two first-half, red-zone scores, one

to Joe Anfuso from 19 yards out and the other to Luke Sanchez at the nine.

Kevin Perez booted a 37-yard FG to make it 17-0 before the 2021 sectional runner-up Garnets plotted their comeback.

"Defensively, we played tough, including a goal-line stand in the final seconds of the half, but Rye is one of the top echelon teams and you knew they'd come back stronger. They scored twice, one being set up from a perfectly executed hook and ladder."

On the ensuing kickoff, Brewster senior Julius Walters grabbed a line-drive kick

at the 10-yard line and raced 90 yards for paydirt.

"It went back and forth with scores as Parrello (who didn't play in the 3rd quarter due to cramping) scored on a four-yard run," Mulvihille said. "Rye was able to engineer a drive under 2:00 to take the final lead of the day (their first lead) with 17 seconds to go."

Colin Lamoreaux had an interception for the Bears and Nick Smith recovered a fumble.

LAKELAND is 2-0 after its 27-20 triumph of host Nyack where Hornet QB Grady Leonard hit on 18 of 30 for 235 yards and three touchdowns (all career-highs). Versatile Vincent Scaglione rushed 11 times for 63 yards and added two catches for 75 yards and a score while Sean Perry hauled in a career-high nine passes for 80 yards and a score. Anthony Jennings (4 catches for 62 yards) added another TD grab from Leonard and had five tackles and a pick, one of three Lakeland interceptions.

Down 14-0, the Hornets found a gear first-year Coach Ryan Shilling didn't know they had.

"We played very well defensively last week (against Panas), but our pass game was a little out of sync," Coach Shilling admitted. "We knew we could throw the ball and Grady Leonard can definitely play. We have a lot of playmakers on this team. We have a great group of wide receivers that can all play. We honestly left a few plays out on the field last night. I do believe that our leadership group has been an asset to our team this year. Our group of captains have been awesome so far."

Stephen Carroll led the Hornets D with 15 tackles and a sack while the Nugent boys, Jack Nugent (7 tackles, sack) and Rob Nugent (9 tackles, pick) were fierce as well. Brian Martins added nine tackles for the Hornets.

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Byram Hills senior Sean Siegel races toward the end zone for 56-yard touchdown in Friday night's 33-14 win over host Hendrick Hudson.



Christian Occhipinti, who scored three touchdowns, tries to maintain his balance as he carries the football in Westlake's 35-32 home loss to Tuckahoe.



Fox Lane WR Jack Shurgin tries to get a step on Yorktown DB Justin Meyreles in Foxes' 24-9 loss to host Huskers Friday.



Hen Hud senior Christopher Parkes bursts through the line of scrimmage for a big gain in the first half of Friday's 33-14 loss to Byram Hills.



Yorktown's Andrew Weissman makes great catch in Huskers' win over visiting Fox Lane Friday.



Fox Lane RB Kevin Navarro breaks tackle in Foxes' 24-9 loss to host Yorktown Friday.

tough down at Eastchester where the Indians (1-1) could only score once in a 21-7 setback. Danny Koch was the lone Indians to find paydirt. Joey Koch rushed 18 times for 98 yards but was kept off the goal line by a stout Eagle defense that allowed just 156 yards from scrimmage.

CLASS B/C/D

Versatile junior Daniel Picart threw a touchdown pass to Emmet McDermott and caught a touchdown from his brother Aidan Picart in **PLEASANTVILLE's** 21-0 win over Pearl River,

who went down swinging. The NYS Class B runnerup Panthers (1-0) led 7-0 in the fourth quarter before Pleasantville marched 80 yards for a 14-0 lead.

BYRAM HILLS staggered host **HEN HUD**, 33-14 when Bobcats QB Jon Accurso threw two touchdown passes to WR Sean Siegel. RBs Gavin Javorsky and Dario Amicucci each found paydirt for the surging Bobcats (1-0). It was a disappointing showing for the Sailors (0-1).

VALHALLA scored 38 first-quarter points and amassed 321 yards on the ground in a 49-7 thrashing of Rye Neck.

PUTNAM VALLEY saw junior RB Ricky Meister go off in a 34-12 win over Blind Brook. Meister took 16 totes for 184 yards and three TDs while adding six tackles on D. Tiger QB Thomas Cunningham added nine carries for 88 yards and 2 TDs for the win-

starved Tigers, who were winless a season ago.

Class D **HALDANE** posted a 21-14 win over Irvington behind the 25 totes and 123 yards from RB Evan Giachinta, including a TD trot that aided Haldane's return from 14-0 deficit. Giachinta also returned a fumble 75 yards for ascore to give the Blue Devils (1-0) the lead. .

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

PANAS bounced back nicely from its season-opening loss to Lakeland when RB Paul Ronga and QB Travis Carlucci each rushed for two scores. Dan Leonard blocked a punt and forced a fumble. Randy Wiesner and Cooper Schmidt each hopped on fumbles for the Panthers (1-1), who have looked sharp on defense..

Panas Turns a Corner, Put Valley Wins Yorktown Title

Fox Lane, Lakeland Remain Unbeaten

By Tony Pinciario

Despite a difficult 2021 field hockey season, **WALTER PANAS** was anxiously awaiting the first day of preseason in August. “I think one of the biggest differences from last season to this season was our excitement to be back,” said senior and captain Makenzie Schmidt. “Coming into the 2021 season was a big adjustment and a lot to handle transitioning back from Covid.

Athletes had a lot going on in all aspects of their home, school, and sports lives. This 2022 season is the first time that being back at preseason has felt normal again. I think all of us seniors can agree that this preseason has felt most similar to freshman year preseason, pre-Covid. We are all excited to be back and ready to reestablish ourselves as the great team we know we are.” Panas rebounded from two losses to open the season by beating Pawling (1-0) and Hen

Hud (5-1) last week, improving to 2-2. The victories equaled the 2021 win total, but, more importantly, gave Panas promising signs. “I think an important factor of the two wins for our team had to do with confidence,” said Schmidt, a four-year varsity player and starting center midfielder. “I watched players step up and fulfill rolls that I didn’t even know that they were capable of. Everyone who helped contribute to those wins put

forth their best effort. They had confidence within themselves and their teammates that we could win the game. “This momentum certainly carried over into the Hen Hud game, considering it was one of the best games I’ve ever seen us play,” she added. “Everything we work so hard for in practice showed on the field. I wouldn’t say that any player over another outshined each other in either two games, we all established ourselves together as one.”

Panas is in its second year under Coach Leah DiSisto and assistants, Cassie (O’Mara) Lian and Marissa DiSisto. The three coaches all played for legendary Lakeland Coach Sharon Sarsen and were members of at least one state-championship team.

Leah DiSisto and Lian were members of the 2006 Class A state-title team, led by seniors Melissa Gonzalez (current Yale field hockey coach), Kara Connolly, Amy Voelkel and Rebecca DiSisto (Leah’s older sister). DiSisto and Lian were also on the 2007 Class A state-finalist team. Marissa DiSisto was a member of three state-title teams during the 2010 decade.

Schmidt feels Panas could not have asked for better coaches.

“All three of our coaches have excellent knowledge on what it takes to be a great coach,” Schmidt said. “Learning from and being coached by Coach Sarsen, they all bring this team the passion and motivation to improve both our mindset and our skills.

“Coach Leah, Coach Cassie, and Coach Marissa all know what it feels like and what it takes to win. What they bring to Panas field hockey is the desire for us players to feel it too.”

The 2021 season was difficult for Panas as it adjusted to its new coaches and also welcomed many new players. Even though the record was not what Panas wanted, the team came away better for it.

“Having only won two games last season, it presented us with a mental challenge on how we were going to come into the 2022 season,” Sschmidt said. “We were a young team with a lot of first-year players, but we have a lot of experience carrying over into this year’s team. One of the biggest things we planned on taking away from last season and applying to this season is our energy. I can confidently say that my team is always supporting one another and cheering others on.

Once the 2021 season concluded, Panas began preparations for 2022 by playing winter league and then summer league. Schmidt said this enabled the team to continue improving its skills and bond quickly. This led to the varsity newcomers making a smooth transition to preseason, putting the team ahead of schedule.

“Although preseason is usually

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Clean Sweep for Yorktown, Boys, Girls Win Tourney Titles

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YORKTOWN is living up to its preseason billing. At 4-0, with the Cornhusker Tournament title in tow, the Huskers, who have not allowed a goal on target, are emerging as a bonafide Class A title contender. If defense wins, Yorktown will win a lot of games this fall, including Saturday's 2021 quarterfinal rematch with visiting **BYRAM HILLS**, who took the Huskers into overtime before Nick Varela provided the heroics in the first overtime, getting the assists from rangey M Lucas Buono, who picked up tournament MVP honors. Husker goalie J.P. Frucco (7 saves) secured the shutout with stellar play between the pipes against the very same Bobcat program Yorktown defeated last season to advance to the semis.

"Verella was the best player of the game," Husker Coach Zoran Milojevic said.

Against RCK in Tuesday's opening round, Husker Michael Duffy (assisted by Lucas Buono), Nick Varela (assisted by Buono) and Michael Munson (assisted by Adrian Pjetri) all found the back of the net in what was the fourth shutout of the season for Husker goalies JP Frucco (2 Saves) and Jason Douglas (1 save).

In the opening round of the Yorktown tournament, Class B **BYRAM HILLS** saw Aidan Heffner feed Zachary Pero for the lone goal in a 1-0 win over HEN HUD to reach the championship game. Will Harrison (4 saves) notched the shutout for the Bobcats (2-1).

The Rodriguez brothers, David and Mike, combined got three for **LAKELAND**, which blew up on Pearl River, 7-1. Bryan Jaramillo,



Byram Hills' Max Colella-Albino does whatever it takes to slow down Yorktown's Michael Duffy in Bobcats' 1-0 OT loss to Huskers Saturday.

Connor Daly, Josh Seligson and Arjun Parambath each scored for the Hornets (2-0-1), who lead 3-nill just 11 minutes in. Jaramillo set up for tallies.

Lakeland then tied a tough Pelham club, 3-3, with Mike Rodriguez scoring once and setting up another. Conor Daly and David Rodriguez also found the back of the net.

MAHOPAC notched a 5-1 win over Clarkstown North when red hot Colin Waringscored a PK goal in the opening



Byram Hills' Christian Bellantoni (26) and Yorktown's Matt Pozo battle for 50-50 ball in Bobcats' 1-0 OT loss to Huskers Saturday.



Byram Hills' Max Miller clears his zone in 1-0 loss to Yorktown Saturday.

minutes. Manny Perez and Ian Lanter followed with first-half tallies for a 3-0 lead. Perez drilled another penalty kick in the second half and the Woodside boys – Ryan set up his twin brother, Jason – took over down the stretch.

Somers 5, Brewster 1

Defending NYS Class A champion **SOMERS** evened its record at 1-1 when

the talented Brady Leitner scored twice in a 4-3 win over Ardsley. Edmund Cleary and Daniel Nikac added pivotal goals for the Tuskers. Matt D'Ippolito, Lindon Ulaj, Lucas Arbalez and Jack Vantassel each set up a goal.

Nikac scored and set up another tally in the Tuskers' 5-1 win over BREWSTER. Liam Healy, Phil Santore, Leitner and D'Ippolito all tickled twine. Lucas Arbalez set up two scores. Brewster's lone goal came courtesy of Dante Gulla.

HORACE GREELEY improved to 1-1-1 with a 4-2 win over Mahopac, which fell behind 3-0. Bryce Bernbach scored, unassisted, for a 1-0 lead. The Quakers then spotted Gordon Walsh off a corner from Eric Carnes before Dominick Larizza made it 3-0 when the teams had just emerged from the half. Manny Perez and Shane Waring provided the Indians some short-lived hope to cut the deficit to one before Quaker Jesse LaRosa drilled a short-handed tally for the final margin.

Joe Uzcha spotted **PEEKSKILL** a 1-0 lead before CARMEL's Neel Walia tied the score at 1-all, but it was all Red Devils from there in a 3-1 upset of Class AA Rams.

Chris Chalco nailed a PK and Johnathan Mendieta took a feed from Justin Hidalgo pinned the corner from 15 yards out for the final margin for the game's only non-PK goal.

WALTER PANAS M Koky Duarte (2G, 1A) had a three-point effort in the Panthers' 6-0 win over Brewster. Panther G Johan Easaw made three saves to get the shutout. Samuel Botomswe (1(1G, 1A), Ronak Das (1G), Nick Gutierrez (1G) and Alex Guevara (2A) all found the stat sheet for the Panthers

(1-3). Dennis Argueta scored twice for FOX LANE (2-2) in a 3-0 win over Mt. Vernon. Fox goalies Joshua Martinez and Eli Daglio combined on a clean sheet.

CLASS AA

New Rochelle broke White Plains late off a
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Yorktown's Nick Varella (23) sent Huskers home happy in 1-0 OT win over visiting Byram Hills in tourney title win.

set piece for a 1-0 win, despite playing short-handed the final 30 minutes, but the week was not lost for the Tigers (2-2) as they managed a 3-2 win over Greeley. At 18:27 left in half Rhaymani Alexander scored from Christian Madrigal for a 1-0 White Plains lead. At 10:18 Gael Baraldi struck a gorgeous mid-level volley off a cross from Rhaymani Alexander. In the second half with 36:03 left in the game, Greeley answered with a Matthew Rodriguez tapper into an empty net. At 9:52 Greeley pressed high, won a ball at midfield and Dominic Larizza headed it home to tie it at 2-all before Alexander received a pass from Baraldi turned and dribbled through five Greeley defenders to bury the game winner.

Milo Kris (5 saves) and Ben Falk (9 saves)

were in the cages for White Plains and Greeley, respectively.

At 4-0-1 **OSSINING** is looking impressive after a 2-1 come-from-behind win over New Rochelle. Joson Chunchi scored before the half to tie it (from A.J. Caparelli), and Justin Cabrera got the game-winner in the 60th minute off an Alex Lenaghan assist. Summerville Beckford (6 saves) shined between the pipes for Ossining.

CLASS B

BRIARCLIFF has its way with Blind Brook in a 4-2 win behind Emilio Abud-Chalita's hat trick. Matt Galiano (1G, 2A) dominated for the unbeaten Bears (4-01), who got two assists from Miles Prosperino and six saves from Toby Young.



Yorktown senior striker Jules Vano goes up for header in Huskers' 4-1 tourney title win over RCK Saturday.

In **PLEASANTVILLE's** 6-2 win over **PUTNAM VALLEY**, the Panthers (3-1) continued their strong start when Nikian Sauthoff paced the attack with two goals and one assist. Alejandro Martinez, Luke

LaManga, Shuhbro Biswas and Will Peacock all scored for the Panthers while Oliver Giebelhaus set up three tallies.

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Yorktown senior M Emily Ward drills shot in Huskers' 4-1 tourney title win over RCK Saturday.



Yorktown M Kendall Kardon (4) netted a goal in 4-1 Husker triumph in tourney title win Saturday.

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Yorktown's Elanna Smith controls in Huskers' 4-1 tourney title win over RCK.



Yorktown's Kendall Kardon sets up her goal in Huskers' 4-1 tourney title win over RCK 2.

GIRLS SOCCER

Husker MVP Jules Vano had a goal and three helpers in **YORKTOWN's** 4-1 win over RCK in the finals of the Husker tournament. Huskers G Ciara O'Brien (13 saves) had several big stops to preserve the win and was named the game's outstanding player. Kaitlyn Meola, Kendall Kardon and Petyon Case each had a goal.

Deanna Lage had two goals and one assist in **LAKELAND's** 4-1 win over Arlington B in the consy game.

HEN HUD's Lena Johnsen (4G, 3A), Liv Johnsen (3G, 3A) led the charge while Kiely Morley (2G) added firepower in a 10-1 win over **BREWSTER**. Julia Arbelaez

had five goals and one assist while Ava Giudice chipped one goal and two assists in **SOMERS' 6-2** win over Greeley. Giudice and Tiana Righetti each had one goal and one assist for the Tuskers in an impressive 3-1 win over Arlington. Jess Beck bagged a hat trick in **PLEASANTVILLE's** 3-0 shutout Blind Brook behind G Kayla Collins. Amelia Dougherty (2G) paced the **BYRAM HILLS** attack in a 5-1 win over Bronxville. Dougherty added another tall in a 2-1 win over Rye Neck.

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Yorktown captain Ryan Tomeny gains midfield on Byram's Max Miller in Huskers' 1-0 tourney title win over Bobcats.

Panas Turns a Corner, Put Valley Wins Yorktown Title *continued from page 6*

considered one of the worst parts of the season, this year something was different," Schmidt said. "Everyone on the team was there putting in hard work because they wanted to, not because they had to. We were able to laugh and have fun, while at the same time getting the job done. We have set up a lot of goals for ourselves this season, both small and big, and look forward to fulfilling them all."

Madi Duteau scored, assisted by Ellie Healy, in the victory over Pawling, a perennial Section 1 Class C power. Kate Astrab handled four shots.

Healy had two goals and Hayley Madden had one goal and two assists against Hen Hud. Bella Gomez and Schmidt also had goals and Nicole Rutigliano had an assist. Astrab made four saves.

Rowan Dapson scored for Hen Hud and Gianna Gagliardi assisted. Emily Hunt made six saves.

PUTNAM VALLEY improved to 2-1-1 after winning the Yorktown Tournament with a 3-1 victory over Albertus Magnus. This followed an opening-round victory over Yorktown in the second round of strokes. The teams were scoreless after regulation and a 10-minute, 7 vs. 7 overtime period.

Tournament MVP Ava Harman and Maggie Sampson each had one goal and one assist and Izzy Cerrato also scored. Kylie Recuppio, an all-tournament selection, made five saves. Recuppio had eight saves in the Yorktown game.

"Yorktown was a great game," Putnam Valley Coach Tracy Parchen said. "Even though we won, it counts as a tie toward our overall record."

"I thought the girls played really well in the final. They seemed quiet and a little tired before the game so I was a little worried how they would play, but they didn't disappoint."

"The whole team gave great effort. Ava (Harman) did a great job controlling the ball throughout the field. Freshman Maggie Caputo has been a nice addition to the team this year and does a nice job on defense. Sierra Gabriel, Adrienne Jenness and Izzy Cerrato continue to give 100% effort on the field every play. Kylie Recuppio played two great games in goal. The girls have been working hard in practice every day to get better and that's all I can ask."

FOXLANE had two home games, winning both – 4-1 over John Jay-East Fishkill and 10-1 over Byram Hills – improving to 3-0.

The Foxes opened the season with a 4-3 victory at Somers.

Sidney Sicignano scored twice and Maggie Grasso and Samantha Reder also had goals. Zoe Stonecipher registered two assists and Grasso collected an assist.

Stonecipher led Fox Lane with four goals against Byram Hills and Reder had a hat trick. Stonecipher and Reder also had assists.

Sicignano scored two goals and added an assist and Grasso had a goal. Isabella Vasquez made one save.

Harli Rappaport scored for Byram Hills and KiKi Gavriil made nine saves.

"The coaches are incredibly proud of the work our athletes have put in and the resulting outcome," Fox Lane Coach Amanda MacGregor said. "The team has built up offensive momentum and is working together as a unit on defense, which has contributed to its success on the field."

LAKELAND remained perfect – 4-0 – after shutouts of Pearl River (7-0) and R.C. Ketcham (4-0).

The Hornets erupted for six goals in the second half against Pearl River as Gabby Santini and Emily Yazzetti each had two.

Keira Gallagher added one goal and two assists and Bella Basulto and Emily Daniel each scored. Charlotte Sabert and Emma Numme recorded assists.

Yazzetti had a hat trick against John Jay. Santini finished with one goal and one assist and Gallagher added two assists.

Brie Gaccino had two goals and Gianna Altamari added two assists as **YORKTOWN** shut out Sleepy Hollow, 3-0, to take third place in its tournament.

Ellie Glicksman also had a goal and Willa Hanly had an assist. Maeve Ryan made three saves.

Yorktown and Putnam Valley played to a 0-0 game after regulation and a 10-minute sudden-death 7 vs. 7 in the first round. The game went to strokes with Putnam Valley prevailing in two rounds. Ryan finished with seven saves.

SOMERS went 1-0-1 for the week with a 5-1 win over Nanuet and 1-1 draw with Pelham.

The Tuskers scored four of their five goals on penalty corners against Nanuet as Emily Esposito and Lauren McCartin each scored twice. Caitlin Janecka added a goal and Charlotte Carroll and McCartin collected assists.

Janecka scored against Pelham with Teagan Ryan assisting. Kamryn Seeger was excellent in goal with 13 saves.

PLEASANTVILLE lost a trio of one-goal games – 3-2 to Hackley and North Salem and 2-1 to John Jay-East Fishkill.

Aisling Mulcahy and Natalie O'Malley scored against Hackley with Hailey Praslick having an assist. Chloe Egan made six saves.

O'Malley had a goal and an assist against North Salem and Mulcahy scored the other goal. Egan finished with seven saves.

Jessica Secrest had Pleasantville's goal against John Jay, assisted by O'Malley. For the second consecutive game Egan made seven saves.

"It was a great overall team effort against a talented team," said Pleasantville Coach Kristen Coffey of the Hackley game. "The John Jay game was hard fought and it could have gone either way."

"Our team has a lot of passion and it shows in every minute we play."

Field hockey coaches are encouraged to contact Tony Pinciario @ tfinch23@optonline.net.

Focus on Cross Country

Fox Lane's Eigel Races to 1st Place Finish at Somers' Big Red Meet



Putnam Valley Gabriella Randazzo 9th overall 4th Division 3.



White Plains' Sophie Ginsberg 2nd Division 1 3rd overall.



Pleasantville Clara Shingler 7th overall 3rd Division 3.



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Fox Lane's Morgan Eigel 1st overall and 1st Division 1.



Horace Greeley Matt Carnes fourth Division 1 7th overall.



Lakeland-Panas' Bobby Mayclim 2nd overall 2nd division 1.



Brewster Patrick Ford first Division 2 third overall.



Somers Aiden Meza 6th overall 2nd Division 2.

Callahan Touched Many Lives Before Untimely Passing



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Before most of you knew who he was, or all he would eventually stand for during his epic time on Earth, Mahopac's Dan Callahan granted me an interview his senior year at Lakeland High back in the wee '90s.

I was just starting out on the Section 1 circuit as a 20-something-year-old scribe, and Cally, barely

17, was just getting started on a lifetime of wonderful achievements.

We connected that season, and that bond, to this day, never broke. His calm, quiet assuredness was evident back then, and he eventually brought it with him to places like Yorktown, where he coached the Huskers to a Section 1 football title in 1998, Pelham, Hen Hud and Peekskill. Every stop along the way, Cally

Callahan wasn't afraid to speak his mind on behalf of anyone, and he would always stand up for anybody that needed a helping hand.

His time on Earth, which was cut short last weekend after complications from colon cancer, was spent at the behest of others. A role model in his community as a CYO/MSA coach and board member, an assistant superintendent at Peekskill High School, an honor student at Siena College, anywhere he went Coach Callahan was at the top of his game no matter the many challenges he faced, including losing his son, Sean, at age 12, to a near lifelong battle with medulloblastoma, a rare form of brain cancer in 2015.

"To know Dan, was to love Dan," said Putnam County judge, Siena soulmate and longtime friend Tom Jacobellis, who met Callahan in the late '80s while they attended rival high schools and Cally was the bridge between Lakeland and

Mahopac.

"Dan helped forge friendships that are still going strong today. I was lucky enough to spend many days and nights at Siena with

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Always a character, Dan Callahan with Ric Beardsley and Scott Hirschmugl (L) in their Lakeland heyday.

changed lives, made folks better people and had an impact on everyone he touched.

Even on that crazy day at the County Center against Mount Vernon. A talented Lakeland team had just won a Section 1 Class AA quarterfinals and the mighty Knights were up next. The sixth man simply couldn't resist.

"We're serving notice to Mount Vernon and the rest of Section 1," Cally boldly proclaimed after a quarterfinal triumph that had the Hornets County Center-bound.

Of course, I played that up, and put it in a giant breakout quote in the old North County News. Callahan was promptly taken to task for speaking out of turn at the Hornets' next practice, but he stood by it, even after Lakeland was cooked from the opening tap in the sectional semis when Mount Vernon superstar Rasul Salahuddin slammed one home within five seconds at the Mecca.

Cally and the laughs and memories are too many to count. His sense of humor was legendary. I think a measure of one's life is the positive impact you have on others. Dan chose a path through education and coaching that impacted thousands of kids. His legacy will live on for years through those he impacted during his life."

Callahan was a staple in everything he did and his sense of humor, his gift of gab and timely wit will never be forgotten by those he touched.

"Just last week I went to visit Dan at the hospital and he was really weak, but I told him that we had our Siena fantasy football draft and that myself and Alex Winogradoff drafted a team for Dan, a charter member, with the hope he would get better and could continue in our fantasy league. Dan couldn't really talk, but when I told him we drafted Montgomery and Fournette as his RBs, he



The sun shone bright upon the life of Mahopac's Dan Callahan before his untimely passing last week.

just rolled his eyes at me...classic Cally."

The 50-year-old Callahan bled the blue and gold as a Mahopac Sports Association youth coach, but his impact was vast at places like Hendrick Hudson where he cut his teeth as an administrator before changing the culture at Peekskill to this day. Hen Hud A.D. Tommy Baker first met Callahan in the mid '90s before he joined the Sailor staff.

"We were two young educators who were both coaching in Section 1," Baker said. "As time passed, I was lucky enough to work with him at Hen Hud. He was a great colleague, but more importantly he was a great friend. I will miss our talks about our families, pro sports and high school football, which continued right up to last week. He loved all those things, especially his family. Danny had the ability to unify people and leave a positive mark on all he crossed. I will

sorely miss Danny Callahan, everyone will. All our hearts go out to his family."

If the measure of a man is one who touched your heart, Dan Callahan's standards shall never fade. Life goes on for many of us, but the Callahan family could use your prayers, so open up your heart to them and share the many wonderful encounters you had with one of the most joyful spirits I've ever encountered. #RIPCally #ReunitedWithSean.

All are welcome to attend a visitation on Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist church in Mahopac. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

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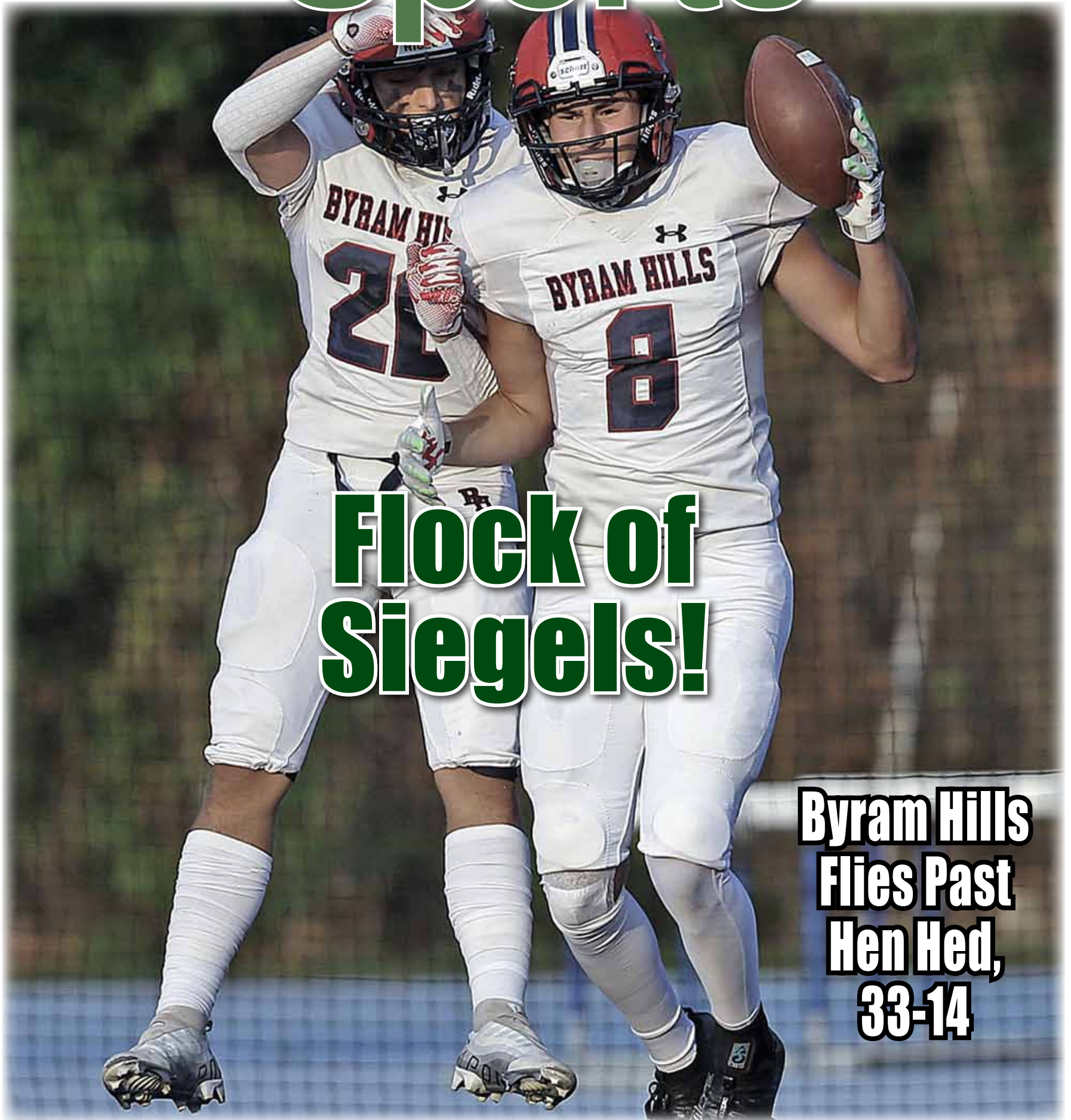
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33-14**

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Byram Hills' Sean Siegel (left) celebrates with teammate Dario Amicucci Jr. after scoring the first touchdown of Friday night's 33-14 win over visiting Hendrick Hudson in a crucial early-season Class B contest ... see Grid Notebook