

# Examiner Sports



## Little Dipper Shines Bright!

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## Somers Upends Lakeland, 3-0, on Pitch

Somers junior M Matthew D'Ippolito (L) gets a rousing review from teammate Edmund Cleary (R) after D'Ippolito, the kid brother of recently-graduated NYS Gatorade Player of the Year Daniel 'Big Dipper' D'Ippolito, put the reigning NYS Class A champion Tuskers up by three goals in Thursday's 3-0 win over visiting, state-ranked (No.20) Lakeland last Thursday.... see Boys' Soccer Notebook



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# Grid Notebook

## Mahopac Suffers OT Setback; P'Ville Survives OT Scare

*Five Examiner-Area Teams Ranked by State Pollsters*



Mahopac Coach Dom DeMatteo implores DE Ryan Ahler to pressure Pelham QB Callum Reen in Indians' OT loss Friday.

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There's a bunch of teams from the Examiner region taking up space in the NYS Sportswriters Association poll, and we got their mentions below, so have a look, won't you.

### CLASS A

The game of the week had a sorrowful ending for the host Indians of **MAHOPAC**,

who suffered a 40-34 double overtime setback to visiting Pelham Friday when Pelican QB Callum Reen scored the winning touchdown on a fourth-and-one-inch QB sneak in the second overtime. Mahopac RB Joey Koch (10 carries, 67 yards) returned a kickoff 85 yards along the Pelham sideline for a touchdown that leveled the score at 27-all late in the fourth quarter, and the two teams traded TDs in the first overtime, including Koch's third score of the game. The versatile

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Mahopac LB D.J. DeMatteo leads a horde of Indian tacklers in 42-36 OT loss to visiting Pelham Friday.

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Mahopac RB Joey Koch, among the top players in Section 1, gets lift from OL Liam Dodd after scoring his 2nd 80-plus yard TD in Indians' 42-36 OT loss to Pelham.



Mahopac's William Scanlon sacks Pelham QB Callum Reen in Indians' 42-36 double OT loss to Pelicans Friday night.



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Carmel senior RB Thomas Keating scoots past RCK defenders en route to TD in Rams' 42-0 thrashing.



Carmel senior QB Matt Gay unloads pass in Rams' 42-0 win over visiting RCK Friday.



Carmel sophomore RB Tristan Werlau picks up block from Jayden Robles in Rams' 42-0 rout of visiting RCK Friday.

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senior hauled in a swing pass from junior QB DJ DeMatteo (10 of 19, 216 yards, 3 TD passes), and raced 83 yards to get the Indians off the floor after Pelham took a 13-0 first-quarter lead, but Coach Dominick DeMatteo, who was short on personnel due to injury issues, chose to go for the tie in the first OT rather than cut Koch loose for a two-point try.

"Joey Grassia did not miss an extra point in our first two games," the coach said. "I felt like we had a push with offense and defense that could be the difference for us."

Many armchair QB's along the Indian sideline and those within the bleachers were calling for the two-point try, no joke.

Mahopac junior WR Danndy Kock added a 10-yard end-around rush for a score and freshman WR/RB Nate Mascoll gave a glimpse of his promising future when he snared a 36-yard TD strike from DeMatteo for a 20-13 lead just before the break.

"I thought both teams played hard and it was unfortunate we came up short, but we will continue to work and get better," said Joey Koch, who wanted a crack at two and the win in OT.

State-ranked (No.1) **SOMERS** (3-0)

hosted the B-team from nationally-ranked St. Francis B (Md.) and survived a 35-27 victory when speedy senior RB Ravi Dass Jr. gave Somers an insurmountable lead and Aidan Coolican added a pick-6 late in the third. Dass (10 rushes, 96 yards) scored twice, including a seven-yard snatch from QB Matt Fitzsimons, and Luke Savino (19 rushes, 119 yards) and James Balancia (19 carries, 119 yards) each found paydirt.

All-NYS OL/DL Jake Polito admitted the Tuskers were stoked after this one.

"I think I can speak for the staff as well as the team when I say we are fired up after that win for sure," the Navy-bound senior said. "That team, on paper, is better than us, as far as recruiting goes, and I couldn't be prouder of the boys. We came out swinging and weren't finished until the final whistle. As great as it feels, it's in the past. It's time to keep the momentum going into a great practice week and have some fun over at Mahopac's homecoming."

Harrison (3-1) might be for real this fall and Friday's 24-6 win over visiting **YORKTOWN** only adds to that notion.

"Our kids played hard last night, but we had some struggles at times," Husker Coach

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Fox Lane's 6-4 OT Angel Mejia lines up a block in Foxes loss to mighty Clarkstown South Friday.





Fox Lane junior RB James Minotti churns out some tough yards in loss to Clarkstown South Friday.



Fox Lane junior DL Brian Bailey zeros in on QB in Friday's loss to Clarkstown South.



Westlake junior quarterback Michael Pagan tries to elude Haldane's Luca DiLello as he runs with the football during Saturday's game, won easily by the host Wildcats.



Fox Lane defenders swarm Viking RB in Foxes' loss to Clarkstown South.



Christian Knapp of Westlake starts upfield on the way to an 80-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the second quarter of the Wildcats' 41-7 rout of Haldane on Saturday.





Westlake's Stephen D'Napoli scampers across the field with the ball in Saturday's 41-7 rout of Haldane.



Haldane junior running back Evan Giachinta moves past Westlake's Joseph Scaplehorn during the first quarter of Saturday afternoon's game won by the host Wildcats.



Christian Occhipinti of Westlake carries the football during the second half of Saturday's one-sided win over Haldane.

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Pantelis Ypsilantis said. "There were some critical, atrocious, embarrassing calls in the game that were very untimely and really hurt us, and the make-up calls were a little too late. But Harrison did a great job. They are well coached, have a lot of size and speed and they have a chance against anyone in A."

**BREWSTER** (1-2) got in the win column after a 28-14 win over host **LAKELAND** (1-2), despite a solid showing from Hornet QB Grady Leonard (19-30, 182 yards, 2 TDs) and WR Anthony Jennings (6 catches, 90 yards, 2 receiving TDs). Stephen Carroll (14 tackles) has been a beast on defense for the Hornets.

Brewster jumped out early with a 68-yard TD pass from QB Massimo Parrello to

WR Julius Walters, and the Bears' defense provided short fields, which the offense capitalized on with a two-yard TD run by Parrello for a 14-0 lead.

Later in the second quarter, Brewster strung together another solid drive and Joey Anfuso capped it around end for a 20-yard score and a 21-0 edge.

Lakeland responded with a TD pass before half, but it was all Brewster from that point on.

"Our defensive ends, AJ Pieragostini and Derek Karlsson, both had good games for us with a couple of sacks," Mulvihille said, "and with Logan Simon controlling the inside with Colin Lamoreaux at linebacker we were in good shape."

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### SHRUB OAK ATHLETIC CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL MEETING

The Shrub Oak Athletic Club will hold its annual open meeting on **Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

at the Copper Beach Middle School Cafeteria.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

**Questions and suggestions about programs are welcome.**

Nominations for the following positions

will be accepted only at this meeting:

President, Executive Vice President, 2 Vice Presidents,

Secretary and Treasurer

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Thomas Tucker of Haldane carries the football in the third quarter of the Blue Devils' road loss to Westlake on Saturday.

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Parrello capped off the day with a 10 yard TD run.

"It was a good win for us after some tough games," Mulvihille said. "Lakeland always plays tough, so we knew we'd have to bring our best effort."

Visiting Clarkstown South took **FOX LANE** down in a 42-13 setback. The Foxes

(1-2) face state-ranked Rye this week.

**CLASS AA**

**CARMEL** wasted no time in disposing of visiting RCK in Friday's 42-0 beatdown when senior RB's NickRosafite (2 rushes, 59 yards) and Thomas Keating (6 rushes, 62 yards) ignited the @CarmelCrazies,

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Haldane junior quarterback Ryan Van Tassel takes off in first half of Saturday afternoon's 41-7 loss at Westlake.



Pleasantville LB Ryan Horigan closes in on Bronxville RB in Panthers' 21-14 OT win over visiting Broncos Saturday night.

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Pleasantville players Erik Coleman, Daniel Picart, Emmet McDermott and Louis Sdao celebrate a Panther TD in 21-14 OT win over Bronxville.



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Pleasantville junior WR-RB Daniel Picart scored the game-winning TD in overtime of Panthers' 21-14 win over Bronxville.

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each scoring a pair of TDs. Ram soph RB Tristan Werlau carried seven times for 58 yards. Rosaforte added an INT on defense while Jeremy Smith (9 tackles, sack) and Dwayen Hibbert (6 tackles) were sick on the defensive side of the ball.

Slice it any way you want, Rosaforte, among the best in the state, was the difference.

"Rosey is the best all-around player in Class AA," Carmel boss Todd Cayea said of his All-NYS DB/RB, Rosaforte. "He's just a different cat."

Mamaroneck showed out in a 42-14 win over host WHITE PLAINS, which failed to have an answer for Tiger hotshot Jack Ramsay (8 totes, 195 yards, 3 TDs). He also caused havoc on defense. The Tigers fell to 0-3 and hope to get off the schied this week against Ossining (2-2).

## CLASS B

All that pre-season hope at HEN HUD has been put on hold after the Sailors (1-2) lost for the second time in three weeks, including Friday 39-14 drubbing at the hands of visiting Pearl River. That doesn't mean it's time to push the panic button just yet, but Coach John "Big Cat" Catano's Sailors had issues across the board, including three turnovers brought to the house, and breakdowns in the secondary that led two of Brendan Donahue's four scores.

State-ranked (No.17) **BYRAM HILLS** had a tougher than expected game against visiting **BRIARCLIFF/HAMILTON**, but Bobcat QB Jon Accurso carved out an impressive stat line (17 of 29 for 194 yards and two touchdowns). RB Luke Weiler rushed for 74 yards and hit a pair of field goals to keep the Bobcats (4-0) among the ranks of the undefeated, along with 10 other teams in Section 1.

State-ranked (No.5) **PLEASANTVILLE**, the NYS runner-up, cruised a fine line to victory in a 21-14 overtime triumph of visiting Bronxville when All-NYS WR/RB Daniel Picart went wildcat from four yards out and kept the defending Section 1 champion Panthers (3-0) undefeated with

an OT tuddy. The Panthers' D stood tall on fourth down to secure the victory. Bronxville scored with 1:50 remaining in the game and then converted a two-point play to tie it 14-14. Pleasantville had a 35-yard field goal attempt at the end of regulation that missed and sent the game to overtime.

Panther QB Aidan Picart plowed in from a yard out for a Panther score midway through the third quarter for a 14-6 lead. Daniel Picart scored the game's initial TD for a 7-0 lead with 5:55 left in the first.

While it was a big win for the Panthers, it wasn't as satisfying as one would expect.

"To be honest it wasn't very happy and joyful in our locker room after the win," Daniel Picart admitted. "We know we should've played much much better and can't keep expecting to play flat and come out flat and win against these talented teams."

## CLASS C/D

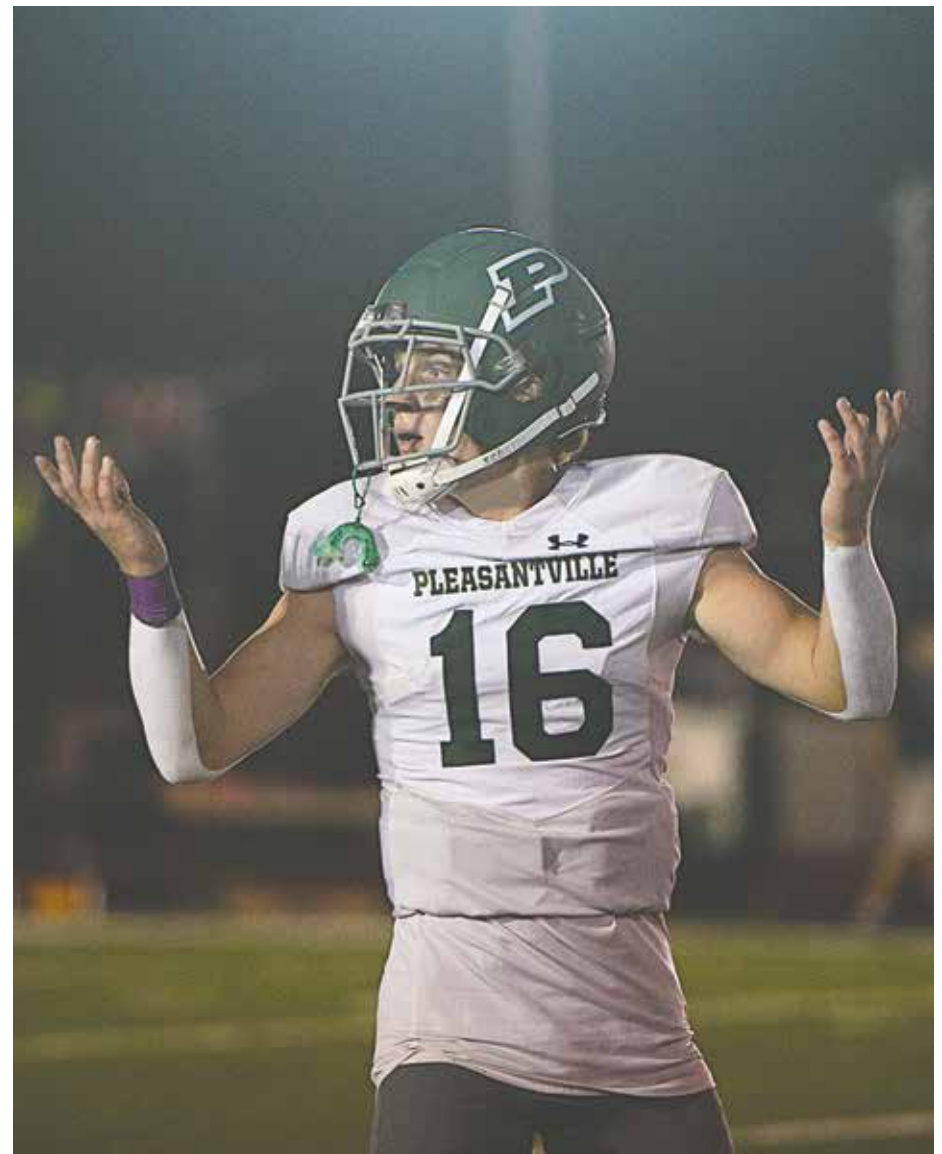
State-ranked (No.17) Class C **VALHALLA** (3-0) could be on a post-season collision course with No.11 Dobbs Ferry, the reigning Section 1 champ, after a 20-0 win over Albertus Magnus. The Vikings have outscored three sub-par opponents (2-7) by a combined 111-14.

After going winless last season, **PUTNAM VALLEY** secured its second win of the season in a 21-0 whitewashing of host Croton-Harmon Saturday when QB Thomas Cunningham (from 6 yards), RB Ricky Meister (45 yards) and Albert McDonald (20 yards) all found paydirt for the Tigers (2-1).

Meister is having a spectacular season and went for 135 yards on 18 totes, and added two catches for 19 yards and five tackles on D. Cunningham hit on 6-of-9 passes for 96 yards, all to talented sophomore WR Caden Glenn (3 catches for 96 yards).

Through weeks: Meister is at 420 yards rushing; Cunningham 201 yards passing; Glenn 158 yards receiving.

"The team is meshing well right now," PV Coach Ryan Elsasser said. "We have a lot to clean up this week, but we are pleased as a staff at what the kids are doing at the moment. Cunningham is making the adjustments that we are asking him to do each week, and with Ricky Meister's natural



Panther QB Aidan Picart awaits a play call in 21-14 overtime win over Bronxville Saturday.

ability with the ball in his hands and Caden Glenn's blocking and hands in the slot we were able to come up with some big third down plays. Alexander Gecaj is an anchor on the defensive line with Hudson Sperrazza and Kyle Mello cleaning up the run game at middle linebacker. I am very proud of how these guys are playing together and enjoying the game together as a team."

Hudson Sperrazza and Kyle Mello both had interceptions for the Tigers, who saw Alex Gecaj lead the defense with seven tackles. K Brian Da Silva was 3/3 on extra points.

Class C **WESTLAKE** had no mercy for Class D **HALDANE** in 41-7 manhandling when Wildcats Christian Occhipinti and Christian Knapp each ran for a touchdown and Knapp took a kickoff 80 yards for another score for the Wildcats (2-1). Thomas Tucker snagged a 27-yard TD pass from Ryan Van Tassel for the Blue Devils (2-1), who saw RB Evan Giachinta rush for 91 yards on 16 totes.

## INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

Looks like **WALTER PANAS** has one of the top talents in the league in QB Travis Carlucci, who rushed for three TDs and fired another score to Jed Chisholm in the Panthers' 35-0 win over **PEEKSKILL**. RB Paul Ronga added a rushing TD for the Panthers (3-1), who are unbeaten in the league.



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## Field Hockey Notebook

# Lakeland's Sarsen Inches up on 700 Wins; Quakers Nip Foxes

## Putnam Valley Turning Corner, Making Gains Under Parchen

By Tony Pinciario

A strong showing in the second half of the 2021 varsity field hockey season catapulted **PUTNAM VALLEY** into sectionals, where it won a first-round game. As a result of the promising play, this made Ava Harman and her fellow veteran returnees psyched for the 2022 season. Putnam Valley carried that momentum into the offseason and into 2022.

The Tigers are currently 5-2-3, after beating Rye Neck (3-0) and Croton (5-0). The Tigers are re-establishing themselves as a premier team in Section 1. And they are doing it after graduating 11 seniors, including eight starters, last June, and only two seniors this year.

Putnam Valley began preparations for the 2022 season once the final whistle concluded its 2021 year.

"Since we knew we had huge graduation losses, we did winter league and summer league and clinics to help us develop as a team," said Harman, a junior and captain. "The returning players knew we had big shoes to fill. They had the experience of being on varsity and have been playing well."

All of this additional work in the offseason had Putnam Valley ready for preseason.

"Personally, I was so excited and I know as a team we were as well," said Harman, who is playing center mid. "From our experience last year, we were so excited to see how our development would be. We started practice at 8 a.m., but we were all there, on time, ready to learn and excited to learn from Coach Parchen."

Parchen is in her second tenure as the Tigers' varsity coach. She guided Putnam Valley to the 2005 Section 1 Class B and New York State Class B championship. During Putnam Valley's sectional and state-title run, the Tigers and goalie Kim Kastuk (New York State's all-time leader with 63

shutouts) did not allow a goal.

Parchen retired from coaching to raise her family. She returned as the modified coach where she would develop this current team.

"From the beginning, in fifth grade, we always had field hockey club in the morning and from there, we had Coach Parchen as our modified coach," Harman said. "She followed us and she helped us grow and develop tremendously. We were blessed to have her as our modified coach because we knew just how good of a coach she was."

Putnam Valley had the misfortune of opening the season with a loss to perennial Section 1 Class B champion Lakeland. Once you put that game aside, Putnam Valley has been raising its performance level with each game.

"We have all grown so much since that first game," Harman said. "Our connection on the field is amazing and our passing is so much better. We know our spots and we know to be there for each other."

Harman had a huge day against Croton with a career-best four goals. Danelly Simon also had a goal, while Izzy Cerrato recorded two assists and Maggie Sampson had one.

Even though Putnam Valley lost to 2021 Section 1 Class C champion North Salem, 2-1, the Tigers played a solid game.

Harman had the goal with the assist going to Ava Buerkle.

Cerrato, Sampson and Harman scored against Rye Neck. Harman also had two assists.

**LAKELAND** went 3-0 last week to remain unbeaten – 9-0-1.

Legendary Lakeland coach Sharon Sarsen is two shy of 700 career wins. Sarsen is the winningest field hockey coach in New York State.

Lakeland will host Somers (Thursday) and Hen Hud (Saturday) this week, which put the Westchester Hall of Fame coach on



Horace Greeley celebrates Florence Moraes' third-quarter goal in Quakers' 1-0 win over Fox Lane.

schedule for the milestone victory.

The Hornets closed out their week with a 5-0 victory over Arlington as Emily Yazzetti scored twice and Gabby Santini collected three assists. Alyssa Petrilli, Emily Daniel and Charlotte Sabert also had goals.

Yazzetti led the offensive barrage with five goals in a 9-0 victory over Brewster.

Keira Gallagher finished with one goal and three assists and Bella Basulto had one goal and two assists. Emma Numme and Sabert scored and Gabby Santini added two assists.

Lakeland opened the week with a three-goal second half to beat Mahopac, 4-1.

Yazzetti finished with two goals and one assist, Basulto contributed one goal and one assist and Petrilli had a score.

**HORACE GREELEY** remained unbeaten with a 1-0 victory over previously undefeated Fox Lane and a scoreless draw with 2021 Section 1 Class C champion North Salem.

Fox Lane is 6-1-1 on the season.

Florence Moraes had the Greeley goal, in the second half, assisted by Eve Rutman against Fox Lane and Meredith Dalrymple

was called on to make one save.

"We were able to keep the ball in their end the whole time," said Greeley senior and captain Stephanie Novick. "Our defense rarely allowed them to enter our circle."

Greeley is playing at a high level despite being somewhat short-handed.

"I have been very impressed with our overall effort," Novick said. "With only 13 girls on the team, subs are limited. But, everyone always gives it their all and never stops fighting."

**FOX LANE** opened with five wins and a tie, but the Foxes suffered their first loss of the season, 1-0, to archrival Horace Greeley.

The Foxes rebounded to beat Ursuline, 2-1.

"The Greeley game was a fierce battle between two really strong teams," Fox Lane coach Adriana MacGregor said. "Ultimately, in the Greeley game, our offense couldn't make it through a very strong Greeley defense."

"In the Ursuline game, we were able to generate offensive drive and move the ball

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Fox Lane's Julia Cambareri sends it up the field in 1-0 loss to Greeley.

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Greeley's Aiden Lane controls in the midfield as Fox Lane's Samantha Reder gives chase in Quakers' 1-0 win over Foxes.





Greeley's Mia Brown and Fox Lane's Maggie Grasso battle for possession in Quakers' 1-0 win over Foxes.

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well in the circle, allowing us to capitalize on two opportunities to score."

Sidney Sicignano and Samantha Reder scored and Reder also registered an assist.

**PLEASANTVILLE** began and concluded the week with 1-0 victories over Irvington and Rye Neck. The Panthers were shut out by Class B power John Jay-Cross River.

Despite the victories it was a somber week for the Panthers.

"One of our players lost her father last Monday so it was a tough week," Pleasantville coach Kristen Coffey said. "The team finds a way to get the job done. They worked hard, stood together and find the positive in everything they do."

Aisling Mulcahy had the goal against Irvington, assisted by Natalie O'Malley. O'Malley scored against Rye Neck with Abbey Gordon assisting.

Pleasantville is 4-4-2 this season.

**PANAS** had to wait out a 30-minute weather delay, then rallied to a 2-1 victory over Nyack.

The Panthers, now 5-4 this season, received goals from Makenzie Schmidt and Madi Duteau (Olivia Weinbaum assisted).

Schmidt had the equalizer and Duteau converted a Weinbaum feed on a penalty corner

"We came back stronger than ever," Schmidt said. "The key was returning from the break with stronger energy than before. We didn't allow the goal scored against us to get in our heads and we remained positive throughout the delay."

Kate Astrab made six saves.

**YORKTOWN** won for the fifth time in seven games with a 2-1 victory over Brewster, improving to 5-1-1 this season. Brie Gaccino had the Yorktown goals and Gianna Altimari and Ellie Glicksman assisted. Maeve Ryan handled three shots.

**BREWSTER**

received a goal from Roselyn Sanchez and Morgan Brace assisted. Maura McIntyre made 13 saves.

**MAHOPAC** had a busy week, splitting four games.

The Indians beat Ursuline, 3-0, and R.C. Ketcham, 3-1, on consecutive days. However, Mahopac opened and closed the week with losses – 4-1 to Lakeland and



Greeley's Stephanie Novick battles with Fox Lane's Sidney Sicignano in Quakers' 1-0 win.

1-0 to John Jay-East Fishkill.

Toni DiCioccio scored twice and Riley Massett had a goal against Ketcham. Marie Camastro assisted on two goals.

Maya O'Keefe, Caroline Moloney and DiCioccio scored against Ursuline. Camastro and Moloney had assists and Maddie Orsini made five saves.

Orsini registered seven saves against John Jay-East Fishkill.

Mahopac and Lakeland were even at 1-1 at

halftime as DiCioccio scored.

**SOMERS** lost to perennial Section 1 Class B semifinalists Rye and John Jay-Cross River, but rebounded to beat Rye Neck, 1-0.

Caitlin Janecka scored for Somers with Lauren McCartin collecting the assist. Kamryn Seeger made one save.

*Efforts to reach the BYRAM HILLS/ BRIARCLIFF, CARMEL, HEN HUD, and VALHALLA programs were unsuccessful. White Plains did not have a game last week.*



Greeley's Dani Halperin collects the ball as Fox Lane's Samantha Reder defends.



Lakeland junior Emily Yazzetti scored 10 goals in three Lakeland win last week.

**Mahopac Blanks Carmel on Pitch**



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Carmel's Kate Suazo tries to slow down Mahopac's Piper Klammer (2A) in last Monday's 3-0 Rams' loss to host Indians.



# Sports

## Boys Soccer Notebook

# Here Comes Somers, Tuskers Stomp Lakeland, 3-0, Win HV Cup

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**LAKELAND** Coach Tim Hourahan and **SOMERS** Coach Brian Lanzetta have done as much as anybody to promote the great game of fútbol within the Section 1 spectrum and their respective feeder programs, and to see their teams go head-to-head last Thursday at Tusker Nation was a spectacle to behold. Everything these two coaches do for Section 1 soccer is not just done for their own. It's done for the good of the game and often for the good of charity.

Reigning NYS Class A champion Somers and state-ranked (No.20) Lakeland hooked it up and put the newly-initiated Hudson Valley Cup on the line where Somers stood the test of time in a 3-0 win over the visiting Hornets.

State titles come with a bullseye the ensuing year, and a youthful Somers squad has gotten everyone's best effort from the get-go, resulting in a subpar start by Somers' standards.

Somers jumped out to a 1-0 lead 28:30 of the first half when Edmund Cleary scored out of nowhere to steal Lakeland's early momentum. Brady Leitner put the Tuskers up 2-0 after collecting a rebound off the post at 12:34 of the first half. Lakeland complained the referees missed a handball on the push forward but it went for naught. Leitner, a junior and kid brother to All-NYS M Bennet Leitner (now at Fordham), then pushed forward and drew of slew of Lakeland defenders, which opened things up for Matthew "Little Dipper" D'Ippolito, the the younger bro of NYS Gatorade Player of the Year, Daniel D'Ippolito (also at Fordham).

"I'm pumped for these young kids," said Lanzetta, who has guided Somers (4-4) to a pair of state titles since 2016. "These boys have worked hard."

Lakeland (6-2-1) had some early chances but for the second game in a row against the upper crust (Yorktown), the Hornets did not capitalize.

"For the second game in a row against a top team on the road we had a chance to take



Lakeland's Silvio Ahmataj is shielded by Somers D Lucas Arbalez in Hornets' 3-0 loss to host Tuskers Thursday.

an early lead and didn't," Hourahan admitted. "Somers and Yorktown are ruthless, and I would say we are on the fly trying to figure out how to win big games. We had some great moments of play for sure."

Lakeland did post a quality W when the Hornets erased a 1-0 deficit and secured a 3-2 win over Class B power **BYRAM HILLS**. Bobcat senior captain Jesse Goldstein put a PK goal up for a 1-0 Bobcat lead. However, Hornets Michael 'M-Rod' Rodriguez, Derek Jaramillo and Josh Seligson scored the next three. Lakeland senior Bryan Jaramillo assisted on two scores and Yusuf Elzgolby set up another. Lakeland saw the return of talented sophomore G Oban Rader (4 saves) in goal and the Bobcats saw G Will Harrison post 10 saves.

Erik Cipriano brought Coach Matty Allen's Bobcats (4-3-1), who will surely find themselves and challenge deep into the Class B playoffs, within a goal in the closing seconds.

"I think we have a lot of new players and we are still working out the kinks," Allen said. "Right now, we seem to be playing well every other game and haven't developed

much consistency yet. This will hopefully come with time and practice. I'm happy with the work ethic, and I think the boys are working together toward a goal. With that said, we are a bit far away from the Lakelands and the Yorktowns of the world. I don't see much of a difference between those squads and the top squads of Class B to be honest. I think Edgemont, Bronxville, Ardsley and Briarcliff and other Class B teams are just as feisty and strong as the top A teams."

Somers got things rolling earlier in the week in a 7-0 win over Yonkers where sophomore Brady Leitner had a career game with two goals and two assists. Alex Aguilar (2G), Edmund Cleary (1G, 1A), Lindon Ulaj and Liam Healy each scored a goal.

Aidan Heffner scored twice in Byram Hills' 6-0 win over Yonkers. Chris Amenedo, Ryan Nichols, Max Miller and Cian Byrd all scored for the Bobcats while Erik Cipriano set up three tallies and Jesse Goldstein assisted on two.

**MAHOPAC's** Matt Silkowski's second goal of the game was the talk of the town when, with two minutes left in the second overtime, he sent Class AA rival **CARMEL**

home with a 2-1 loss. Dylan Tyberg had the assist for a Mahopac club that has already exceeded expectations at 4-4 after Thursday's 4-0 loss to visiting, state-ranked (No.18) Arlington. Ram senior Neel Walia assisted on Alex Kozlowski's goal with seven minutes to play. Pac keeper T.J. Walsh made eight saves while Joe Galeano had five saves for the Rams (4-6-1).

**GREELEY's** Matthew Rodriguez scored twice in the Quakers 4-2 win over state-ranked (No.16) Class AA **OSSINING**, and then



Somers D Jack Healy (R) flies in to contest shot by Lakeland M David Rodriguez in Tuskers' 3-0 win over visiting Hornets.

set up Justin Xiang to provide a 3-1 lead. Alex Lenaghan converted a PK, his second of the game, to get the Pride within a goal, but Jesse LaRosa bagged a PK for the final margin.

"It's a big win for us," Quaker Coach Camp Shropshire admitted. "Matthew had a great game. He is a great competitor, who plays with passion and determination. We are happy he is back. He was at IMG academy in Florida last year."

The Quakers (6-1-1) followed that up with an 8-1 win over Saunders where Bryce Bernbach, Daniel Fioretti (2G), Justin Xiang (2G), Eric Carnes, Gordon Walsh, Jeremy Taber, Ryder Goodman and Josh Hametz all found the back of the net.

We told you last week not to sleep on **PEEKSKILL**, and we should have warned you not to play a man down on the Red Devils (5-2-1) as well, and state-ranked (No.3) **YORKTOWN** nearly paid the price in a 1-0 win overtime triumph of Peekskill. Husker David Beitler cashed in with under 30 seconds left in the first overtime, taking a feed from Lucas Buono. The undefeated Huskers (9-0) finished the game a man down and had a goal disallowed. Husker keeper J.P. Frucco got the shutout, making three saves, securing Yorktown's sixth shutout of the year.

Yorktown then watched four different players tally goals in a 4-1 win over Riverside, breaking open a 1-0 halftime score off goals from Ryan Tomeny (assisted by Gabe Hughes), Michael Duffy (assisted by David Beitler), Adrian Pjetri (assisted by Beitler) and Brendon Mooney (assisted by Duffy).

Peekskill followed up to Yorktown with a 1-1 tie against Ardsley when Red Devil Joe Uzhca nailed a PK at 10:00 of 1st half and Peekskill G Joe Guanuche (7 saves) stood tall between the pipes.

In **PANAS'** 7-0 win over Poughkeepsie, Danny Coello's four-point night (2G, 2A) was further enhanced when Nick Gutierrez, Alex Russo, Jefferson Velasquez, Thomas Piriz and Alex Guevara tacked on. Koky Duarte set up two tallies. Perhaps more impressive for Panas was a 2-1 loss to state-ranked

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Lakeland senior M Michael Rodriguez follows through on blast in Hornets' 3-0 loss to host Somers Thursday.



Somers sophomore M Aaron Went tries to slow down Lakeland junior M David Rodriguez in Tuskers' 3-0 win over visiting Hornets Thursday.



# Sports

## Boys Soccer Notebook



Somers' Brady Leitner (8), Matthew D'Ippolito (3), Edmond Cleary (6) and Dylan Ingraham are stoked to celly Dip's big goal in 3-0 win over Lakeland.

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(No.11) Tappan Zee. Ronal Das scored for the Panthers (3-6).

In **HEN HUD's** 6-1 win over Roosevelt, Sailor Charley Corrado (2G, 2A) had a career day and

John O'Connor scored twice. Helmer Herrera and Bixby Piccolo Hill both scored for the Sailors (2-7).

**FOX LANE** (3-6) had its biggest win of the season, 2-0 over **OSSINING**, behind goals from Dennis Areguta (1A) and Zach Foltz. Fox G Summerville Beckford (12 saves) was busy while posting the shutout for the improving Foxes.

"It's definitely a great program win," Fox Lane boss Mike Tomassi said. "Ossining is one of the best programs in Section 1. We are building something special at Fox Lane. We are not where we want to be but it's about competing and getting better daily. Over the last two years we have made strides to becoming a respectable program. Our hope is to build on this win. We play in a tough league and we don't get any nights off.

The Pride (6-3-1) have hit a bit of a rough



Haldane's Ryan En Wong scored four goals in 5-0 win over North Salem.

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### CLASS B/C

In a battle between two of the lower 40 powers, **VALHALLA** bested **PLEASANTVILLE**, 1-0, when Luka Pandzic sent Dimitri Tonelli's assist into the back of the net with 27 minutes left in a hotly contested battle. Viking G Leo Dragone (4 saves) cleaned his sheet with a perfect outing. Adam Panek (5 saves) was solid in the loss.

Valhalla Coach Sandro Prosperino was elated that his crew was rewarded with a match win after a grinding stretch.

"We came off a grueling week of four games in six days, playing two league matches that went the full 100 minutes in back-to-back days, and the BroncoFest tournament, going 1-1-2 in the process in those four games," the coach said. "So, starting the week with a league win on the road against a well-coached and always-hungry Pleasantville team is something we're trying to build on. Pleasantville had the better run in the

first half, however, we made some adjustments at halftime that our team executed and responded to very well. Thirteen minutes into the second half we scored what would be the game winner and we were able to lock it down for the final 27 minutes of the game to pull out the gutsy 1-0 road win."

The Vikings also celebrated the life of Jason Brand in a 4-0 win over visiting Putnam Valley, who joined the Vikings in a celebratory red-out. This scholarship game has been set up in memory of Jason Robert Brand, Valhalla High School graduate, Class of 2020. Jason was passionate about positivity, loving and enjoying life, and most importantly spending time with his beloved family and friends.

The Vikings made it their mission to show out in his honor, and Ian Silvero (from Julian Amorosa) got things going at the 4-minute mark. Vincent Reyes added a hat trick on goals from Oliver Tecuapetla, Bryan Medina and Tecuapetla. Chris Purchia (from Tecuapetla) also



Lakeland D Jake Pepaj does his best to contain Somers striker Brady Leitner, who had a day in Tuskers' 3-0 win over visiting Hornets.

scored for the Vikings (4-3-2). Valhalla G Leo Dragone (3 saves) notched the shutout and G Miguel Diaz made four saves for the Tigers (1-8). Silvero and Purchia scored their first varsity goals.

"What a beautiful day to celebrate Jason Brand," Coach Prosperino said. "We had a large crowd in a sea of red. Our Valhalla boys played with such heart honoring one of their fallen brothers, and a young Putnam Valley team played 80 minutes of no-quit soccer. And their parents/fans were such class acts in joining us in red. I tip my hat to the Putnam Valley community."

**BRIARCLIFF's** Ethan Klar had a goal and an assist in the Bears' 3-1 win over **WESTLAKE**, who took a 1-0 lead on an own goal. Emilio Abud-Chalita also scored for the state-ranked (No.5) Bears, who hold the highest Section 1 rank in Class B, ahead of No.19 Edgemont.

Toby Young (3 saves) allowed just one tally to Wildcat Cian Cerro.

State-ranked (No.6) Class C **HALDANE** crushed rival Tuckahoe, 5-0, on the strength of two goals from Luca van Dommele and one apiece from Clem Grossman, Samuel Vargas and Trajan McCarthy. Grossman (3 assists) had a day to remember.

"With our leader in the back Will Sinffen and Ronan Kiter in Goal we only allowed three goals so far in seven games our defense is always locked in," Haldane Coach Ahmed Dwidar said.

The Blue Devils (8-1) followed up with a 5-0 win over North Salem, who got torched by Ryan Eng Wong (4G) in the Blue Devils' fifth straight win. Clem Grossman (1G, 2A) was also big, and Kiter needed just four saves for his sixth clean sheet of the season.

### CLASS AA

**WHITE PLAINS** went off on Saunders, 9-0, behind eight different goal scores, including

Abraham DeOliveira (2G), Gael Baraldi, Isaiah Mercado Torres, Charles Reid, Ryan

Appel, Lucas Antenucci and Rhaymani Alexander.

The Tigers continued to roll in a 2-1 OT triumph of Suffern, who opened the scoring in the 8th minute, but White Plains answered 25 seconds later when Gael Baraldi found Rhaymani Alexander in space for the tying goal.

Suffern took a second lead before White Plains went on the attack in the second half.

"We moved around some pieces and started putting the pressure on," White Plains Coach Michael Lambert said.

Lucas Antenucci then found Baraldi on the sideline in the 77th minute and the senior captain buried the game tying goal. With 14 seconds left White Plains defended a Suffern free kick and Jair Cano turned the tide and found Rhaymani Alexander, who scored right after the horn expired and the goal was waived off, forcing OT.

"We kept the pressure on in OT, creating several chances," Lambert said.

Cano beat a Suffern defender, who held onto his jersey to pull him down, awarding a free kick to the Tigers (7-3).

"We put an attempt on goal, which was deflected away by the keeper, giving us a corner," Lambert said.

Cano's ensuing corner found Charles Reid, who won an aerial challenge and flicked it forward to Adrian Ramos, who put a shot on net. Baraldi grabbed the rebound and sealed the deal with 2:55 remaining in the second OT.

"We moved a lot of pieces around due to a plethora of injuries," Lambert said. "Our halftime adjustments created a more potent attack. The boys hung in there mentally and battled hard to the end. They prevented a repeat of the Carmel game and had a lot of younger guys step up and step into new roles. This was a big win for the morale of this team."

*Editor's Note: Apologies to unrelated Michael and David Rodriguez of Lakeland for referring to them as brothers last week.*



# Examiner Sports



## #Kalle Crunch!

## Westlake Wallops Haldane, 41-7, Preps for Dobbs Showdown

Westlake junior RB Chris Kalle, (33) a Kennedy Catholic transfer, rushed for 33 yards and a TD on four carries and has been a welcome arrival to a versatile Wildcat backfield where he has flourished as part of a stout unit, including QB Michael Pagan (3/7 passing for 56 yards 1 TD, 8/64 rushing), RB Chris Occhipinti (11/78 yards rushing, 2 TDs), Christian Knapp (5/34 rushing, 80-yard kick return TD), Nicholas Castellano (35-yard TD catch), Jake Zaino (3/15 rushing, 1 TD). Section 1 grid fans will know a lot more about Westlake and the Class C circuit when Coach John Castellano's Wildcats square off with reigning Class C champ and perennial powerhouse Dobbs Ferry -- a sectional champ in 12 of the last 20 years -- in Week 4 -- by Ray Gallagher... see Grid Notebook

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